



Thoughts, notices and reminders
July 22 2018

Let us make our way together,
Lord;
Wherever you go I must go:
And through whatever you pass,
There too I will pass.

St Teresa of Avila

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THE PRAYER PAGE

Saint's Day	Prayer in the parish	Prayer in the diocese
Sunday Trinity 8 Mary Magdalene	Lincoln Castle Academy; Yarborough Leisure Centre and the Sports Hub Residents of: Rusland Close, Rushlip Close, Sanders Close, Sanders View	FOR THOSE LICENSED BY THE BISHOP FOR THE MINISTRY OF DELIVERANCE
Monday Bridget of Sweden Abbess of Vadstena	Organist, Choir, vergers and servers Residents of: Scopwick Place, Searby Road, Sedgebrook Close, Stainton Gardens	THE HECKINGTON AND HELPRINGHAM GROUP Fr Chris Harrington
Tuesday	United Reformed Church The elders and people of the church Residents of: Stapleford Avenue, Steeping Court, Sturton Close, Sudbrooke Drive	THE MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday St James Apostle	The Estate Managers and council workers; postmen and women Residents of: Swaby Close, Tangshan Court, Tetney Close, Thoresway Drive	KIRKBY LAYTHORPE W. EWERBY Revd Val Greene (OLM)
Thursday Anne and Joachim Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Lincoln North Children's Centre; the Women's refuge Residents of: Thurlby Crescent, Torrington Road, Trelawney Crescent, Troutbeck Close	THE NORTH LAFFORD GROUP Canon Chris Pennock
Friday Brooke Foss Westcott Bishop of Durham	Readers, sidespersons, chalice assistants and intercessors Residents of: Waddingworth Grove, Welbourne Gardens, Welland Road, Welton Gardens	QUARRINGTON W. OLD SLEAFORD Fr Mark Thomson
Saturday	Mothers' Union; our website Sue Fleshbourne and the members of our branch; Danny Holt Residents of: Wellingore Road, Wickenby Crescent, Willingham Avenue, Winster Close	SILK WILLOUGHBY

Give thanks for:	Philippa's ministry at St John's over the past four years.
Special prayers this week for:	Our teachers and schoolchildren as they reach the end of the term The people of Syria still facing daily conflict in the civil war there
People in need:	Doug Bradley, Fr John Clark, Gill Clayton-Hewson, Irene Crosby, Dick Moore, Joan Pratt, Kathleen Smith
Rest in peace:	

Coming up this week:

Sunday 22	10:00am	Eucharist (Mary Magdalene)
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	12:00pm	Farewell lunch for Philippa
Monday 23	7:30pm	St John's Singers
Wednesday 25	9:30am	Eucharist: Canon Nick Buck or Revd Rachel Beck celebrating
	10:30am	Choir practice
	11:00am	JJs Messy Church in the hall
Sunday 29	10:00am	Eucharist

Coming up soon:

Wednesday 1	9:30am	Eucharist
	10:30am	Ruckland Court Eucharist
	11:15am	Ermine House Eucharist
	12:00pm	Lunch club in the hall
Thursday 2	9:00am	Hall committee meeting
Sunday 5	10:00am	Eucharist (Transfiguration)
	12:00pm	Baptisms
	3:45pm	Fr Stephen preaching at Lincoln Cathedral
Wednesday 8	9:30am	Eucharist
Thursday 9	2:00pm	Mothers Union Songs of Praise at BGU
Sunday 12	10:00am	Family Eucharist
	2:30pm	Ruckland Court Songs of Praise
Wednesday 15	9:30am	Eucharist (BVM)
	12:00pm	Lunch club in the hall
Sunday 19	10:00am	Eucharist
Wednesday 22	9:30am	Eucharist with prayer for healing
Sunday 26	10:00am	Eucharist
	12:00pm	Baptisms
Wednesday 29	9:30am	Eucharist
Sunday 2	10:00am	Eucharist
	12:00pm	Baptisms at midday and at 12:45pm
	6:00pm	Celtic mass
Wednesday 5	9:30am	Eucharist
	10:30am	Ruckland Court Eucharist
	11:15am	Ermine House Eucharist
	12:00pm	Lunch club in the hall
Thursday 6	10:00am	ALM/parish visitors meeting
Sunday 9	10:00am	Family Eucharist
	2:30pm	Ruckland Court Songs of Praise
Wednesday 12	9:30am	Eucharist
	10:30am	Mothers Union
	1:00pm	Knit and natter

FAREWELL TO PHILIPPA



UPHILL LINCOLN CHURCHES WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER

"Well, I didn't think it was for me at all, but I gave it a go and it was an amazing week – everyone should have a chance to do this".

Just one of the comments from the 20 people from the Uphill Lincoln churches who took part in a Week of Guided Prayer earlier this month. The week, organised and led by Canon Stephen Hoy, Diocesan Spirituality Adviser, involved people from St Nicholas, St Giles, St Mary Magdalene and St John, Ermine.

"It moved me to tears several times, but I have come out of the Week with a fresh vision of God and a renewed prayer life".

8 prayer guides from across the diocese were involved with the Week, and participants were asked to spend 30 minutes in prayer each day before meeting individually with their prayer guide each day.

