



Thoughts, notices and reminders
November 26 2017

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THE PRAYER PAGE

Saint's Day	Prayer in the parish	Prayer in the diocese
Sunday Christ the King	Lincoln North Children's Centre; the Women's refuge Residents of: Thurlby Crescent, Torrington Road, Trelawney Crescent, Troutbeck Close	PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REIGN OF CHRIST TO BE KNOWN IN OUR TROUBLED WORLD
Monday	Readers, sidespersons, chalice assistants and intercessors Residents of: Waddingworth Grove, Welbourne Gardens, Welland Road, Welton Gardens	THE MIDDLE RASEN GROUP Fr Bryan Dixon
Tuesday	Mothers' Union; our website Sue Fleshbourne and the members of our branch; Daniel Holt Residents of: Wellingore Road, Wickenby Crescent, Willingham Avenue, Winster Close	LEARNING COMMUNITIES AND STRATEGY MEETING – LOUTHESK DEANERY
Wednesday <small>Day of intercession and thanksgiving for the missionary work of the church</small>	Shops and businesses on the estate Residents of: Woodburn Close, Woodburn View, Woodhall Drive	WALESBY & THE LICENSING OF THE REVD GARETH ATHA TO THE ELLOE STONE PARISHES
Thursday St Andrew the Apostle	The library, Sudbrooke Drive Community Centre, and the Ravendale Drive sports field Members of our congregation who live outside the parish	THE KELSEY GROUP LEARNING COMMUNITIES AND STRATEGY MEETING – ELLOE EAST
Friday Charles de Foucauld Hermit	Our parish and people Residents of: Allandale Close, Allandale View, Amble Close, Apley Close	THE PRAYER DIARY FOR DECEMBER IS NOT YET AVAILABLE
Saturday St Francis Xavier Apostle of the Indies	Fr Stephen, Fr Ruben, Philippa White, Jackie Howell Residents of: Asterby Close, Aubourn Avenue, Aylesby Avenue, Bain Street	

Give thanks for:	The work of the PCC meeting on Tuesday
Special prayers this week for:	Preparations for our Christmas Fair; the people of Zimbabwe following the political changes there.
People in need:	Mary Bayston, Vicki and Terry Barnes, Doug Bradley, Fr John Clark, Ann Gray, Jan Hunter, Sarah Lusby, Sheila Lusby, Joan Pratt, Lyn Sawyer, Doug and Anita, Vanessa Williamson, Gerrard
Rest in peace:	Thomas Whitfield

Coming up this week:

Sunday 26	10:00am	Eucharist Baptisms
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	12:00pm 6:00pm	Benediction
Monday 27	7:30pm	St John's Singers
Tuesday 28	7:00pm	Eucharist and PCC meeting
Wednesday 29	9:30am	Eucharist (St Andrew)
Thursday 30	9:00am	Fr Ruben taking assembly at St Francis
Friday 1	2:00pm	Getting ready for the Christmas Fair
Saturday 2	11:00am- 2:00pm	Christmas Fair
Sunday 3	10:00am 12:00pm 6:00pm	Eucharist Baptisms Prayer for healing

Coming up soon:

Monday 4	7:00pm	Advent stations
Tuesday 5	4:30pm 6:00pm	Choir practice Brownie carol service
Wednesday 6	9:30am 10:30am 11:15am 12:00pm	Eucharist Ruckland Court Eucharist Ermine House Eucharist Christmas Lunch club in the hall
Thursday 7	2:00pm 2:45pm	Ermine Primary KS2 rehearsal in church Fr Ruben taking assembly at Ermine Academy
Sunday 10	10:00am 12:00pm	Family Eucharist Parish Christmas dinner
Monday 11	7:30pm	St John's Singers
Tuesday 12	2:00pm	Ermine Academy KS1 nativity in church
Wednesday 13	9:30am 1:00pm	Eucharist with advent stations Knit and natter
Thursday 14	2:00pm	Ermine Academy KS2 carol service in church
Friday 15	10:00am	Ermine Academy Christmas service in church
Sunday 17	10:00am 6:00pm	Eucharist Carol service
Wednesday 20	9:30am	Eucharist
Thursday 21	1:30pm	Bingo and coffee in the church hall
Saturday 23	10:00am	Christingle making
Sunday 24	10:00am 6:00pm 11:45pm	Eucharist Christingle service Midnight Mass
Monday 25	10:00am	Mass of the Nativity
Tuesday 26	9:30am	Eucharist

