



Thoughts, notices and reminders
February 18 2018

For each step that we might take
Be our guide, O Lord of life
For each load that we might bear
Be our strength, O Lord of life
For each mountain we might face
Be our power, O Lord of life
For each river that might impede
Be our safety, O Lord of life
For each place where we might rest
Be our peace, O Lord of life
For each sunrise and sunset
Be our joy, O Lord of life

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THE PRAYER PAGE

Saint's Day	Prayer in the parish	Prayer in the diocese
Sunday Lent 1	Work with children and young people on the estate Residents of: Pine Close, Queen Elizabeth Road, Queen Mary Road	PEOPLE PREPARING FOR BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION
Monday	The PCC and Parish officers Phil Betts, David Rudeforth, Sue Young, PCC members Residents of: Ravendale Drive, Redbourne Drive, Retief Close, Retief View	SWALLOWBECK ST GEORGE Fr Tim Voltzenlogel
Tuesday	Community Police and Neighbourhood Watch Residents of: Ridge View, Riseholme Road, Riverton Close, Riverton View	LINCOLN ST GILES Canon Fr Nick Buck
Wednesday	Rachel Fleshbourne, our parish administrator; Lenton Green and Cathedral View Court Residents of: Rolleston Close, Rothwell Road, Roughton Court, Ruckland Avenue	ST JOHN THE BAPTIST ERMINE Canon Fr Stephen Hoy
Thursday Fairtrade fortnight starts	Lincoln Castle Academy; Yarborough Leisure Centre and the Sports Hub Residents of: Rusland Close, Rushlip Close, Sanders Close, Sanders View	LINCOLN ST MARY-LE-WIGFORD WITH ST MARK AND ST BENEDICT Fr Jeremy Cullimore
Friday St Polycarp Martyr	Organist, Choir, vergers and servers Residents of: Scopwick Place, Searby Road, Sedgebrook Close, Stainton Gardens	THE MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN TRUST AND BOARD OF FINANCE
Saturday	United Reformed Church The elders and people of the church Residents of: Stapleford Avenue, Steeping Court, Sturton Close, Sudbrooke Drive	LINCOLN ST PETER-AT-GOWTS WITH ST ANDREW AND ST BOTOLPH Fr Jeremy Cullimore

Give thanks for:	Fairtrade fortnight
Special prayers this week for:	Our personal intentions for Lent; Bp Nicholas's visit to St John's on Tuesday
People in need:	Mary Bayston, Vicki and Terry Barnes, Doug Bradley, Fr John Clark, Jan Hunter, Sarah Lusby, Sheila Lusby, Joan Pratt, Janice Rutherford, Vanessa Williamson, Doug and Anita, Gerrard
Rest in peace:	Ian Hewitt

Coming up this week:

Sunday 18	10:00am 12:00pm	Eucharist Baptisms
Monday 19th	9:30am	Architectural historians visit to church
Tuesday 20	7:00pm	Bp Nicholas discussion evening – all welcome
Wednesday 21	9:30am 10:30am 10:30am 12:00pm 7:00pm	Eucharist and stations of the cross Community Larder meeting Choir practice Lunch club Lent course
Thursday 22	9:00am 7:00pm	Philippa taking assembly at St Francis school Ermine Voices
Sunday 25	10:00am 6:00pm	Eucharist Benediction

Coming up soon:

Monday 26	4:15pm 7:30pm	Staff group meeting St John's Singers
Tuesday 27	7:00pm	Stations of the cross
Wednesday 28	9:30am 2:00pm 7:00pm	Eucharist with prayer for healing Transition group meeting Lent course
Thursday 1	9:00am 7:00pm	Fr Stephen taking assembly at St Francis school Ermine Voices
Friday 2	2:00pm	Women's world day of prayer service at the URC
Sunday 4	10:00am 12:00pm 6:00pm	Eucharist Baptisms A service to pray with victims of genocide
Tuesday 6	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross
Wednesday 7	9:30am 10:30am 11:15am 12:00pm 7:00pm	Eucharist Ruckland Court Eucharist Ermine House Eucharist Lunch club in the hall Lent Course
Thursday 8	7:00pm	Ermine Voices
Sunday 11	10:00am 2:30pm	Family Eucharist Ruckland Court Songs of Praise
Wednesday 14	9:30am 10:30am 1:00pm 7:00pm	Eucharist with Stations of the Cross Mothers Union - Tesco Community champions Knit and natter Lent course

A WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER

A week of guided prayer is being planned for all uphill Lincoln Anglican churches for the week of July 7 – 14th. This is being organised by Fr Stephen. A week of guided prayer is a great way to explore your relationship with God, your faith and your life accompanied by a prayer guide for the week, who meets with you individually each

day for 40 minutes; they will listen to you, suggest ways in which you might develop your prayer life, give you ideas to explore and hold you in their prayer throughout the week. We have had a Week of Guided Prayer in the parish and the people who took part found it to be a transforming experience. More details will be available nearer the time, but if you are interested, please make a note of the dates in your diaries – you would need to be available on Saturday mornings on 7th and 14th July and at a time slot to suit you on the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Please ask if you would like more information.

BISHOP NICHOLAS VISIT TO ST JOHNS

Bp Nicholas, the Bishop of Grantham, will be with us on Tuesday 20th February at 7:00pm in church. He will be talking to us about his episcopal visitation last June and his subsequent report and leading a discussion on our ministry here at St John's. This is a unique opportunity to meet the Bishop and to talk about our hopes and dreams for the future of St John's. Everyone is welcome to come along and there will be some refreshments served. If you would like more information, please ask! And there will be cake!

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER ON FRIDAY 2ND MARCH

This year's Service was put together by the women of Suriname and the theme is: "All God's Creation is Very Good!" We always point out that although the Services are written and delivered by women, they are intended for everyone, men, women and children. You may be interested to hear that there is a discussion going on about whether to drop "Women's" from the title, so that it is just: "World Day of Prayer, 2018." I hope that many of you will be able to attend as there are ten Services taking place in Lincoln at different times of day on 2nd March.

POLICE VOLUNTEER CHAPLAINS

Rev. William Ruddle, Lead Chaplain for Lincolnshire Police is about to commence training for the 2018 intake of volunteer police chaplains to support the officers and staff of Lincolnshire Police.

He comments, *"Our police officers & support staff expose themselves to significant harm and trauma on a weekly basis to keep us and our communities safe. Chaplaincy is a service, welcomed by staff, in which we can show the practical love of Christ in a caring compassionate way by listening to and supporting them in times of trouble. The icing on the cake is that it's tremendously rewarding for the chaplain too!"*

The new training is a streamlined, 1 day course and depending on applicants for this intake, will be held at a police station that is easily accessible near you.

Training will hopefully take place in March and therefore interested applicants should have an informal conversation exploring options with Rev. William Ruddle, Lead Chaplain for Lincs Police ASAP. **He can be contacted on 07903 730591.**



'For hundreds of years, we were taught to serve, to be workers. Now with Fairtrade, we are entrepreneurs'

Marcial Quintero, member of Coobana, a Fairtrade banana co-operative in Panama.

It's a scandalous reality that millions of farmers and workers are still being ripped off despite working hard to provide the products we love. Unfairness in global trade is rooted in centuries of exploitation.

Yet across the globe, Marcial and hard-working producers like him are unravelling this legacy. They're fighting for a fair deal, supported by Fairtrade, earning their way out of poverty and transforming their communities.

Together we're stronger, and more people choosing, sharing and shouting about Fairtrade in the UK means more power to producers like Marcial to break the stranglehold of poverty prices.

There's never been a more important time to stand with producers through Fairtrade – to protect the progress you've achieved alongside them, and to welcome more people – supporters, producers, businesses - into Fairtrade.

This Fairtrade Fortnight, stand with farmers like Marcial to close the door on exploitation, and welcome more people into Fairtrade.

'Before joining Fairtrade we didn't see any benefits, development or profit. The price we received per box wasn't enough to cover our costs - and for 17 years it didn't change. Since starting with Fairtrade, it's made a mega-revolution in our lives.' Marcial Quintero, Coobana

SHROVE TUESDAY

16 intrepid souls turned out for the quiz last Tuesday to form three teams, each with their own particular strengths. In the end, the winning team of Liz, Jill, Sue, Jackie and Philippa forged ahead, winning by 10 points over Sue, Ian, Ann, Christine and Brian with the Angelici clan coming in a creditable third (although they won the final round!). Many thanks to Phil and Odette for organising the pancakes and toppings,

which went down very well at the break! See how you get on with these questions from the quiz. They are all the beginning lines of songs; all you need to do is provide the second line (without looking it up!)

