

St John the Baptist



ERMINE, LINCOLN

Thoughts, notices and reminders  
August 5 2018

Cultivate your love within us  
and encourage it to flower,  
that its seed, scattered  
by the breath of your Spirit,  
might beautify this world.



*John Birch*

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## THE PRAYER PAGE

<b>Saint's Day</b>	<b>Prayer in the parish</b>	<b>Prayer in the diocese</b>
Sunday <b>Trinity 10</b>	<b>Our parish visitors</b> Residents of: Burwell Close, Cabourne Avenue, Carlton Grove, Carlton Walk	<b>THE SCRIPTURE UNION BEACH MISSION AT SUTTON-ON-SEA</b>
Monday <b>Transfiguration</b>	<b>Flower arrangers, Community Larder</b> Residents of: Chatterton Avenue, Clarendon Gardens, Clarendon View, David Avenue	<b>FOR DISCIPLES THROUGHOUT OUR DIOCESE TO SEE MORE CLEARLY WHO JESUS IS, AND TO BE SENT OUT IN MINISTRY IN THE LIGHT OF THAT VISION</b>
Tuesday <b>John Mason Neale Priest</b>	<b>Staff and users of the church hall</b> Paul Musson, Olive Musson, Liz Straw, the hall committee and all hall users Residents of: Dunholme Court, Dunston Close, Edendale Gardens, Edendale View	<b>CHURCH SCHOOLS IN THE LAWRES DEANERY</b>
Wednesday <b>St Dominic</b> Founder of the Order of Preachers	<b>The lunch club; Guides and Brownies</b> Sue Fleshbourne and the lunch club team Residents of: Edlington Close, Epworth View, Ermine Close, Escombe View	<b>THE ARCHDEACON OF LINCOLN</b> The Ven. Gavin Kirk
Thursday <b>Mary Sumner</b> Founder of the Mothers Union	<b>Our charity for this year</b> Macmillan Cancer Support Residents of: Flavian Road, Fiskerton Drive, Garfield Close, Garfield View, Gayton Close	<b>THE OWMBY GROUP</b> Revd Sally Turnbull
Friday <b>St Laurence</b> Martyr	<b>Bishop Grosseteste University</b> Staff and students Residents of: Glynn Road, Glynn View, Greenholme Close, Greyling Close	<b>THE SOUTH LAWRES GROUP</b> Revd Canon Penny Green
Saturday <b>St Clare</b> Founder of the Poor Clares	<b>St Francis School</b> Ann Hoffmann (head), staff, pupils and governors Residents of: Greyling View, Hackthorn Place, Hardwick Place, Harmston Close	<b>ARTISTS</b> for all those who beautify our churches and our worship with their gifts in art, music, flower-arranging and needlework

<b>Give thanks for:</b>	The work of the Mothers' Union
<b>Special prayers this week for:</b>	Political unrest in Zimbabwe; people struggling with Universal Credit; The work of the Ermine Community Action Group
<b>People in need:</b>	Doug Bradley, Fr John Clark, Irene Crosby, Dick Moore, Joan Pratt, Kathleen Smith
<b>Rest in peace:</b>	

**Coming up this week:**

Sunday 5	10:00am 12:00pm 3:45pm	Eucharist (Transfiguration) Baptisms 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 2:30pm	Family Eucharist: Fr Mike Burson-Thomas celebrating Ruckland Court Songs of Praise

### Coming up soon:

Wednesday 15	9:30am 12:00pm	Eucharist (BVM) Lunch club in the hall
Sunday 19	10:00am	Eucharist: Fr Mike Burson-Thomas celebrating
Wednesday 22	9:30am	Eucharist with prayer for healing
Sunday 26	10:00am	Eucharist: Fr Mike Burson-Thomas celebrating
Wednesday 29	9:30am	Eucharist
Saturday 1	6:00pm	Philippa's licensing at Christ Church Oxford
Sunday 2	10:00am 12:00pm 6:00pm	Eucharist Baptisms at midday and at 12:45pm Celtic mass
Wednesday 5	9:30am 10:30am 11:15am 12:00pm	Eucharist Ruckland Court Eucharist Ermine House Eucharist Lunch club in the hall
Thursday 6	10:00am	ALM/parish visitors meeting
Sunday 9	10:00am 2:30pm	Family Eucharist Ruckland Court Songs of Praise
Wednesday 12	9:30am 10:30am 1:00pm	Eucharist Mothers Union Knit and natter
Thursday 13	7:00pm	Ermine Voices
Sunday 16	10:00am 12:00pm 6:00pm	Eucharist Standing committee meeting Benediction
Wednesday 19	9:30am 12:00pm	Eucharist Lunch club in the hall
Thursday 20	7:00pm	Ermine Voices
Sunday 23	10:00am	Fr Stephen's farewell mass
Monday 24	7:30pm	St John's Singers
Wednesday 26	9:30am	Eucharist with prayer for healing
Thursday 20	7:00pm	Ermine Voices

### PHILIPPA'S LICENSING AT CHRIST CHURCH IN OXFORD



## *The Dean and Chapter*



*Invite you and a guest to the*

*Commissioning of*

**The Revd Philippa White**

**as Succentor of Christ Church**

*during Evensong at Christ Church Cathedral  
at 6pm on Saturday, 1 September 2018*

Clergy and licensed lay ministers are most welcome to robe in choir dress for the service.