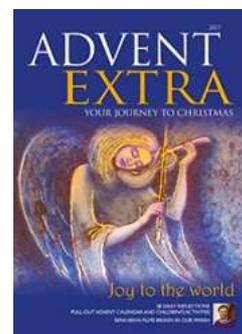
CHRISTINGLE MAKING

With Christmas Eve falling on a Sunday this year, it is obviously going to be difficult to get the Christingles made that day. So, we will be putting them together from 10:00am in church on the day before Christmas Eve (Saturday). We have been very efficient in getting around 120 made in around an hour, but the more people we have on board,

the quicker we get it done! Put the date in your diary and we will look forward to seeing you there!

ADVENT EXTRA

What two connections link a renowned wildlife photographer, the actor Sean Bean, the 2004 Asian tsunami, children with life-limiting illnesses learning taekwondo and a donkey called Simcha? The first connection is joy. (Even Simcha's name is Hebrew for "joy".) The second is that they all appear together in the latest edition of Advent Extra. ...and that's not all. Advent Extra, with its theme of "Joy to the world", also includes a pullout children's Advent calendar and activity pages, daily prayerful reflections and lots, lots more. The season of Advent prepares us to joyfully celebrate Christmas. Doesn't it make sense to make Advent Extra part of the process? Available now at the back of church priced £3.00



POSADA

Posada is an old Mexican tradition where young people dressed as Mary and Joseph travelled from house to house asking for a room for the night and telling people about the imminent arrival of Jesus in the weeks leading up to Christmas. On Christmas Eve they would visit the local church to re-enact the nativity and place figures of Mary and Joseph in a crib. Modern day Posada uses nativity figures of Mary and Joseph who travel from place to place. This gives each 'host' the chance to create their own celebration in their home or place in the community, worshipping and reaching out to their communities with the real message of Christmas, making room for Jesus in

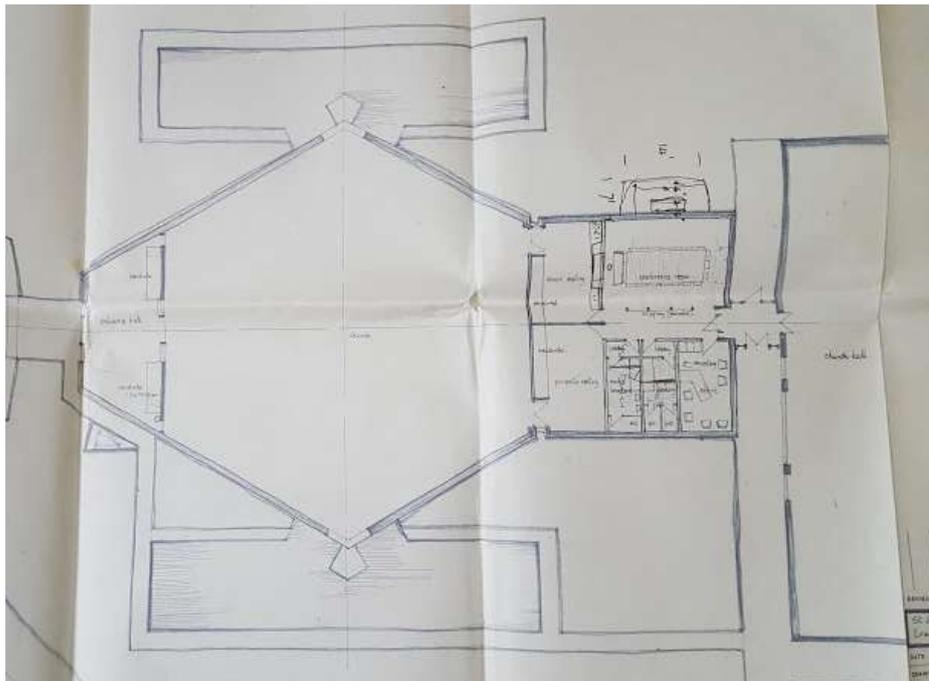


their lives. All you need to do is add your name to the Journey Rota which you will find on the table at the back of church for a night that will suit you to 'host' Mary & Joseph. Another person from our community will make arrangements to bring the figures to your place at a time to suit both of you. For the evening you 'host' Mary & Joseph you can choose to do whatever you like. Why not invite friends and family to sing carols and to talk about the meaning of Christmas? Or you could use the prayers that come with the figures as your evening or morning prayer for that day. The next day you need to take Mary & Joseph to the next host on the Journey Rota, or we will arrange someone to collect the figures from you. It's as simple as that. If you would like more information, please ask.

