



Thoughts, notices and reminders
April 1 2018

It is
now time
to speak again,
quietly but confidently.

New words emerge from the silence.

Good news is brought to the poor, liberty to the captives, sight to the blind,
freedom to the oppressed, and the favour of the Lord is proclaimed.

And so the smile
of God and
the smile of
God's people
reach each other
and become one
in the undying light
that shines
in the darkness.

Henri Nouwen

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THE PRAYER PAGE

Saint's Day	Prayer in the parish	Prayer in the diocese
Sunday Easter Day	Our parish and people Residents of: Allandale Close, Allandale View, Amble Close, Apley Close, Ashlar Close	GIVE THANKS FOR THE HOPE OF NEW LIFE IN CHRIST, AND PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WORSHIPPING HIM TODAY AROUND OUR DIOCESE
Monday in Easter Week	Fr Stephen, Fr Ruben, Philippa White, Jackie Howell Residents of: Asterby Close, Aubourn Avenue, Aylesby Avenue, Bain Street	THE NESS GROUP Revd Carolyn Bailey
Tuesday In Easter Week	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, Bassingham Crescent, Bilsby Close, Blankney Crescent	SPALDING ST MARY, W. ST NICHOLAS AND ST PAUL Fr John Bennett
Wednesday in Easter Week	Ermine House; Ermine Voices Residents of: Brattleby Crescent, Broxholme Gardens, Buchanan Street, Burnside Close	SPRING HARVEST AT SKEGNESS
Thursday in Easter Week	Our parish visitors Residents of: Burwell Close, Cabourne Avenue, Carlton Grove, Carlton Walk	SPALDING ST JOHN W. DEEPING ST NICHOLAS
Friday in Easter Week	Flower arrangers, Community Larder Residents of: Chatterton Avenue, Clarendon Gardens, Clarendon View, David Avenue,	GRIMSBY AND CLEETHORPES DEANERY Canon Fr Andrew Dodd (Rural Dean)
Saturday in Easter Week	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	CHURCH SCHOOLS OF GRIMSBY AND CLEETHORPES DEANERY

Give thanks for:	Fr Ruben's ministry at St John's
Special prayers this week for:	Tensions between Russia and the UK; people experiencing daily violence in the DR of Congo; thanks for our experience of Holy Week
People in need:	Doug Bradley, Fr John Clark, Gill Clayton-Hewson, Dick Moore, Joan Pratt, Janice Rutherford, Joseph Skehell, Peter Wise, Gerrard
Rest in peace:	Mavis Smith

THE PRAYER PAGE (week of April 8)

Saint's Day	Prayer in the parish	Prayer in the diocese
Sunday Easter 2 Annunciation	Guides and Brownies Residents of: Edlington Close, Epworth View, Ermine Close, Escombe View	PRAY FOR A NEW FILLING WITH GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT, THAT WE MAY BE AGENTS OF HIS FORGIVENESS AND RECONCILIATION
Monday	Our charity for this year War Child Residents of: Fiskerton Drive, Garfield Close, Garfield View, Gayton Close	THE UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN
Tuesday William Law Priest	Bishop Grosseteste University Staff and students Residents of: Glynn Road, Glynn View, Greenholme Close, Greyling Close	OLD CLEE, HOLY TRINITY AND ST MARY, WITH CHRIST CHURCH
Wednesday	St Francis School Ann Hoffmann (head), staff, pupils and governors Residents of: Greyling View, Hackthorn Place, Hardwick Place, Harmston Close	DIOCESAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE CARE OF CHURCHES (DAC) MEETING
Thursday	Ermine Primary Academy Jenna Richards (acting head), staff, pupils and governors Residents of: Harpswell Road, Hatcliffe Gardens, Hawkshead Grove, Haydor Avenue	AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
Friday	Ermine West Methodist Church Residents of: Ingleby Crescent, Jesmond View, Keddington Avenue, Kershaw View	CLEETHORPES, ST PETER Fr Paul Hunter
Saturday	Ruckland Court; Lincoln Cathedral Quarry workers Residents of: Langdale Close, Langton Close, Laughton Crescent, Laughton Way	THE SAFEGUARDING TEAM

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE BULLETIN NEXT WEEK.
THE NEXT BULLETIN WILL BE ON SUNDAY APRIL 15**

Coming up this week:

Sunday 1	10:00am	Mass of Easter Day
Wednesday 4	9:30am	Eucharist
	10:30am	Choir practice
	10:30am	Ruckland Court Eucharist
	11:15am	Ermine House Eucharist

	12:00pm	Lunch club in the hall
Thursday 5	10:30am 7:00pm	JJs Messy Church in the hall Ermine Voices
Sunday 8	10:00am 2:30pm	Family Eucharist Ruckland Court Songs of Praise

Coming up soon:

Wednesday 11	9:30am 10:30am 1:00pm	Eucharist Mothers Union - planning for the summer Eucharist Knit and natter
Thursday 12	7:00pm	Ermine Voices
Friday 13	2:00pm	Women's world day of prayer service at Ermine URC
Sunday 15	10:00am 11:30am 12:00pm	Eucharist Annual Parochial Church Meeting Parish Lunch
Wednesday 18	9:30am 10:30am 12:00pm 7:00pm	Eucharist with stations of the resurrection Choir practice Lunch club in the hall Archive meeting
Thursday 19	9:00am 2:45pm 7:00pm	Philippa taking assembly at St Francis school Fr Stephen taking assembly at Ermine Primary Ermine Voices
Sunday 22	10:00am 12:00pm	Eucharist Baptisms
Monday 23	7:30pm	St John's Singers
Tuesday 24	7:00pm	Stations of the Resurrection
Wednesday 25	9:30am 10:30am	Eucharist with prayer for healing (St Mark) Transition group meeting
Thursday 26	9:00am 7:00pm	Fr Stephen taking assembly at St Francis school Ermine Voices
Friday 27		Ragtex collection
Sunday 29	10:00am 6:00pm	Eucharist Benediction
Tuesday 1	7:00pm	Stations of the resurrection

DONATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY LARDER

The larder which is run from our church hall is still in regular use (one week we served 11 adults and 6 children). Your continued donations mean we run fairly self-sufficiently. However, the main larder are running low on the following items: tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding and tinned ham/spam/corned beef. If you want to donate these or any of the items listed below there is a box at the back of church. The following is to remind you what one adult will receive in their food parcel. Thank you for your continued support.

1 tub of margarine	250g bag sugar
1 packet cheese slices	1 jar of jam
3 eggs	1 tin tuna
12 Weetabix or other cereal	1 tin hot dogs
1 tin of rice pudding or custard	1 tin of meat eg stew, curry, ham
2 tins of fruit	1 tin soup
1 pack dried pasta or rice, or 2 sachets of savoury rice	2 tins of vegetables
1 pasta sauce or cooking sauce	1 pack sweet biscuits
1 tin tomatoes	1 pack of wraps or loaf of bread
1 tin baked beans or spaghetti	1 litre of milk
Tea or coffee	Bottle of squash or carton of juice
	Potatoes- fresh or tinned

EASTER CARDS AND EASTER EGGS

Easter cards from everyone at church have been delivered to all the residents at Ermine House and Ruckland Court, and to our housebound communicants. In addition, cards have also been delivered to the Women's Refuge for everyone currently staying there; the Mothers' Union have also provided an Easter egg for every adult and child at the Refuge.

APRIL 8TH EVENING SERVICE

Please note that this service has now been cancelled.

RAGTEX

The next Ragtex collection is on 27th April. Please bring any donations to church at any time. If you need bags collecting, please let us know.

PARISH LUNCH

Following the Annual Parochial church meeting on Sunday 15 April there will be a parish lunch in the church hall. £3:50 each for adults and £2:50 each for children. If you wish to attend, please add your name to the list at the back of church and pay Sue Fleshbourne.

STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION

During Lent, a number of people followed the Stations of the Cross as part of their observance of Lent. The stations give us a prayerful meditation of the Way of the Cross and are a moving devotion as we approach Holy Week. Now that we have entered the Resurrection season, our posters in church are a set of Stations of the Resurrection and there will be several opportunities over the next few weeks to join us either on a Wednesday morning or Tuesday evening to spend some time following the stations and meditating on the Resurrection of Christ. All the dates are in the diary section of this bulletin, and please do come along and share the joy of the journey!

CHOOSING NEXT YEAR'S CHARITY: THE FINAL HURDLE!