"My prayer life has been transformed by this experience. It was an exhausting week (who knew prayer could be so tiring!), but it showed me clearly what was getting in the way of my relationship with God. A joyful, refreshing, wonderful experience".



Prayer guides and people who took part in the Week of Guided Prayer at the end of the Week at St Giles parish church

Governance and serving children and young people were some of the subjects under discussion at the meeting of Diocesan Synod held in Lincoln on Wednesday, 11th July 2018.

The meeting was opened in prayer by the Revd David Dadswell, the new Diocesan Secretary, and finance was an early piece of business on the agenda. Four items were presented: the Lincoln Diocesan Trust & Board of Finance Ltd (LDTBF) Annual Accounts 2017; the LDTBF Management Accounts 31st May 2017; the Parish Share Report; and the Budget Outline 2019.

The Annual Accounts 2017: Financial Summary documents some of the activities and achievements during the year and also includes a record of the provision of resources for diocesan activities, a note of thanks relating to the receipt of parish share and an outline of future plans around the strategic focus on learning communities. This document, together with the *Annual Report and Consolidated Accounts* (for the year ended 31st December 2017), is available on the diocesan [website](#).

In terms of parish share, it was stated that for the period up to 31st May 2018, £1,267,817 had been collected, which is £71k ahead of budget but slightly short (by £25k) of what was collected at the same time last year. Efforts to help address this will include the recruitment of three new stewardship advisers (one per archdeaconry) and work to identify what further support can be given to parochial church councils (PCCs) with regard to building projects. Work relating to the budget for 2019 is underway, and this budget is due to be presented to the November meeting of Diocesan Synod.

Prior to the meeting, a series of documents relating to governance design had been put to Synod for consideration. The result of an extensive and detailed programme of work, the intention here is to achieve closer alignment between LDTBF and Bishop's Council. As Chair of the Governance Design Group, Mr Nigel Bacon thanked those who had served alongside him in drafting the papers as part of the approval process, and, when put to the vote, an amended motion was carried.

The Revd David Dadswell spoke to a proposal relating to the conduct of PCC business by email. It was proposed that, subject to certain conditions, a PCC could make a limited number of urgent decisions by email, 'but with careful safeguards to ensure that the majority of business continues to be discussed at meetings, and therefore with the opportunity for full and frank debate'. The proposal was debated and was carried. This will apply until the end of the new triennium (31st July 2021), and the Diocesan Secretary must be provided with a copy of a specified PCC resolution (to authorise the business of the PCC to be conducted by electronic means) within 28 days of it being passed.

Jonny Bell (Rising Generations Leader at Swithin's Lincoln and a member of the diocesan Children & Youth Team) offered a presentation relating to mission among children and young people. Jonny posed questions for table discussion, offered some practical advice and took questions from the floor. the Children & Youth Team are available to help parishes in this area of ministry and mission.

As the new Chairman of the Diocesan Board of Education, the Bishop of Grantham provided a presentation relating to the annual report for the year ended 31st

December 2017. There are currently 141 Church schools in the diocese (137 primary schools and 4 secondary schools), serving 27,028 children and young people. It was stated that 731 delegates had attended a total of 53 training events during 2017, an increase on the previous year, and that the three-year strategic plan was nearing its end, with the majority of objectives met and risks reduced accordingly. A new three-year plan is to follow, and Synod was reminded that there is a need for more Bishop's Visitors to serve our schools (an article on this subject was published in the [July/August 2018](#) issue of *Crosslinks*).

The final piece of business was a verbal report from the Archdeacon of Lincoln on the most recent meeting of General Synod (6–10th July 2018). Areas discussed by General Synod included ecumenical relations, safeguarding, climate change, nuclear weapons, the National Health Service and a report from the Evangelism Task Force. Further information may be found on the Church of England [website](#).

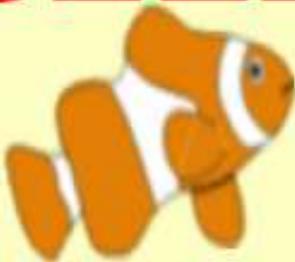
Bishop Christopher drew the meeting to a close by thanking members of Synod for their contribution during the triennium and then offering a closing prayer and blessing

JJs



St John's Juniors @ the Pringle Church

SUMMER CELEBRATION

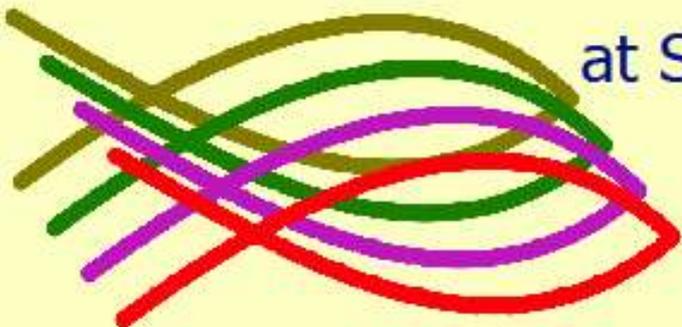


WEDNESDAY 25th JULY

Craft activities at 11.00

Worship and Lunch at 12.15

at St John's Church Hall,
Laughton Way



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