



Thoughts, notices and reminders
December 23 2018

Loving Father, Help us remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the
world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires
with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing
which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear
hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy
children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with
grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.
Amen.

(A Christmas Prayer by Robert Louis Stevenson)

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Any items for this weekly sheet should be received by Rachel
no later than Wednesday evening.

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THE PRAYER PAGE

Saint's Day	Prayer in the parish	Prayer in the diocese
Sunday Advent 4	Organist, Choir, vergers and servers Residents of: Scopwick Place, Searby Road, Sedgebrook Close, Stainton Gardens	FOR ALL THOSE WHO WILL VISIT OUR CHURCHES THIS CHRISTMAS, FOR CAROL SERVICES AND CHRISTMAS EUCARISTS, THAT THEY WILL FIND THE WELCOME OF GOD'S PEOPLE AND AN ENCOUNTER WITH THE LIVING GOD WITH US
Monday Christmas Eve	United Reformed Church The elders and people of the church Residents of: Stapleford Avenue, Steeping Court, Sturton Close, Sudbrooke Drive	LINCOLN CATHEDRAL The Very Revd Christine Wilson
Tuesday Christmas Day	The Estate Managers and council workers; postmen and women Residents of: Swaby Close, Tangshan Court, Tetney Close, Thoresway Drive	WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE COMING OF THE CHRIST CHILD INTO OUR WORLD, AND WE PRAY THAT WE HIS PEOPLE MAY BE BEARERS OF THE GOOD NEWS OF THE PRINCE OF PEACE
Wednesday St Stephen	Lincoln North Children's Centre; the Women's refuge Residents of: Thurlby Crescent, Torrington Road, Trelawney Crescent, Troutbeck Close	THE PARTNEY CLUSTER Revd Teresa McLaughlin
Thursday St John	Readers, sidespersons, chalice assistants and intercessors Residents of: Waddingworth Grove, Welbourne Gardens, Welland Road, Welton Gardens	THE SOUTH ORMSBY CLUSTER Revd Teresa McLaughlin
Friday The Holy Innocents	Mothers' Union; our website Sue Fleshbourne and the members of our branch; Danny Holt Residents of: Wellingore Road, Wickenby Crescent, Willingham Avenue, Winster Close	THE DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING TEAM
Saturday Thomas Becket Archbishop of Canterbury	Shops and businesses on the estate Residents of: Woodburn Close, Woodburn View, Woodhall Drive	THE STICKNEY CLUSTER Revd Fran Jeffries

Give thanks for:	The gift of the Christ child to the world
Special prayers this week for:	All people facing Christmas alone; People in financial crisis;
People in need:	Fr John Clark, Irene Crosby, Dick Moore, Joan Pratt, Kathleen Smith, Ruth Spreadbury, Monica Wooster
Rest in peace:	

THE PRAYER PAGE (week of 30 December)

Saint's Day	Prayer in the parish	Prayer in the diocese
Sunday First Sunday of Christmas	The library, Sudbrooke Drive Community Centre, and the Ravendale Drive sports field Library staff, centre managers and users, sports field users and managers Members of our congregation who live outside the parish	COLSTERWORTH GROUP Fr Neil Griffiths
Monday New Year's Eve	Local councillors and MPs	THE MARDEN HILL CLUSTER Fr Peter Coates
Tuesday Naming and circumcision of Jesus	Our parish and people Residents of: Allandale Close, Allandale View, Amble Close, Apley Close, Ashlar Close	THE SPILSBY CLUSTER Fr Canon Peter Coates
Wednesday Sts Basil and Gregory Bishops	Jackie Howell Residents of: Asterby Close, Aubourn Avenue, Aylesby Avenue, Bain Street	CHURCH SCHOOLS IN BOLINGBROKE DEANERY
Thursday	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, Basingham Crescent, Bilsby Close, Blankney Crescent	THE DEANERY OF CHRISTIANITY Fr Dr Hugh Jones (Rural Dean)
Friday	Ermine House Residents of: Brattleby Crescent, Broxholme Gardens, Buchanan Street, Burnside Close	BIRCHWOOD Revd Linda Harris
Saturday	Our parish visitors Residents of: Burwell Close, Cabourne Avenue, Carlton Grove, Carlton Walk	BOULTHAM Canon David Osbourne