If you would like to host the figures for a night during Advent, please sign up on the rota at the back of the church. It would be good if every evening in Advent were covered!

EXTENSION PLANS FROM OUR ARCHIVE

Here are two more images of the plans we found in the archive. We now think that they are from the mid 1960s, so they are plans for extension of the building that we were previously unaware of.



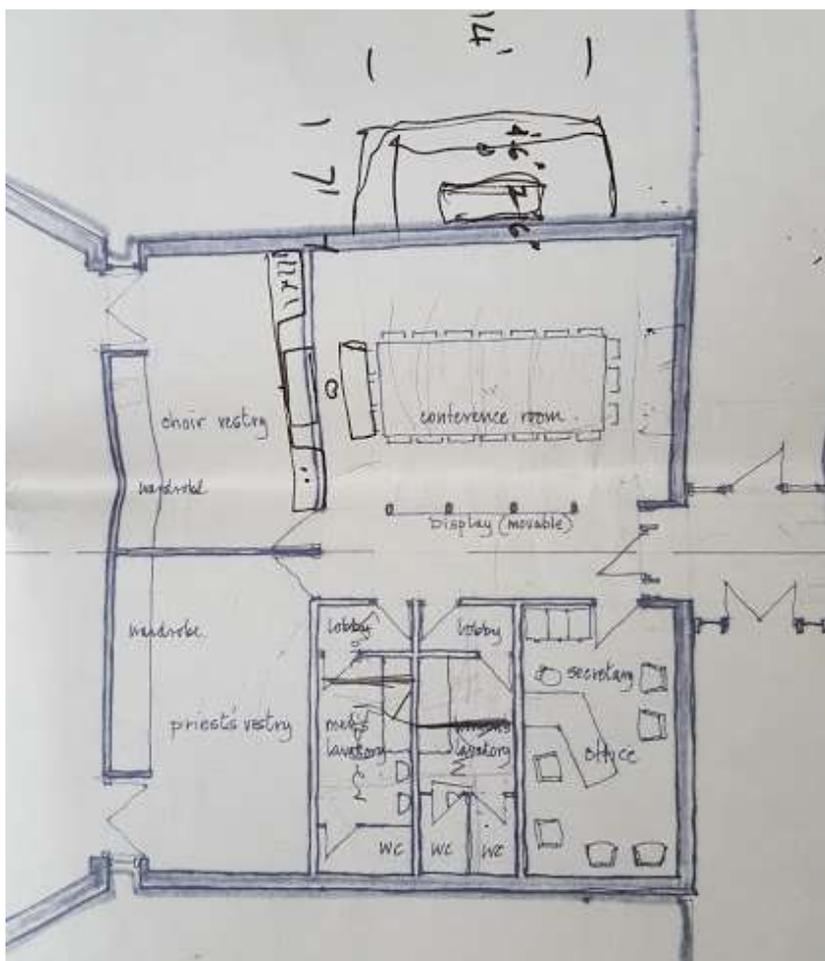
Both of these images are from the same plan.

This one shows an extension of the pools at either side of the church (interestingly a different design to the one we reproduced in the bulletin last week) which would have made them much larger.

This one shows a detail from this plan for building between the church and the church hall (again a different plan from the one from last week which showed an enclosed garden). There is a proposed conference room to the top with a strange ink drawing attached – we are not sure what this is. There is a central display area and access to the hall, with toilets and an office area.

In the vestries, you can see that the work surfaces would have been replaced with wardrobes, with what looks like a pen drawing of a work surface in the Mary and Martha room, replacing the cupboards that are now there.

Access would appear to be from the vestibule attached to the hall.

