



Thoughts, notices and reminders
August 6 2017

Your love
flows like a stream
into the ocean of your Grace.

Your love
encircles this world,
displays your faithfulness.

Your love is patient and kind,
brings wholeness and true peace.

Your love is all we desire
to heal our brokenness.

As all things pass
and fade away
love remains
eternally

John Birch

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THE PRAYER PAGE

Saint's Day	Prayer in the parish	Prayer in the diocese
Sunday Transfiguration	Flower arrangers, Community Larder Residents of: Chatterton Avenue, Clarendon Gardens, Clarendon View, David Avenue,	BEACH MISSION AT SUTTON-ON-SEA WITH SCRIPTURE UNION
Monday John Mason Neale Priest	Staff and users of the church hall Paul Musson, Olive Musson, Liz Straw, Tim Wright, the hall committee and all hall users Residents of: Dunholme Court, Dunston Close, Edendale Gardens, Edendale View	VERGERS AND SIDESPEOPLE
Tuesday St Dominic Founder of the Order of Preachers	Guides and Brownies Residents of: Edlington Close, Epworth View, Ermine Close, Escombe View	THE RT REVD DR DAVID COURT BISHOP OF GRIMSBY
Wednesday Mary Sumner Founder of the Mothers Union	Our charity for this year War Child Residents of: Fiskerton Drive, Garfield Close, Garfield View, Gayton Close	MOTHERS' UNION
Thursday St Laurence Martyr	Bishop Grosseteste University Staff and students Residents of: Glynn Road, Glynn View, Greenholme Close, Greyling Close	FLOWER ARRANGERS
Friday St Clare Founder of the Poor Clares	St Francis School; Enterprise House Ann Hoffmann (head), staff, pupils and governors Residents of: Greyling View, Hackthorn Place, Hardwick Place, Harmston Close	CHURCH CLEANERS AND CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE PEOPLE
Saturday	Ermine Primary Academy Andrew Sale (head), staff, pupils and governors Residents of: Harpswell Road, Hatcliffe Gardens, Hawkshead Grove, Haydor Avenue	DIOCESAN COMMITTEES

Give thanks for:	Our JJs/Messy Church activity morning on Wednesday
Special prayers this week for:	The cholera epidemic in the Yemen Families on experiencing difficulties during the summer break
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:	Colin Parsons, Stan Robinson

Coming up this week:

Sunday 6	10:00am 12:00pm 6:00pm	Eucharist (Transfiguration) Baptisms Prayer for healing
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

Coming up soon:

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
Sunday 17	10:00am	Eucharist
Wednesday 20	9:30am 12:00pm	Eucharist (St Matthew) Lunch club in the hall

The Mothers Union in Lincoln are getting ready to welcome students at Bishop Grosseteste University College and would like your help. We are giving CupaSoups to the students at Freshers day in September along with a cook book compiled by Mothers Union members; would be pleased if you could help us do this by providing packets of soup. This is part of the outreach work that Mothers Union in the diocese do at the college but we can only do it with your support.

Boxes/packets of CupaSoups can be left in the labelled box at the back of church.

Thank you for your help and support
Sue Fleshbourne

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 incorreccted 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!

MESSY CHURCH

If you have some time spare on Wednesday morning and could come along to help with our JJs/Messy Church event, please have a word with Sheila or Jackie. It's a Summer theme and we need all hands on deck!

Come and Join the
Gruffalo Fun



at the Summer Get Together
with BBQ and
afternoon tea,

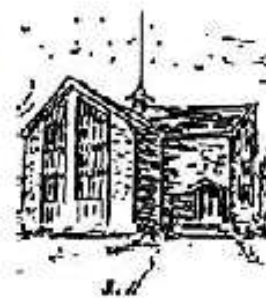


Cake Stall and fun
for all the family.

On Thursday 17th August 12 - 4pm

in the Parish Centre

Our Lady of Lincoln Church,
Laughton Way.



*in support of displaced Christians in Iraq
wanting to return to their
homes & communities.*

FUN DAY 2017

from City of Lincoln Housing

Tuesday 29 August 2017



10:00am until 2pm St Giles Community Centre,
Swift Gardens, Lincoln

FREE GAMES
AND
ACTIVITIES
FOR THE
KIDS!!!!

STALLS AND
INFORMATION

FREEBIES
GALORE AND A
LOT, LOT MORE

SUPPORT AND
GUIDANCE FROM
COUNCIL TEAMS
AND OFFICERS,
AS WELL AS FROM
OUR EXTERNAL
PARTNERS.



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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