We received 32 completed voting forms for our list of nominated charities, and the results were as follows:

British Heart Foundation	13	Baby Basket	7
War Child	9	Aquabox	12
Smalls for All	7	Community Larder	13
Médecins sans Frontières	12	Macmillan Nurses	13

This means that our shortlisted charities are British Heart Foundation; Macmillan Nurses; and the Community Larder, which are tied on 13 votes each. Please choose ONE of these to vote for in the final round – and the charity receiving most votes in this round will be our chosen church charity for the coming year.

Please put your completed form in the box at the back of church by SUNDAY 15th APRIL.

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Shortlist Voting Form

British Heart Foundation

Community Larder

Macmillan Nurses

Your name

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FAREWELL TO Fr RUBEN



➤➤ Good luck as you move on! ➤➤

A LETTER FROM THE BISHOP OF LINCOLN

I have recently made my maiden speech in the House of Lords. You will find a copy of the speech on the diocesan website, but I began by thanking those who had made me welcome and referring to the beauty that surrounds us in our diocese and also the rugged, independent-mindedness of its people.

During the speech I also referred to my working-class roots and my early life in the former steel town of Consett, in north-west Durham, and the fact that I found faith and a vocation to the priesthood at the age of 13. The call to this vocation was a surprise to me, and a surprise that has not entirely left me; that God was calling someone like me to be a priest.

This vocation has taken me to south London, Hampshire and Portsmouth, and, for the past six years, the Diocese of Lincoln, and my ministry in such settings informed the text for my speech, which was part of a response to the economy in the light of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Spring Statement.

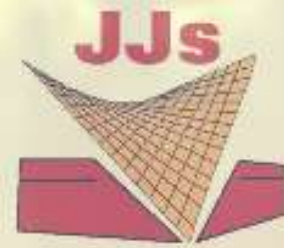
As I stated, there was much to welcome in what was announced in the Spring Statement. The light at the end of the tunnel, the modest improvement in economic forecasts and the prospect of an increase in spending on and investment in public services will be good news to the people of Lincolnshire, especially if what is devoted to Lincolnshire addresses the challenge we face.

In our local context, we can see the challenges facing areas such as health and education and, as a result of climate change, our environment. We face such challenges while seeking to fulfil our duty to seek to create a fairer and more integrated society, where none feel 'left behind', and where every person is shown love and given the opportunity to flourish and fulfil their calling.

As you read these words, we will have recently celebrated the joy of Easter. Lent, Holy Week and Easter present us with the opportunity to reflect, listen, prepare and resolve to act as we embrace the hope that is to be found in the message of resurrection. At this time of a personal new beginning in the House of Lords, I resolve to offer a further public voice for the people of our diocese, and, with you, to continue to try to transform lives across greater Lincolnshire.

