



Thoughts, notices and reminders  
January 21 2018

Imagine throwing a pebble in a pond,  
and watching the ripples spread out  
over the surface of  
the water.



So it can be with  
our prayers, which  
start with our own  
walk with God and

spread out to encompass our fellow travellers  
throughout the world, along with their joys,  
concerns, and needs.

John Birch

Please feel free to contact Fr. Stephen at any time,  
but please remember that his usual day off is Friday.  
Telephone: 01522 525621 mobile: 0794 371 5279  
e-mail: [fr-stephen@stjohnthebaptistparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:fr-stephen@stjohnthebaptistparishchurch.org.uk)

Fr Ruben Angelici Telephone: 0774 145 3080  
Revd Philippa White 0747 495 8658

Web site: [www.stjohnthebaptistparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.stjohnthebaptistparishchurch.org.uk)

Any items for this weekly sheet should be received by Rachel Fleshbourne  
no later than Wednesday evening.

If you would like to receive this weekly sheet by email, please e-mail Rachel:  
[admin@stjohnthebaptistparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:admin@stjohnthebaptistparishchurch.org.uk)

## THE PRAYER PAGE

<b>Saint's Day</b>	<b>Prayer in the parish</b>	<b>Prayer in the diocese</b>
Sunday <b>Epiphany 3</b>	<b>Rachel Fleshbourne, our parish administrator;</b> <b>Lenton Green and Cathedral View Court</b> Residents of: Rolleston Close, Rothwell Road, Roughton Court, Ruckland Avenue	<b>AS WE WORSHIP GOD, MAY WE ENCOUNTER THE ABUNDANCE OF CHRIST'S PRESENCE</b>
Monday <b>Vincent of Saragossa</b> Martyr	<b>Lincoln Castle Academy;</b> <b>Yarborough Leisure Centre and the Sports Hub</b> Residents of: Rusland Close, Rushlip Close, Sanders Close, Sanders View	<b>BURGH GROUP</b> Canon Fr Terry Steele
Tuesday	<b>Organist, Choir, vergers and servers</b> Residents of: Scopwick Place, Searby Road, Sedgebrook Close, Stainton Gardens	<b>CHAPEL ST LEONARDS</b> <b>W. HOGSTHORPE ST MARY</b> Fr Terry Bardell
Wednesday <b>St Francis de Sales</b> Bishop of Geneva	<b>United Reformed Church</b> The elders and people of the church Residents of: Stapleford Avenue, Steeping Court, Sturton Close, Sudbrooke Drive	<b>THE SPILSBY CLUSTER</b> Canon Fr Peter Coates
Thursday <b>Conversion of St Paul</b>	<b>The Estate Managers and council workers; postmen and women</b> Residents of: Swaby Close, Tangshan Court, Tetney Close, Thoresway Drive	<b>MABLETHORPE W. TRUSTHORPE</b> Fr Peter Liley
Friday <b>Sts Timothy and Titus</b>	<b>Lincoln North Children's Centre; the Women's refuge</b> Residents of: Thurlby Crescent, Torrington Road, Trelawney Crescent, Troutbeck Close	<b>THE MARDEN HILL CLUSTER</b> Canon Fr Peter Coates
Saturday <b>Holocaust Memorial Day</b>	<b>Readers, sidespersons, chalice assistants and intercessors</b> Residents of: Waddingworth Grove, Welbourne Gardens, Welland Road, Welton Gardens	<b>SKEGNESS GROUP</b> Fr Richard Holden

<b>Give thanks for:</b>	The week of prayer for Christian Unity
<b>Special prayers this week for:</b>	The Rohingya people facing an uncertain future All victims of genocide and those coping with difficult memories
<b>People in need:</b>	Mary Bayston, Vicki and Terry Barnes, Doug Bradley, Fr John Clark, Gill Clayton-Hewson, Betty Hoy, Jan Hunter, Sarah Lusby, Sheila Lusby, Joan Pratt, Janice Rutherford, Vanessa Williamson, Doug and Anita, Gerrard
<b>Rest in peace:</b>	Brian West

**Coming up this week:**

Sunday 21	10:00am	Eucharist
-----------	---------	-----------

Monday 22	12:30pm 7:30pm	Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at the URC St John's Singers
Wednesday 24	9:30pm 10:30am 7:00pm	Eucharist with prayer for healing Bible study group/Choir practice Knit and natter
Thursday 25	9:00am 2:45pm 7:00pm	Fr Ruben taking assembly at St Francis School Philippa taking assembly at Ermine Primary Academy Ermine Voices
Saturday 27	6:30pm	Holocaust Memorial Day event
Sunday 28	10:00am 12:00pm	Eucharist Baptisms