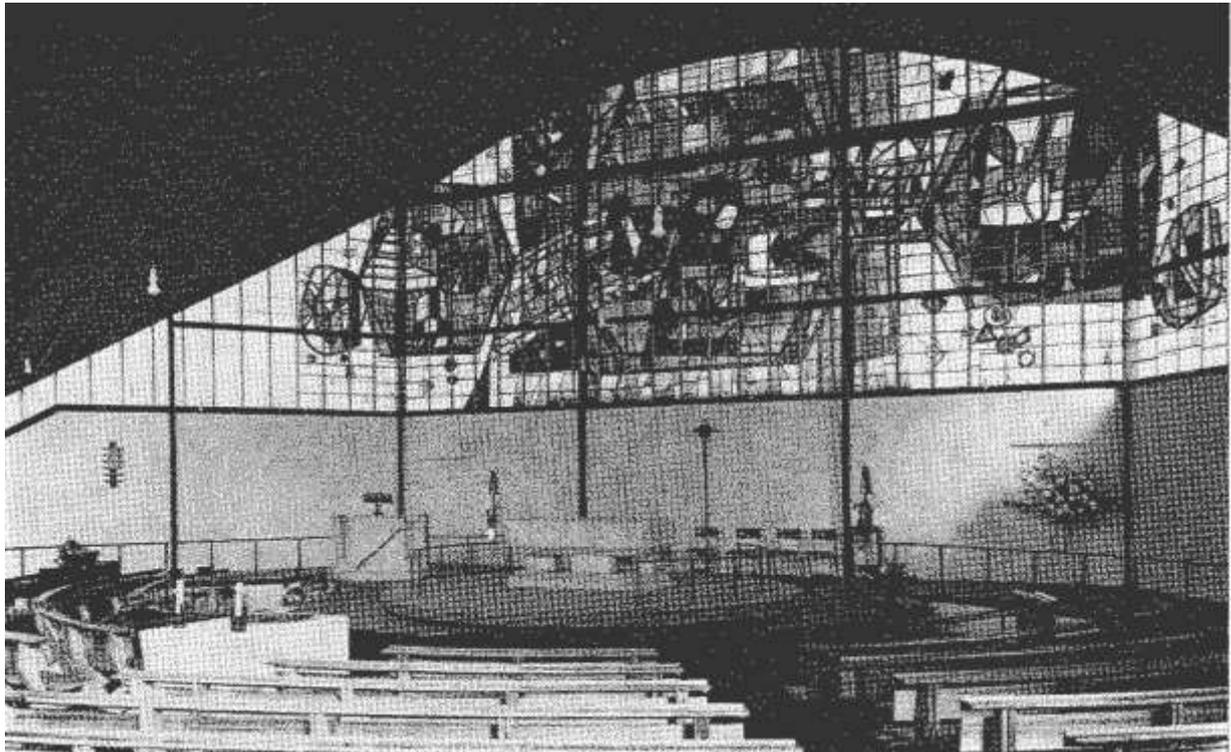


NEW TO OUR ARCHIVE

This week we were sent a small booklet from January 1965 published by SCM Press which featured a small piece on St John's (below). The booklet is "The Religious Book Club" bulletin no 164, so why they had a piece on St John's window is anyone's guess! In the photograph, note the flower arrangement stopping access to the vestry door (!), the processional cross on the back wall, the sword on the pulpit and the lack of any altar covering or pulpit fall. There also appears to be no aumbry (where we keep the reserved sacrament).

New glass in a new church

At St John's Church in Ermine, Lincoln, England (photo by S. J. Harrop opposite), Keith New was commissioned to produce an enormous wall of decorative glass filling about two-thirds of the height of the church and covering the whole of the circular east end. The architect, Sam Scorer, decided to make the glass not just a decoration but a part of the very structure of the church and was daring enough to allocate £1,850 of a very limited overall budget of under £20,000 (under \$60,000) to that end. The result is no longer a design in stained glass. In contrast to the plain grey decor of the walls and brown of the wooden furnishings is a glorious blaze of contrasting coloured shapes enjoyed primarily for what they are. It is a sight which thrills, even uplifts. Is this after all so far from what we really understand by 'worship'? Certainly no farther than those traditional, lifeless 'hole-fillers' which we see about us in so many churches.



