



Thoughts, notices and reminders
December 9 2018

Restore us, O Lord, we pray,
bring us back to that place
where we once met,
as shepherds to the stable
after hearing angels sing.
Bring us back to that place
when our love was fresh,
not embarrassed
to express itself in praise
to our heavenly King.
Restore us, O Lord, we pray.

John Birch

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no later than Wednesday evening.

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THE PRAYER PAGE

| Saint's Day | Prayer in the parish | Prayer in the diocese |
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| Sunday Advent 2 | Our charity for this year Macmillan Cancer Support Residents of: Flavian Road, Fiskerton Drive, Garfield Close, Garfield View, Gayton Close | PLEASE PRAY THAT WE MAY FOCUS MORE ON THE THINGS OF ETERNITY, AND LESS ON THE PASSING CONCERNS OF THIS WORLD |
| Monday | Bishop Grosseteste University Staff and students Residents of: Glynn Road, Glynn View, Greenholme Close, Greyling Close | HAXEY |
| Tuesday | St Francis School Ann Hoffmann (head), staff, pupils and governors Residents of: Greyling View, Hackthorn Place, Hardwick Place, Harmston Close | OWSTON |
| Wednesday | Ermine Primary Academy Jenna Richards (acting head), staff, pupils and governors Residents of: Harpswell Road, Hatcliffe Gardens, Hawkshead Grove, Haydor Avenue | BELTISLOE DEANERY |
| Thursday St Lucy Martyr | Ermine Music Wil Jones, musical director of Ermine Music Residents of: Ingleby Crescent, Jesmond View, Keddington Avenue, Kershaw View | BOURNE |
| Friday St John of the Cross | Ruckland Court; Lincoln Cathedral Quarry workers Residents of: Langdale Close, Langton Close, Laughton Crescent, Laughton Way | Meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Trust and Board of Finance. Castle Bytham |
| Saturday | Ermine Community Action Group Residents of: Laughton Way North, Lenton Gardens, Manton Road, Mason Close, Midville Close | church schools in the Beltisloe Deanery |

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| Give thanks for: | The community larder |
| Special prayers this week for: | The Christmas services being held in church this week; Agencies helping people with debt at Christmas time; |
| People in need: | Fr John Clark, Irene Crosby, Dick Moore, Joan Pratt, Kathleen Smith, Ruth Spreadbury, Monica Wooster |
| Rest in peace: | |

Coming up this week:

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| Sunday 9 | 10:00am | Family Eucharist |
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| | 12:00pm 2:30pm | Parish Christmas dinner Ruckland Court Songs of Praise |
| Tuesday 11 | 6:00pm | Brownie and Guide carol service |
| Wednesday 12 | 9:30am 10:30am 7:30pm | Eucharist with advent stations Choir practice St John's Singers |
| Thursday 13 | 7:00pm | Ermine Voices |
| Friday 14 | 7:30pm | Ermine Voices Christmas concert in church |
| Sunday 16 | 10:00am 6:00pm | Eucharist Carol service |

Coming up soon:

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| Tuesday 18 | 10:00am | Ermine Academy Christmas practice in church |
| Wednesday 19 | 9:30am | Eucharist |
| Thursday 20 | 10:00am | Ermine Academy Christmas performance in church |
| Sunday 23 | 10:00am | Eucharist |
| Monday 24 | 10:00am 6:00pm 11:45pm | Christingle making Christingle service Midnight Mass |
| Sunday 30 | 10:00am | Eucharist |
| Wednesday 2 | 9:30am 10:30am 11:15am 12:00pm | Eucharist Ruckland Court Eucharist Ermine House Eucharist Lunch club in the hall |
| Sunday 6 | 10:00am 12:00pm | Family Eucharist (Epiphany) Baptisms |
| Wednesday 9 | 9:30am 10:30am | Eucharist Mothers Union |
| Sunday 13 | 10:00am 2:30pm | Family Eucharist Ruckland Court Songs of Praise |
| Wednesday 16 | 9:30am 12:00pm | Eucharist Lunch club in the hall |
| Sunday 20 | 10:00am | Eucharist |
| Monday 21 | 7:30pm | St John's Singers |
| Wednesday 23 | 9:30pm | Eucharist with prayer for healing |
| Sunday 27 | 10:00am 12:00pm 6:30pm | Eucharist Baptisms Holocaust Memorial Day event |
| Wednesday 30 | 9:30pm | Eucharist |

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

If you would like to send a Christmas greeting to people at church and help raise funds for our charity, the, Macmillan Cancer Support, all you need to do is to note your greeting below and leave it in the basket at the back of church or give it to your

church visitor. Please place your greeting in a sealed envelope with your donation – if you wish to make a donation by cheque, please make the cheque payable to “St John the Baptist PCC”. All greetings in by December 12th please. Your greeting will be included in our Christmas greetings leaflet and our charity benefits as well – and don't forget not to send anyone in church a Christmas Card, use the Christmas Greetings instead!

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

My message

My name

Please put this slip with your donation in the basket at the back of church

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND EVENTS

There is a lot going on in the lead up to Christmas, so here is a list of carol services and other events you might like to take part in!

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| Sunday 9 | 12:00pm 2:30pm | Parish Christmas dinner Ruckland Court Songs of Praise |
| Tuesday 11 | 6:00pm | Brownie and Guide carol service |
| Wednesday 12 | 9:30am | Eucharist with advent stations |

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| Friday 14 | 7:30pm | Ermine Voices Christmas concert in church |
| Sunday 16 | 6:00pm | Carol service |
| Thursday 20 | 10:00am | Ermine Academy Christmas performance in church |
| Monday 24 | 10:00am 6:00pm 11:45pm | Christingle making Christingle service Midnight Mass |

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

A huge thank you to everyone for helping to make this year's Christmas Fayre a fantastic success. Between us all, we have raised just under £800.00 for church funds, a fantastic achievement given the poor weather and competing fairs on the Ermine. So thank you to the organisers, advertisers and donors; to those sorting out the raffle and prizes, those running the stalls and all who supported the event both on and prior to the day. In other words, thank you to the congregation and supporters of St John's from the PCC.

ANNUAL REPORT

It is time to start thinking about putting our annual report together. We will need all contributions in February, so as soon as the Christmas festivities are over, don't forget to get writing!



Ermine Voices

MERRY
LITTLE
CHRISTMAS
CONCERT!

FEATURING

Schools from the Ermine Music
Outreach project!



**Ermine
music**

DECEMBER 14TH, 7:30pm

St. John the Baptist Parish Church,
LN2 2EF





THE LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true:
To you be praise and glory for ever.
of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets,
But in our days you speak through your Son,
who you have appointed the heir of all things.
Grant us, your people, to walk in his light,
that we may be found ready and watching
when he comes again in glory and judgement;
for you are our light and salvation.

Blessed be God forever.

The second Advent Candle is lit in silence, then we say together

**Lord Jesus, light of the world
The prophets said you would bring peace
and save your people in trouble.
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas
and show God's love to all the world.**

We sing

Come my Lord, my light, my way
Come my lantern, night and day
Come my healer, make me whole,
Come my Saviour, protect my soul.
Come my King, enter my heart
Come Prince of Peace and never depart