



Thoughts, notices and reminders
January 7 2018

There are always angels of annunciation,
speaking their message of good news
into the midst of anguish,
scattering their seed of blessing that
will spring up one day in the midst of the night.

They call us to hope.

These are not yet the loud angels
of rejoicing and fulfilment that come out into the open,
like the angels of the first Christmas.

Quiet, inconspicuous,
they come into rooms and hearts as they did then.

Quietly they bring God's questions
and proclaim to us the wonders of God,
for whom nothing is impossible.

Alfred Delp

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THE PRAYER PAGE

Saint's Day	Prayer in the parish	Prayer in the diocese
Sunday Baptism of Christ	Staff and users of the church hall Paul Musson, Olive Musson, Liz Straw, Tim Wright, the hall committee and all hall users Residents of: Dunholme Court, Dunston Close, Edendale Gardens, Edendale View	WE PRAY TODAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE PREPARING FOR BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION
Monday	Guides and Brownies Residents of: Edlington Close, Epworth View, Ermine Close, Escombe View	BOURNE, SS PETER AND PAUL Fr Chris Atkinson
Tuesday	Our charity for this year War Child Residents of: Fiskerton Drive, Garfield Close, Garfield View, Gayton Close	THE BYTHAM AND WITHAMS GROUP Fr Graham Buckle
Wednesday William Laud Archbishop of Canterbury	Bishop Grosseteste University Staff and students Residents of: Glynn Road, Glynn View, Greenholme Close, Greyling Close	THE COLSTERWORTH GROUP
Thursday Mary Slessor Missionary	St Francis School; Enterprise House Ann Hoffmann (head), staff, pupils and governors Residents of: Greyling View, Hackthorn Place, Hardwick Place, Harmston Close	THE CORBY GLEN GROUP Fr Stephen Buckman
Friday St Aelred Abbot of Rievaulx	Ermine Primary Academy Jenna Richards (acting head), staff, pupils and governors Residents of: Harpswell Road, Hatcliffe Gardens, Hawkshead Grove, Haydor Avenue	EDENHAM WITH WITHAM ON THE HILL AND SWINSTEAD & EDENHAM REGIONAL HOUSE Canon Fr Andy Hawes
Saturday St Hilary Bishop of Poitiers	Ermine West Methodist Church Residents of: Ingleby Crescent, Jesmond View, Keddington Avenue, Kershaw View	THE NORTH BELTISLOE GROUP

Give thanks for:	The promise and potential in the new year
Special prayers this week for:	Political unrest in Iran; victims of human trafficking The transition group meeting for the first time on Thursday
People in need:	Mary Bayston, Vicki and Terry Barnes, Doug Bradley, Fr John Clark, Ann Gray, Betty Hoy, Jan Hunter, Sarah Lusby, Sheila Lusby, Joan Pratt, Janice Rutherford, Vanessa Williamson, Doug and Anita, Gerrard
Rest in peace:	Jacqui Coney, Paul Rhodes

Coming up this week:

Sunday 7	10:00am 11:30am	Family Eucharist (Epiphany) Standing committee
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	6:00pm	New Year party at the Vicarage
Monday 8	9:30am	Deanery Chapter meeting at St John's
Tuesday 9	4:30pm	Choir practice Church windows being cleaned inside and out
Wednesday 10	9:30am 10:30am 1:00pm 7:00pm	Eucharist Mothers Union Knit and natter Archive group meeting
Thursday 11	9:00am 10:30am 7:00pm	Fr Stephen taking assembly at St Francis school Transition group meeting Ermine Voices rehearsal
Sunday 14	10:00am 2:30pm	Eucharist Ruckland Court Songs of Praise

Coming up soon:

Tuesday 16	7:00pm	Eucharist and PCC Meeting
Wednesday 17	9:30am 12:00pm 3:00pm 4:00pm	Eucharist Lunch club in the hall Staff meeting Holocaust Memorial Day meeting
Thursday 18	9:00am 11:45am 1:30pm 7:00pm	Philippa taking assembly at St Francis Funeral in church Bingo and coffee in the church hall Ermine voices
Sunday 21	10:00am	Eucharist
Monday 22	7:30pm	St John's Singers
Tuesday 23	4:30pm	Choir practice
Wednesday 24	9:30pm 10:30am	Eucharist with prayer for healing Bible study group
Thursday 25	9:00am 7:00pm	Fr Ruben taking assembly at St Francis school Ermine voices
Saturday 27	6:30pm	Holocaust Memorial Day event
Sunday 28	10:00am 12:00pm	Eucharist Baptisms
Wednesday 31	9:30pm	Eucharist
Sunday 4	10:00am 12:00pm 6:00pm	Eucharist (Candlemas) Baptisms Prayers for healing



NEW YEAR PARTY

Everyone is warmly invited to our New Year Party at the Vicarage TONIGHT from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. No tickets, just turn up with some food or drink to share and be prepared for Fr Stephen's fiendish New Year quiz!

ANNUAL REPORT

The last date for all reports to be in will be by Wednesday 7th February – this gives us a couple of weeks to put the whole report together (this is a big job!). Here is the list of the reports we need (if there are any not listed, please let me know – those crossed out have already been done!):

Vicar	Ecumenical	Staff group
Churchwardens	Ermine Music	Stewardship
ALMS	Hospitality and	Brownies
Bible study	fundraising	Guides
Bingo	JJs	Website
Children's Society	Lunch club	Finance
Church Hall	Mothers Union	Christian Aid
Community Larder	Servers	Women's world day of
Curates (x2)	Songs of Praise	prayer
Deanery Synod	Choir	
Electoral roll	St Johns Singers	

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

A big thank you to everyone who helped make our Christmas celebrations go so well again this year. Our Christingle service was again the most well attended, with over 100 people in church – it is always so moving to see the church ringed with light at the end of the service, and to see so many people returning for this service year after year. We also set a new record for Christingle making – 120 Christingles in 35 minutes! We had congregations of over 30 for both the Midnight Mass and the Mass of the Nativity on Christmas Day.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

On Holocaust Memorial Day, we will be holding a special service at 6:30pm in church in partnership with the Council for Christians and Jews and the Lincoln Independent Minyan. This is on 27th January and everyone is welcome to attend.

ERMINE VOICES

The new term for Ermine Voices begins on Thursday evening at 7:00pm. The choir is open to everyone – no auditions or previous experience required!