### Coming up soon:

Monday 29	6:15pm	Scouts visit to church
Wednesday 31	9:30pm	Eucharist
Thursday 1	2:45pm 7:00pm	Fr Ruben taking assembly at Ermine Primary Ermine Voices
Sunday 4	10:00am 12:00pm 6:00pm	Eucharist (Candlemas) Baptisms Prayers for healing
Wednesday 7	9:30am 10:30am 10:30am 11:15am 12:00pm	Eucharist Choir practice Ruckland Court Eucharist Ermine House Eucharist Lunch club in the hall
Thursday	2:45pm 7:00pm	Fr Stephen taking assembly at Ermine Primary Ermine Voices
Saturday 10	12:00pm	OHP tertiaries in church
Sunday 11	10:00am 2:30pm	Family Eucharist Ruckland Court Songs of Praise
Tuesday 13	7:00pm	Pancake party
Wednesday 14	9:30am 10:30am 11:00am 1:00pm 7:00pm	Eucharist with ashing Mothers Union JJs' in the church hall Knit and natter Eucharist with ashing
Thursday 15	9:30am 1:30pm	ALM meeting in church Bingo and coffee in the church hall
Sunday 18	10:00am 12:00pm	Eucharist Baptisms

### THANKSGIVING SERVICE FOR GREGORY

Philippa and Ed will be giving thanks for Gregory in a service at the cathedral on Saturday 27th January at 2pm. Everybody is welcome to join them there (and for cake afterwards!) - it would be lovely if lots of people from St John's could make it. They have chosen a service of thanksgiving and dedication instead of a baptism as they would like Gregory to be able to choose baptism for himself.

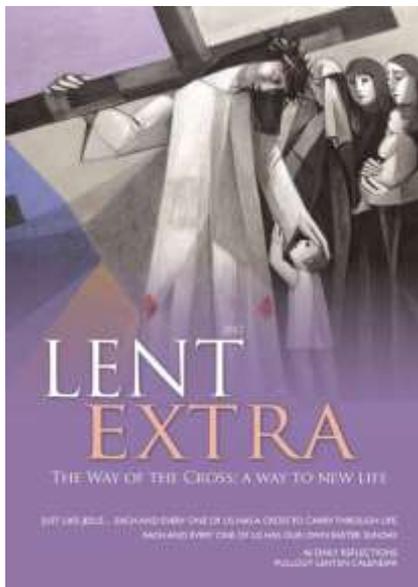
## ANNUAL REPORT

The last date for all reports to be in will be by Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – this gives us a couple of weeks to put the whole report together (this is a big job!). Here is the list of the reports we need (if there are any not listed, please let me know – those crossed out have already been done!):

<del>Vicar</del>	<del>Ecumenical</del>	<del>Staff group</del>
Churchwardens	Ermine Music	Stewardship
<del>ALMS</del>	<del>Hospitality and</del>	<del>Brownies</del>
Bible study	<del>fundraising</del>	Guides
<del>Bingo</del>	JJs	Website
Children's Society	<del>Lunch club</del>	Finance
<del>Church Hall</del>	<del>Mothers Union</del>	Christian Aid
<del>Community Larder</del>	<del>Servers</del>	<del>Women's world day of</del>
Curates (x1)	Songs of Praise	<del>prayer</del>
Deanery Synod	Choir	
<del>Electoral roll</del>	St Johns Singers	

## HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

On Holocaust Memorial Day, we will be holding a special service at 6:30pm in church in partnership with the Council for Christians and Jews and the Lincoln Independent Minyan. This is on 27<sup>th</sup> January and everyone is welcome to attend.



## PALM CROSSES

Although we have only just celebrated Christmas and are in the middle of the Epiphany season at the moment, Lent is not too far away this year (Ash Wednesday is on February 14<sup>th</sup>). Could you please begin to bring your palm crosses back to church so that we can arrange for the ashes for Ash Wednesday to be created from them?

## LENT EXTRA

The Lent Extra magazine is now available at the back of church, price £3. There are a number of interesting articles and a central fold out game for children as well as a daily reflection for each day of Lent.

## PCC REPORT

The PCC met on Tuesday evening with a full agenda. The first major item was the Bishop of Grantham's report on the parish and our church life, which we received following the Bishop's Visitation in summer 2017. The PCC discussed the report in advance of the Bishop's upcoming visit to church on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February, when anyone interested is invited to come and discuss the report with him. Overall the PCC was pleased with a very generous and positive report, which seemed to show a good understanding of who we are as a parish, our values and our ethos. There are some parts of it which might be helpful in writing the parish profile too!

Every PCC we have a space on the agenda for Liz Straw to update the PCC about safeguarding issues. There was little to report except that the charts for display in church (discussed last time) have been updated to use the same technical language as other national documents. Liz will put those charts and other safeguarding materials on display at the back of church.

The PCC moved on to hear from David Fleshbourne (the treasurer) about money matters. We have paid the final portion of our 2017 parish share, paying in total £9,500 to the diocese. This means we were £2,500 short of the £12,000 the diocese had asked for – but given the work that needed to be done on the church's electricity and heating over the last year, this is a good total and leaves us £2,000 in the church account as the year begins. Anita, who has audited the church accounts for us over the past few years, is no longer able to do that and so the PCC needed to appoint a new "independent examiner" to audit the church accounts in advance of the Annual General Meeting. We managed to do this (with thanks to Liz Straw). Finally, the PCC looked at the new fee tables for weddings and funerals which have been published by the national church. These put up the prices slightly in line with inflation and other factors. The PCC agreed not to put up any of the prices set by the PCC (for vergers, organist, flowers etc.)

