



Thoughts, notices and reminders
July 30 2017

I have found it very important
in my own life
to try to let go
of my wishes
and instead to live in hope.
I am finding that
when I choose to let go
of my sometimes
petty and superficial wishes
and trust that my life is precious
and meaningful in the eyes of God
something really new,
something beyond my own expectations
begins to happen for me.

Henri Nouwen

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THE PRAYER PAGE

Saint's Day	Prayer in the parish	Prayer in the diocese
Sunday Trinity 7	The library, Sudbrooke Drive Community Centre, and the Ravendale Drive sports field Library staff, centre managers and users, sports field users and managers Members of our congregation who live outside the parish	THE NORTH CHAPEL GROUP
Monday	Local councillors and MPs	THE WOLDS GATEWAY GROUP Fr Philip Stevens
Tuesday	Our parish and people Residents of: Allandale Close, Allandale View, Amble Close, Apley Close	THE RT REVD CHRISTOPHER LOWSON
Wednesday	Fr Stephen, Fr Ruben, Philippa White, Jackie Howell, Sue Priestley Residents of: Asterby Close, Aubourn Avenue, Aylesby Avenue, Bain Street	TREASURERS
Thursday	Our Lady of Lincoln church and school Fr Colin, the clergy and people; the staff, governors and pupils of Our Lady Primary School Residents of: Barkston Gardens, Bashington Crescent, Bilsby Close, Blankney Crescent	SELF-SUPPORTING MINISTERS (NON-STIPENDIARY AND ORDAINED LOCAL MINISTERS)
Friday Jean Baptiste Vianney Cure d'Ars	Ermine House; Ermine Voices Residents of: Brattleby Crescent, Broxholme Gardens, Buchanan Street, Burnside Close	PEOPLE WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE
Saturday St Oswald King of Northumbria	Our parish visitors Residents of: Burwell Close, Cabourne Avenue, Carlton Grove, Carlton Walk	CLERGY FAMILIES

Give thanks for:	Our Community Larder project and the people it helps each week
Special prayers this week for:	The cholera epidemic in the Yemen people affected by the wild fires in South East France
People in need:	Doug Bradley, Oliver Bromiley, Fr John Clark, Jack Harley, Sarah Lusby, Sheila Lusby, Simon Mattam, Joan Pratt, Sue Priestley, Doug and Anita
Rest in peace:	

Coming up this week:

Sunday 30	10:00am	Eucharist
AUGUST Wednesday 2	9:30am 10:30am 11:15am 12:00pm	Eucharist Ruckland Court Eucharist Ermine House Eucharist Lunch club in the hall
Sunday 6	10:00am 12:00pm 6:00pm	Eucharist (Transfiguration) Baptisms Prayer for healing

Coming up soon:

Wednesday 9	9:30am 10:30am 10:30am	Eucharist Mothers Union JJs in the hall
Sunday 13	10:00am 2:30pm	Family Eucharist Ruckland Court Songs of praise
Wednesday 16	9:30am 12:00pm	Eucharist (BVM) Lunch club in the hall
Thursday 17	1:30pm	Bingo and coffee in the church hall
Sunday 20	10:00am	Eucharist
Wednesday 23	9:30am	Eucharist with prayer for healing
Sunday 27	10:00am 12:00pm	Eucharist: Beheading of John Baptisms
Wednesday 30	9:30pm	Eucharist
SEPTEMBER Saturday 2	11:00am	Wedding in church
Sunday 3	10:00am 12:00pm 6:00pm	Eucharist Baptisms Celtic Mass
Wednesday 6	9:30am 10:30am 11:15am 12:00pm	Eucharist Ruckland Court Eucharist Ermine House Eucharist Lunch club in the hall
Thursday 7	2:45pm	Fr Ruben taking assembly at Ermine Primary
Friday 8	10:00am	Franciscan Third Order meeting in Mary and Martha room
Saturday 9	10:00am	Coffee morning in church
Sunday 10	10:00am 2:30pm	Family Eucharist Ruckland Court Songs of Praise
Wednesday 13	9:30am 10:30am 1:00pm	Eucharist Mothers Union Knit and natter
Thursday 14	9:00am 2:45pm 7:00pm	Fr Stephen taking assembly at St Francis school Philippa taking assembly at Ermine Academy Ermine Voices first rehearsal for the autumn

The next session of messy church will take place on Wednesday 9 August. If you have any spare ribbon or ric rac you are willing to donate please see Jackie or Sheila. If anyone would like to offer to help on the day again see Jackie or Sheila.

