



Thoughts, notices and reminders  
November 4 2018

In this confused  
and fragile world,  
strengthen our faith,  
increase our love,  
and let your peace  
flow through us,  
that we might be  
an ocean of calm  
in what has become  
a restless sea.

John Birch

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## THE PRAYER PAGE

Saint's Day	Prayer in the parish	Prayer in the diocese
Sunday <b>4 before Advent</b>	<b>Ermine House</b> Residents of: Brattleby Crescent, Broxholme Gardens, Buchanan Street, Burnside Close	THE PASTORAL AND PREACHING MINISTRY OF OUR PARISHES, IN CALLING PEOPLE TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER, AND ALSO TO LOVE GOD WHOLEHEARTEDLY
Monday	<b>Our parish visitors</b> Residents of: Burwell Close, Cabourne Avenue, Carlton Grove, Carlton Walk	THE MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN MISSION AND PASTORAL COMMITTEE
Tuesday <b>St Leonard</b> Hermit	<b>Flower arrangers, Community Larder</b> Residents of: Chatterton Avenue, Clarendon Gardens, Clarendon View, David Avenue,	CHURCH TREASURERS
Wednesday <b>St Willibrord</b> Bishop and Apostle of Frisia	<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	THE BENEFICE OF <b>BONBY</b> Fr Owain Mitchell
Thursday <b>Saints and martyrs of England</b>	<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	CHURCH SCHOOLS IN YARBOROUGH DEANERY
Friday <b>Margery Kempe</b> Mystic	<b>Our charity for this year</b> Macmillan Cancer Support Residents of: Flavian Road, Fiskerton Drive, Garfield Close, Garfield View, Gayton Close	PASTORAL TEAMS
Saturday <b>St Leo the Great</b> Bishop of Rome	<b>Bishop Grosseteste University</b> Staff and students Residents of: Glynn Road, Glynn View, Greenholme Close, Greyling Close	THE BENEFICE OF <b>BROUGHTON</b> Fr David Eames

<b>Give thanks for:</b>	Ermine Community Action group fun day;
<b>Special prayers this week for:</b>	All attending our All Souls service; All involved in planning our Christmas fair;
<b>People in need:</b>	Fr John Clark, Irene Crosby, Betty Hoy, Dick Moore, Joan Pratt, Kathleen Smith, Ruth Spreadbury, Monica Wooster
<b>Rest in peace:</b>	

**Coming up this week:**

Sunday 4	10:00am 12:00pm	Eucharist Baptisms
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	7:00pm	Commemoration of All Souls
Wednesday 7	9:30am 10:30am 11:15am 12:00pm	Eucharist Ruckland Court Eucharist Ermine House Eucharist Lunch club in the hall
Thursday 8	9:00am 7:00pm	Hall committee meeting Ermine Voices
Sunday 11	10:00am 2:30pm	Eucharist and act of remembrance Ruckland Court Songs of Praise

### Coming up soon:

Wednesday 14	9:30am 10:30am 10:30am	Eucharist Mothers Union Choir practice
Sunday 18	10:00am 6:00pm	Eucharist Benediction
Wednesday 21	9:30am 12:00pm	Eucharist Lunch club in the hall
Sunday 25	10:00am 12:00pm	Eucharist Baptisms
Monday 26	7:30pm	St John's Singers
Wednesday 28	9:30am 10:30am	Eucharist with prayer for healing Choir practice
Thursday 29	7:30pm	Ermine Voices
Friday 30	2:00pm	Getting ready for the Christmas Fair
Saturday 1	11:00am- 2:00pm	Christmas Fair
Sunday 2	10:00am 12:00pm	Eucharist Baptisms
Monday 3	7:00pm	Advent stations
Tuesday 4	7:00pm 6:00pm	Eucharist and PCC meeting Brownie carol service
Wednesday 5	9:30am 10:30am 11:15am 12:00pm	Eucharist Ruckland Court Eucharist Ermine House Eucharist Christmas Lunch club in the hall
Thursday 6	7:00pm	Ermine Voices

### A LETTER FROM THE BISHOP OF GRIMSBY

*'...they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid...'*

*(Micah 4:3b,4a, NRSV).*

These are words which speak of a future hope, a world at peace, a real peace, and not just the absence of conflict, a sense of wellbeing, of living in harmony with the world we've been given to share, of wanting the best for those we've been given to share that world with.

Words I was reminded of recently in conversation with a Russian Second Lieutenant on one of the ships at Immingham Docks, as he spoke in broken English of what he saw as the natural desire of all peoples to live like that – and his frustration at what he saw as the leaders of the nations, his own included, in failing to be able to achieve that.

And they are good words as we remember this month the ending of the Great War, the world's first example of what became known as 'total war'. 'It'll all be over by Christmas' the British Army were told – 1,568 days later, 888,246 British lives were lost. Nine to 15 million lives lost in total. Sixty-five million men from 30 countries involved. The 'war to end all wars' was what was hoped for then.

As Christians we know that ultimately the challenge of peace is not one of political solutions, important as they may be, but one of dealing with the human heart.

That is actually what the passage in Micah looks forward to. A time when all men and women look to the '*mountain of the Lord, the house of the God of Jacob*' and have their hearts and minds transformed by him, which then brings in that universal peace, which we all long to live in.

That's the ultimate vision, the ultimate hope – but until then, being peacekeepers, peacemakers in the different places we find ourselves in is something each of us is called to do, and something our world still desperately needs.

With every blessing,  
Bishop David