**Please see reverse for arrangements**

Limited parking is available on the meadows, accessed from the gate on St Aldate's, or else the Park & Ride and the Oxpens public pay and display offer convenient alternatives.

**5:30pm Cathedral opens**

**5:50pm Robing Clergy** collected from the Latin Chapel

**6pm Evensong & Commissioning**

**7pm Drinks Reception** in the North Transept

*Please note all timings are 'Oxford time' which is five minutes later than BST.*

Clergy and licensed lay ministers of all denominations are welcome to robe and process. Please bring cassock, surplice, academic hood and preaching scarf (or equivalent) and ask to be directed to the Latin Chapel when you arrive.

***Please RSVP by Friday, 17 August (including details of whether you would like to robe and process) to Nico Dwyer, the Liturgy Administrative Assistant, on***

[nico.dwyer@chch.ox.ac.uk](mailto:nico.dwyer@chch.ox.ac.uk)

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If you would like to go to Philippa's licensing, please let Fr Stephen know as we have to tell the organisers how many people will be attending (DO NOT contact the Cathedral Office as indicated above). He also has additional information about parking and access.

**A WEDNESDAY MORNING AT ST JOHNS**

It can sometimes be easy to take for granted what we do as a church, but last Wednesday I was struck by how much was going on and how many lives were being touched. Here is what we did last Wednesday morning:

Celebrated communion with 45 people, at church, at Ruckland Court and at Ermine House.

Served 20 families with food at the Community Larder

Prepared lunch for 36 people at the lunch club

Hosted a meeting of the Ermine Community Action Group in church

It was certainly a busy morning, but one that clearly shows how our church community serves everyone in our local community no matter who or where they are, and this is something that we can all be very proud of.

### **WE ARE LOOKING FOR A TREASURER – CAN YOU HELP?**

After 11 years looking after our accounts, David Fleshbourne has decided to step down from this role in the autumn. We are therefore in need of a treasurer! This is a vital role in the life of the church and we do need to fill this as soon as we can. If you feel called to this role, please do have a word with the churchwardens and we should be able to give you some more information.

### **THANKS**

Thanks to Christine Bassett who has offered to be the contact for Women's World Day of Prayer; to Tim Wright, who has offered to be the contact for Christian Aid and to Ian Young who is now our electoral roll officer. We are still looking for someone to represent the church at the Ermine Community Action Group meetings – please speak to Fr Stephen if you would like to know more.

### **ERMINE FAMILY FUN DAY**

This has now been postponed from September 2<sup>nd</sup> to October 27<sup>th</sup> this year, and will take place in and around the church hall (weather permitting). This event is being organized by the Ermine Community Action Group – more information later in the year – but please be thinking about having a church stall at this event.

## **WHO'S WHO AT ST JOHN'S: 2018**

**If there are any corrections or additions to be made on this listing, please let Fr Stephen know.**

Administrator	Rachel Fleshbourne
Archives	David Rudeforth, Rachel Fleshbourne, Tim Wright
Archive website	Danny Holt
Asbestos awareness	Phil Betts, Philip Howell
Authorised Lay Ministers	Christine Priestley, Gill Clayton-Hewson, Sheila Hoy, Sue Fleshbourne, Hazel Barrett
Baptism anniversary cards	Sue Young, Chris Priestley
Baptisms	Jackie Howell
Brownies	Louise Thompson
Card sales	Rachel Fleshbourne
Cashing and banking	Churchwardens
Chalice assistants	Hazel Barrett, Christine Bassett, David Fleshbourne, Susan Fleshbourne, Gill Clayton-Hewson, Danny Holt, Jackie Howell, Jessica Howell, Philip Howell, Sheila Hoy, David Rudeforth
Children's Society	Ros Millward
Choir director	Terry Millward
Christian Aid	Tim Wright
Church cleaners	Olive Musson, Jo Halward
Church hall bookings	Liz Straw
Church hall cleaners	Olive Musson, Paul Musson
Church hall committee	Alison Seddon, Phil Betts, Liz Straw, Paul Musson, Andrew Pigg, Paul Richardson, Fr. Stephen
Church hall manager	Paul Musson
Churches together in Lincoln	Danny Holt
Churchwardens	Philip Betts, Philip Howell
Churchwarden (deputy)	David Fleshbourne
Churchwarden (assistant)	Sue Fleshbourne, David Rudefoth
Clergy	Canon Fr Stephen Hoy (to 23 September 2018)
Copyright issues	Ian Young
Data protection	Danny Holt
Deanery Synod	David Rudeforth, Tim Wright
Direct debits	Jackie Howell
Disability access	David Fleshbourne
Ecological issues	Jackie Howell
Electoral roll	Ian Young
Envelopes for weekly giving	Jackie Howell
Ermine Music	Wil Jones
First Aid	Phil Betts
Guides	Vanessa Nicholson
Health and safety	Churchwardens (church); Paul Musson (church hall)
Independent examiner	Clive Kettley
Insurance and utilities	Danny and Tabitha Holt
Intercessors	David Fleshbourne, Sheila Hoy, Jackie Howell, David Rudeforth, Rosemary Rudeforth