1. My day in the hills ...
2. Hello darkness my old friend...
3. There is a house in New Orleans...
4. When you're alone and life is making you lonely...
5. All I want is a room somewhere...
6. I found a love for me.....
7. No more talk of darkness...
8. Always look...
9. If there's something strange in your neighbourhood...
10. Oh, my love, my darling, I've hungered for your touch....

Fr RUBEN'S INDUCTION

As you will be aware, Fr Ruben will be leaving us at Easter to take up his new role as chaplain at Denstone College in Staffordshire. His induction service will take place on Friday April 27th at 5:00pm at the college. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you think you would like to go, please sign up at the back of church. If there is enough interest, we may be able to hire a minibus or arrange to go in a convoy of cars. Some refreshments will be available following the service. We would need to leave Lincoln around 2:00pm, but we are unlikely to be back home before 9:30pm.

JJS LENT AND VALENTINE DAY CELEBRATION

JJs met on Wednesday 14th February for a "Love and Lent" celebration of Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday. We did crafts around hearts, crosses and ash and learnt about the "God of love, God of forgiveness, God of hearts and God of crosses" with colouring, play dough and painting; making shiny crosses out of foil; painting prayer stones; and making a paper chain of challenges for each day or week of Lent. Several of our families (adults and children) received ashing and we all listened to the story of creation which tells us that we are made of stardust and the breath of God, and the story of the Prodigal Son which shows us God's abundant forgiveness. Thank you to Jackie, Liz, Peter, Odette, Hazel and Sue for all your help!

THE LARGEST PEACE CROCHET BLANKET

Would you like to take part in a unique and exciting project?

Would you like to help getting the whole community together, people from different faiths, beliefs, backgrounds and cultures? At the same time socialise with new people and make new friends?

A group of Lincoln ladies (led by the Lincoln Muslim Sisters Forum) are planning to make the largest peace crochet blanket, in an attempt to break the Guinness World Record!

We are hoping to spread peace and keep others warm as well. All the blankets will be reused to help people who are in need, including: -

- The homeless
- Patients at the Children Ward at Lincoln City Hospital (especially premature babies)
- Children at the Cancer Ward, QMC

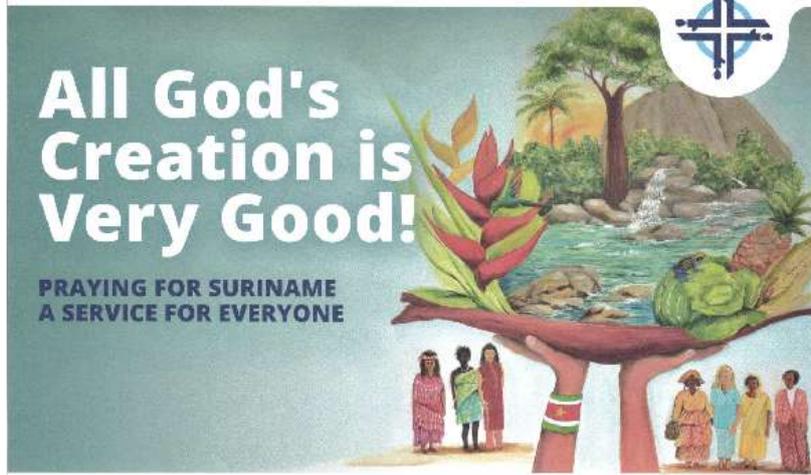
We will be running Crochet classes to teach crochet and also to have some fun over tea and cakes. **Please come along!**

If you are a crochet lover and are really hoping to spread peace, you can join us too!

Please make as many squares as you can, any designs and shapes and join the squares to a 1x1 meter square. We will attach them together later. Light cream/white or blue is preferred but use whatever you like. To join in or for anything else, please email:

largestPeaceCrochetBlanket@gmail.com or call 07772 770680





Friday 2nd March 2018

2:00pm

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BOOK ON KEITH NEW

Last year we alerted you to a forthcoming new publication listing all the stained glass work produced by Keith New, who designed our window here at St John's. The book has now been published and we have a copy for our archive. It is a magnificent volume and it is wonderful to see St John's being given such a profile throughout the whole book. Diana Coulter, one of the authors, is noted as saying: "The experience of seeing the great East window at St John the Baptist, Ermine in Lincoln in 2010 was the catalyst for researching New's stained glass". There is a copy of the book at the back of church, and I have marked those pages with particular references to St John's, but the book as a whole is well worth a look through.