With every blessing for Easter,

+Christopher



St John's Juniors @ the Pringle Church

EASTER

CELEBRATION

THURSDAY 5th APRIL

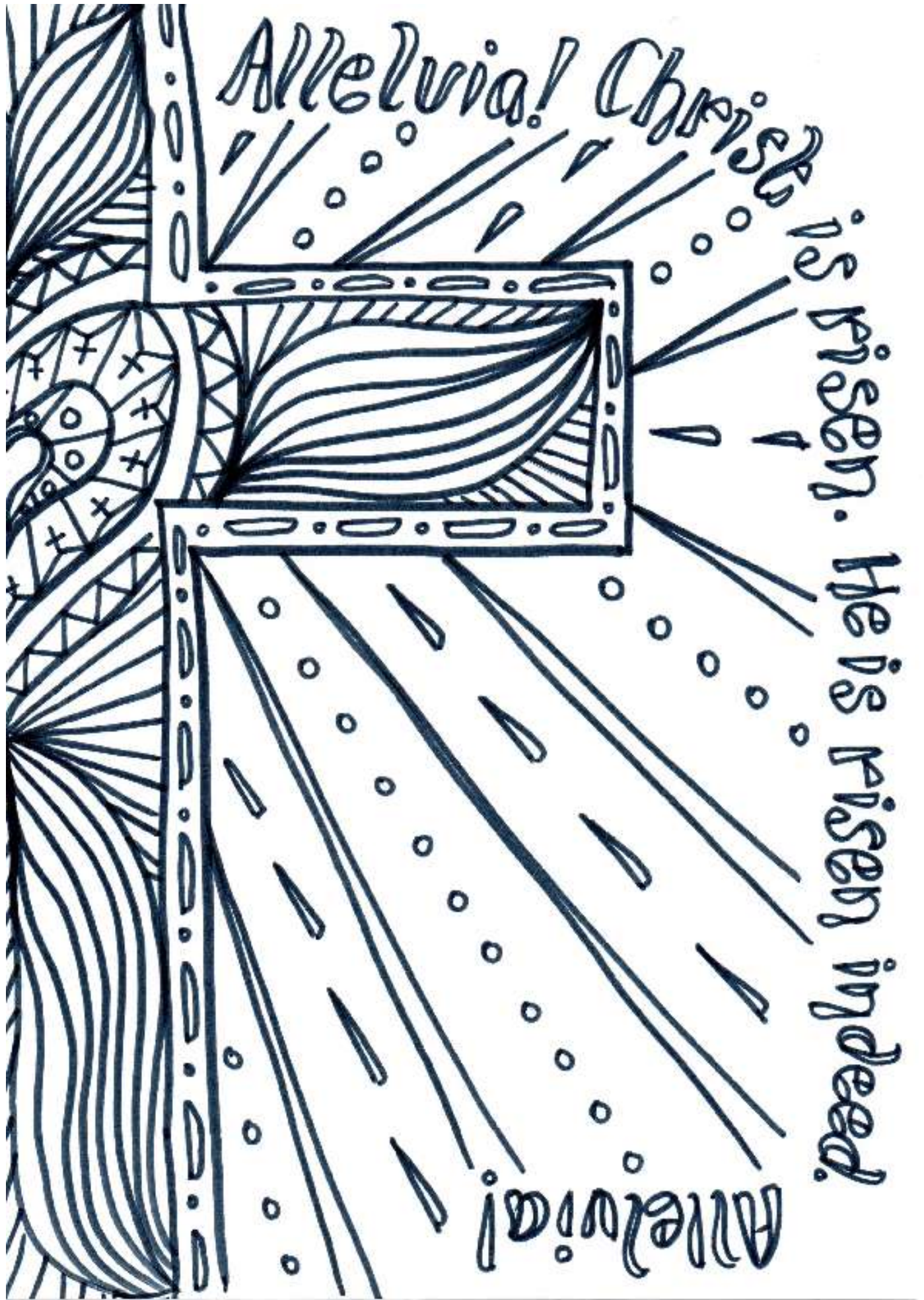
Craft activities at 11.00

Worship and Lunch at 12.15

at St John's Church Hall,
Laughton Way

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details: 01522 567004 -
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CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LINCOLN & DISTRICT NOTICES FOR APRIL 2018

Monday 9th April, 2 pm to 4 pm, **St. Nicholas' Games Afternoon**, Newport LN1 3DP. If you are alone and would like some company, or if you just like board or card games, drop into St. Nicholas' Centre, up the path between the Stags Head and the Church. *There is no charge and everyone is welcome!*

Monday 16th April, 7 pm to 8.30 pm – **Hope for Justice Lincoln Abolitionist Group (working and praying for an end to modern slavery)** will meet at Alive Church Lincoln. *Please use the side entrance on Beaumont Fee.*

If you are unable to attend meetings, then please do consider joining our prayer list, email: lincoln@alivechurch.org.uk or phone 01522 542166. *Background information, including videos and informative materials can be found at www.hopeforjustice.org*