Lunch club	Sue Fleshbourne
Mothers Union	Sue Fleshbourne
Ordering of supplies	Rachel Fleshbourne
Organist	Sue Young
PCC	Fr Stephen, Phil Betts (lay chair), Philip Howell, Sue Fleshbourne, Danny Holt, Tabitha Holt, Jackie Howell, Joy Jillings, Liz Straw, Tim Wright, Sue Young (secretary)
PCC secretary	Sue Young
Planned giving secretary	Jackie Howell
Reader	Jackie Howell
Refreshments	Olive Musson and volunteers!
Rota co-ordination	Rachel Fleshbourne
Rotas: chalice	Rachel Fleshbourne
Rotas: elements	Sue Fleshbourne
Rotas: intercessors	Rachel Fleshbourne
Rotas: readers	Rosemary Rudeforth
Rotas: servers	Paul Barrett
Rotas: sidespersons	Sue Fleshbourne
St John's Singers	Sue Young
Safeguarding officer	Liz Straw
Servers	Hazel Barrett, Paul Barrett, Odette Bonadie, Bev Brown, Sue Fleshbourne, Anthony Hackney
Sidespersons	Sue Fleshbourne, Rosemary Rudeforth, David Rudeforth, Olive Musson, David Fleshbourne, Chris Priestley, Anthony Hackney, Tim Wright, Joy Jillings
Staff group	Jackie Howell, Fr Stephen
Standing committee	Fr Stephen, the churchwardens, Sue Young, Jackie Howell, Liz Straw
Standing orders	Jackie Howell
String quartet	Ros Millward
Tape ministry	Ian Young, Sue Fleshbourne
Treasurer	David Fleshbourne (to October 2018)
Vergers	Sue Fleshbourne
Vicar	Canon Father Stephen Hoy (to 23 September 2018)
Website	Danny Holt
Weekly bulletin	Rachel Fleshbourne
Weekly hymn sheets	Rachel Fleshbourne
Women's World Day of Prayer	Christine Bassett

**A LETTER FROM THE BISHOP OF GRIMSBY THE RT REVD DR DAVID COURT**



Dear Friends,

‘Prayer is the heart’s true home. But, you see, we have been in a far country. It’s been a country of climb and push and shove. It’s been a country of noise and hurry and crowds. The heart of God is an open wound of love because of this distance and preoccupation of ours. God mourns that we do not draw near to him. God weeps over our obsession with “muchness” and “manyness”. And God is seeking after us. God seeks us like the father rushing out to embrace the prodigal. God seeks us like the woman who will leave no stone unturned in her determination to find a lost coin. God seeks us like the shepherd searching, searching for one last sheep. God is

seeking us. God invites us to come home: home to where we belong to serenity and peace and joy: home to intimacy and acceptance and affirmation’.

So writes Richard Foster in his book *Prayer*, and which is quoted again in a book on spiritual disciplines by his son Nathan (*The Making Of An Ordinary Saint*). Exploring the classic spiritual disciplines afresh – submission, fasting, study, solitude, meditation, confession, simplicity, service, prayer, guidance, worship, celebration – Nathan Foster makes the point that it is so easy to approach the disciplines as a checklist. A checklist that either makes us proud if we think we have achieved them, or downcast if we think we have failed – and we miss the point that they are not intended to be ends in themselves but simply means of drawing us closer to God. The God who longs to have that intimacy with us.

It reminds me of one of my favourite quotes from CS Lewis: ‘This is my endlessly recurrent temptation: to go down to that Sea (that is God) and there neither dive nor swim nor float, but only to dabble and splash, careful not to get out of my depth and holding on to the lifeline which connects me with my things temporal’.

Prayer, the disciplines – not ends in themselves, but a means by which we enter into that deeper intimacy with God that he longs for each one of us. That’s God’s longing – and that’s the adventure he invites us to journey in.

With every blessing,  
Bishop David