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE BULLETIN NEXT WEEK.
THE NEXT BULLETIN WILL BE ON SUNDAY 6 JANUARY**

Coming up this week:

Sunday 23	10:00am	Eucharist
Monday 24	10:00am 6:00pm 11:45pm	Christingle making Christingle service Midnight Mass
Sunday 30	10:00am	Eucharist

Coming up soon:

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
Sunday 3	10:00am 12:00pm	Eucharist (Candlemas) Baptisms
Wednesday 6	9:30am 10:30am 11:15am 12:00pm	Eucharist Ruckland Court Eucharist Ermine House Eucharist Lunch club in the hall
Sunday 10	10:00am 2:30pm	Family Eucharist Ruckland Court Songs of Praise
Wednesday 13	9:30am 10:30am	Eucharist Mothers Union
Sunday 17	10:00am 12:00pm	Eucharist Baptisms
Monday 18	7:30pm	St John's Singers



YOUR CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Many thanks to everyone for your donations for our charity the

Macmillan Cancer Support
You Christmas greetings have raised £92 for the charity!

Season's greetings love from **Jackie and Philip**. May 2019 be filled with peace and love and a new vicar.

May the love of the Christ Child be with you all this Christmas and in the year to come.
With our love and prayers
Fr Stephen and Sheila

Dear communicants of Wednesday Eucharist, we wish you all a peaceful, healthy and happy Christmas and new year 2019. also thank you for making us feel so welcome.
God bless you all.
Kathleen and Neil smith

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy and healthy 2019 with love from
Ann and Liz

A happy and blessed Christmas to all my Wednesday friends with much love
Alison Eagleton

I hope everyone has a nice Christmas and a good new year. May god be with you in all of your hearts.
Olive Musson

Merry Christmas and a happy new year to all at St Johns and thanks for your support while recovering from my knee operation earlier in the year.
Peter Wise

Wishing all of my lovely friends at st johns a good Christmas and a very happy new year. With love as always
Joy

Best wishes for a happy Christmas
David and Rosemary

With every good wish for a joyful and peaceful Christmas
Hazel and Paul

A happy Christmas and our heartfelt thanks to all our friends at St John's
Ian and Sue Young

Very best wishes for Christmas and New Year to all the families at St John's
Terry and Ros

A Happy and blessed Christmas to everyone
Brian and Christine

3rd Lincoln Guides and 22nd Lincoln Brownies wish everyone at St John's church a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.
Louise Thompson, Vanessa Nicholson, Caroline Pratt, Judy Wilson, Sadie Thompson and Jess



THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held after the Sunday service on 24 March 2019. If anyone wishes to be considered for any of the positions on the PCC or wishes to nominate anyone, please give the matter some consideration now.

ANNUAL REPORT

It is time to start thinking about putting our annual report together. We will need all contributions in by **January 20**, so as soon as the Christmas festivities are over, don't forget to get writing!

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH WARDENS

The interregnum has been a very busy and testing time for members of the PCC and our Church Administrator. Without the support of others and, of course, the support from visiting clergy the task we face would be impossible. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all involved for their continued support and also thank the congregation for their patience.

The church profile is now in the process of being written, and, I hope that our interregnum will be as short as possible. I and the PCC will keep you updated as far as we can. If you have any questions please ask.

With thanks, Church Wardens



THE LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true:
To you be praise and glory for ever.
Your light has shone in our darkened world
through the child bearing of blessed Mary;
Grant that we who have seen your glory
may daily be renewed in your image
and prepared like her for the coming of your Son,
who is Lord and Saviour of all.

Blessed be God forever.

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

**Lord Jesus, light of the world
Blessed is Gabriel, who brought good news,
blessed is Mary, your mother and ours.
Bless your Church preparing for Christmas;
and bless us your children, who long for your coming.**

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