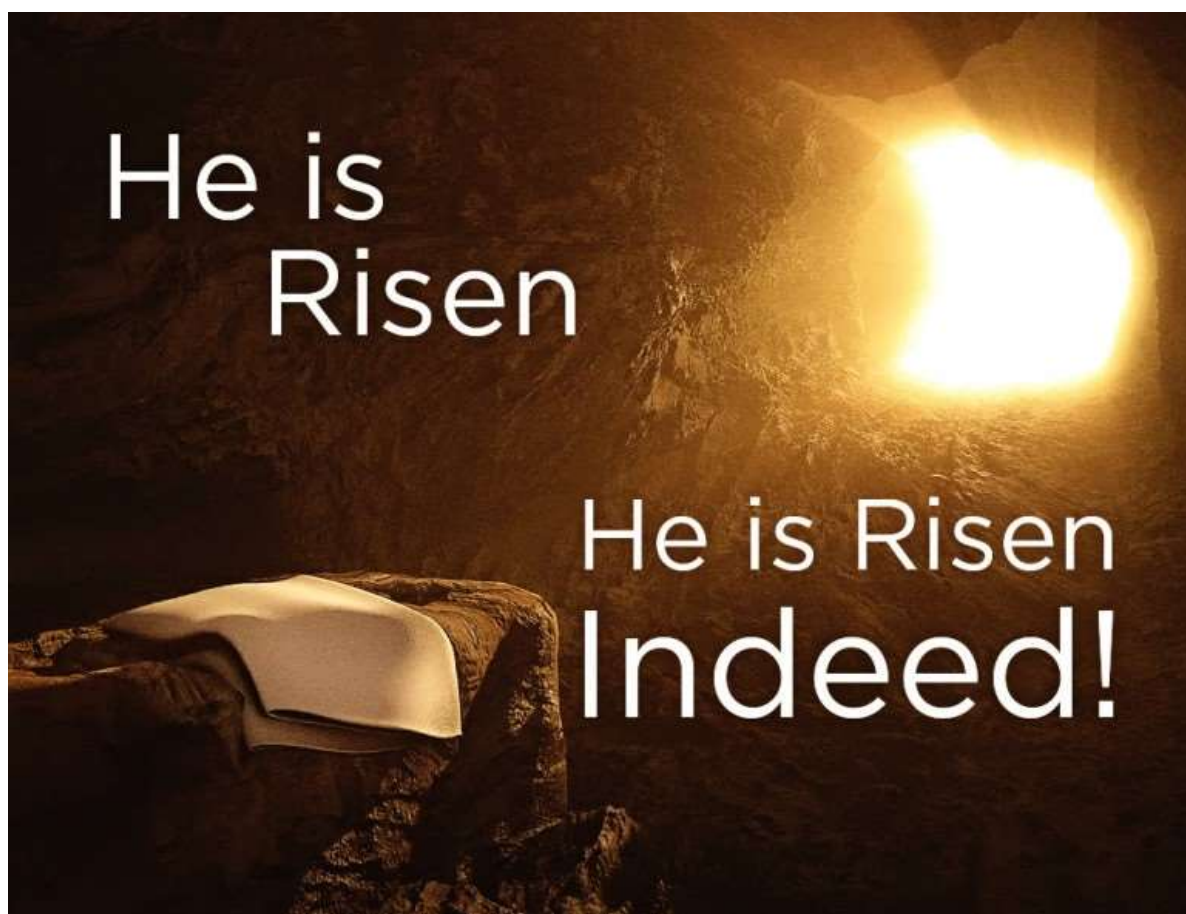
Monday 23rd April to Saturday 5th May – **Jewish Living Exhibition** - Lincoln Cathedral *(free event, normal Cathedral entry charges).*

Monday 23rd April, 7.30 pm, - **A Meeting of GLAFN (the Greater Lincoln Active Faith Network) with the challenging theme: "When Helping Hurts."** There will be some case studies about times when the Church has brought about great change in people's lives, and other times where we may have disempowered people rather than helped. There will be chance for discussion and to be challenged in our own thinking about this subject. *Refreshments and cakes available! To be held at The Salvation Army, 106 High Street, Lincoln LN5 7PY. Everyone welcome but please contact Sian in advance: sian@lincoln.activefaithnetwork.com*

Saturday 12th May, 9.30 am to 4.30 pm – **Faith & the Environment Conference 2018, Climate Change and the Coast** – This year, the conference will be held at St. Giles Church, Lamb Gardens, Lincoln LN2 4EQ. It will look at the significance of climate change in relation to sea level rise and storm surges and their impacts on our coastal county, wider society and economy; and globally, through increased flooding and erosion. How might people of faith respond, in seeking to love the planet and its people. *Tickets are £7.50 from Eventbrite. Please book early to avoid disappointment. Last year's conference was filled to capacity. Further information from: faithandenvironmentlincs@gmail.com.*

Wednesday 16th May, 7 for 7.30 pm – **Lincoln Theological Society Lecture – Modern Stained Glass and Monastic Tradition** – by Dr Jonathan Koestle-Cate. *To be held at B.G. University, LN1 3DY in the Robert Hardy Building. Tickets £5 can be purchased from Lincoln Cathedral shop, Unicorn Books in Lincoln Market, or at the door before the lecture. Free parking via the Longdales Road entrance.*

Fr Stephen and everyone
at St John's would like to
wish you a very happy
Easter and every blessing



in the risen Lord!