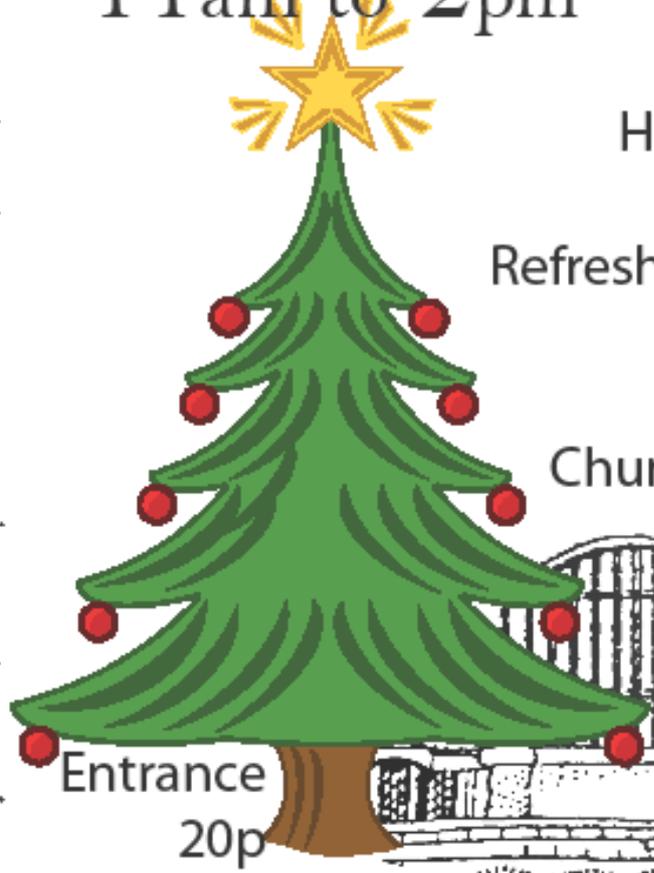


St John the Baptist Christmas Fair

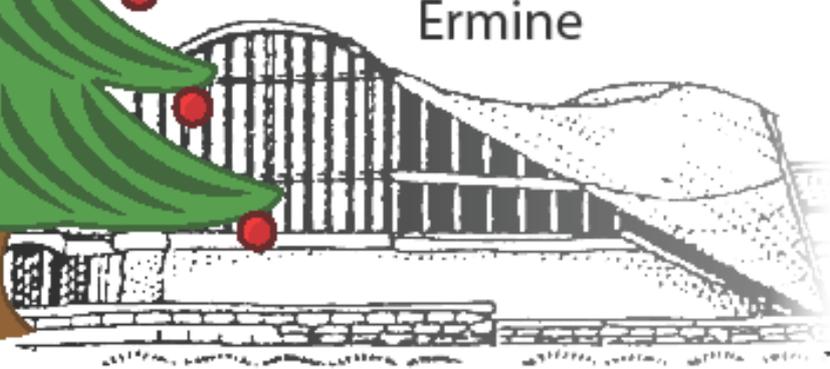
Saturday
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December
11am to 2pm

Crafts, Games, Bottle Stall,
Bric-a-Brac, Santa's Grotto
Christmas Raffle, Tombola,
Cake Stall, Book Stall,
Ermine School Choir,
Ermine Voices

Hot Dogs, Bacon Butties,
Teas, Coffees & Other
Refreshments will be Available



Church Hall, Laughton Way
Ermine



Father Christmas arrives at 11:15am

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

If you would like to send a Christmas greeting to people at church and help raise funds for our charity, Warchild, all you need to do is to note your greeting below and leave it in the basket at the back of church or give it to your church visitor. Please place your greeting in a sealed envelope with your donation – if you wish to make a donation by cheque, please make the cheque payable to “St John the Baptist PCC”. All greetings in by December 10th please. Your greeting will be included in our Christmas greetings leaflet and our charity benefits as well – and don't forget not to send anyone in church a Christmas Card, use the Christmas Greetings instead!

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

My message

My name

Please put this slip with your donation in the basket at the back of church

PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our parish Christmas lunch will take place on Sunday 10 December at 12:00pm. The price is £4:00 for adults and £2:00 for children. If you wish to attend, please add your name to the list at the back of church and pay Sue Fleshbourne.