OLD £5 NOTES

Just to remind you that we cannot now accept old £5 notes. If you have any, please do take them to a bank or post office to see they will change them!

AT THE PCC

Our PCC meeting last Tuesday was a small gathering as a number of PCC members were away, but we had some good discussions and got through a lot of business!

We began the meeting by noting our congratulations to Tom and Jessica on their wedding two days before, and then we looked at the revised action plan that the staff group had put together. This was approved by the PCC, and copies are available at the back of church for anyone who would like to have a look at the plan. We noted that there had been no interest expressed by anyone in joining groups to help us develop the archive or the website and agreed to put some more information about this in the bulletin. We decided to use copies of some of our archive material to have on display on the church hall.

Safeguarding is a standing item on the agenda, but there was nothing new to discuss at the meeting. We noted that churchwardens need to have attended safeguarding training.

Moving on to finance, we received a report from David Fleshbourne. This is again a standing item on the agenda and the PCC received a copy of the budget for the year showing what percentage we have spent under each heading. This is helpful in allowing us to have a clear view of where our expenditure is and how we are managing against the budget for the year. We noted that we are some way off paying our parish share for this year (this is partly because we are having to hold money back to cover the electrical work on the church) and wished to encourage people to think again about their giving to the church.

We were pleased to note that the electrical work is now almost complete. As part of the work we have had to have a complete asbestos check and this has been helpful in identifying actions we need to take as a result. We will need to have a couple of people who will be trained in asbestos awareness. However, we do have an ongoing problem with the heaters. The two heaters in the pits and the two at the back of the church have had to be removed because they were no longer working properly (partly because they had been fitted incorreced in the first place – this has led to us having excessive electricity bills; with all four heaters working, we were using the equivalent of 12 electrical showers all working

at once!) The replacement heaters that were put in also did not work properly so we are having to look at alternatives, which might mean a substantial cost to us. We are hoping to be able to resolve this as quickly as possible, but at the moment heating in church will be very limited. We are also looking at alternatives to the units at the back of the church which have had to be removed but we have now received permission to cover the heater outlets in to the church on the wall at the back of the altar.

We had a short discussion about access to communion before confirmation for children, and will pick this up again at our next meeting. Tim Wright and David Rudeforth reported on the last Deanery Synod meeting; they were attending their first meeting our representatives on the Synod. The Synod has a new lay chair and secretary and the Rural Dean had presented a report on how the Deanery might work together more effectively.

We have had no feedback from the Bishop's Visitation to date, but those who had been involved thought it had been a positive occasion. In the church hall, we noted that the mechanism to open the curtains on the stage had reached the end of its life and talked about options for repair. Sadly, we have found that the large wooden cross we had hoped to put up in the hall could not be mounted safely. Fr Stephen also reported that we were unhappy with the quality of the grass cutting and that a complaint had been made to the company.

If you would like to know more about anything we discussed at the PCC, please speak to any of the PCC members who were present at the meeting: David Rudeforth, Tabitha Holt, Tim Wright, Liz Straw, Sue Fleshbourne, David Fleshbourne, Sue Young, Fr Stephen

RAISING MONEY FOR WAR CHILD

Don't forget we are raising money for War Child, our charity, over the summer with the Smartie tubes we gave out at Pentecost. The tubes and your donations are due back at our Harvest service on October 8th, so you have a couple of months to go! If anyone would like to put on a coffee morning or other fundraising event for the charity, please feel free to do so!

JESSICA AND TOM'S WEDDING

We would like to thank everyone at St John's for their support, prayer and presence at, and for, our wedding last weekend. Your prayer and love for us both has been so important and it was lovely to see so many friends from St John's there on the day.

The church and the flowers looked fantastic; it was a wonderful service, and even the weather behaved! Thank you so much.

Jessica and Tom Bayston

Here are some photos:







JJs Messy Church



SUMMER
CELEBRATION
ACTIVITY
MORNING
Crafts Story
Song Food

St John's Church Hall, Laughton Way

Wednesday 9th August 10:30am to 12:30pm

All under 11s welcome with a parent or carer