It's now no longer possible to hold the APCM on the 18<sup>th</sup> March (as this has now been announced as the date of the annual run.) Instead it will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> April. David Rudeforth will step down as Churchwarden at the APCM so we will need to elect a Churchwarden to replace him; and there will be 3 spaces on the PCC.

Phil Betts notified the PCC that the hall door was in bad repair and that the door and frame would need replacing, costing probably over £1,000. The PCC agreed that Phil should get some quotes to establish the actual cost and plan to get the work done in the summer.

Fr Stephen updated the PCC on the meeting of the Transition Group. He has prepared a large file full of the details of what he does and what will need doing to maintain the running of the church. This document will have details of the people from church who are responsible for each task, so that everyone will know the right people to contact for any particular questions.

The chalice licenses for most of the chalice assistants need to be renewed and the PCC approved this.

There were various pieces of work from the action plan to report. Philippa and Jackie have prepared a new version of the baptism service which uses some of the new texts in "accessible language" which were published last year. The PCC approved a trial run of this service in the next few baptisms. Danny Holt has revised the design of the welcome leaflet. The PCC was very happy with this and thanked Danny for all his hard work. Danny will now investigate printing costs for these. The archive group has been working very hard and Fr Stephen showed the PCC the rearranged archive materials in the cupboard. It looks wonderful and should be much easier to use – everyone is invited to go and have a look!

The PCC also decided to begin the process of choosing a new charity to support in the coming year from the APCM, and Fr Ruben volunteered to make some new lavabo towels and purificators. We look forward to seeing the results of his work!

If you would like any more information on what was discussed at the PCC, please ask any of the PCC members who were present: Sue Young, Jackie Howell, Liz Straw, Sue Fleshbourne, Tim Wright, Phil Betts, Fr Ruben, David Rudeforth, Philippa White, David Fleshbourne, Tabitha and Danny Holt, and Fr Stephen.

## **LENT COURSE**

We have just concluded the season of Christmas, and we are barely two weeks into the new year, yet, as Easter comes on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April, Lent is not too far!

As we have done in the past, we as a parish would like to offer the opportunity to prepare ourselves through the Lenten weeks by praying and meditating together, in order to welcome the celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection in our lives. This year, we have designed a series of five sessions (21/02, 28/02, 07/03, 14/03, and 21/03 at 7:00pm) centred around the theme of 'encountering,' and specifically, encountering Jesus, as through him we encounter God's love, and we encounter each other in him.

Each session will examine an episode from the Gospels, in which Jesus in his earthly ministry encounters someone, transforming their lives; the last session will then conclude with a reflection on Jesus now encountering us at the Eucharist, as we prepare to reflect on the events of Maundy Thursday and the Last Supper.

Everyone is welcome to these sessions, and everyone's contribution is precious! This will be a great opportunity to focus on renewing our prayer life and allowing Christ to speak to our hearts, as he comes to 'encounter' us in the hustle and bustle of our everyday life.

Please sign up at the back of the church if you think you might like to take part in the Lent course, even if you cannot make all the sessions

## **ERMINE VOICES**

Ermine Voices got off to a great start to the new term with 18 new people coming along to join, and more who have promised to come this week, but could not make the first session. This is wonderful news and we are delighted that the project continues to flourish as it reaches its fifth birthday (yes, our anniversary year was 5 years ago!). During this year, Ermine Music will be looking at getting charitable status and setting itself up as an independent charity whilst retaining its links with St John's.

## **A CHARITY FOR 2018/19**

The time has come to choose our charity for next year!

Every year we have a nominated charity and use various different methods of fundraising to support them. For the last year we have supported War Child; but at the APCM when the new church year begins it's time to change our charity as well. Please be having a think about which charity you would like to nominate.

If you wish to nominate a charity, please fill in the slip below and put it in the box on the table at the back; we will collect the slips after church on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February and produce a voting form in the next bulletin. If you are nominating more than one charity, please use a separate form for each. Charities that we have supported before may be nominated. After that, we'll vote again on the top three so that everyone gets a say.

---

**CHARITY NOMINATION – please put this form in the basket at the back of church**

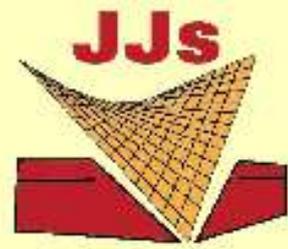
Your name .....

Name of the charity .....

Brief summary of what the charity does

.....

Website .....



*St John's Juniors @ the Pringle Church*

# **LOVE and LENT CELEBRATION**

## **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

**Craft activities at 11.00**  
**Worship and Lunch at 12.15**

at St John's Church Hall,  
Laughton Way

**Contact Philippa White for  
details: 01522 567004 -  
revdpjwhite@gmail.com**