



Thoughts, notices and reminders
March 17 2019

Inscribed upon our heart,
the maker's mark,
indelible,
the Word of God,
'Love'
beautifully written,
heartfelt,
that all God's people
might know
that we are precious,
children
of a heavenly Father
becoming family together,
and may eyes lift upward
as we listen together
to hear angels worship.

John Birch

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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 Lent 2	Health care services; Social Workers Residents of: Nene Road, Nocton Drive, Oxen Park Close, Pietermaritz Street, Pietermaritz View	WE PRAY FOR THE LIFE OF OUR NATION
Monday	Work with children and young people on the estate Residents of: Pine Close, Queen Elizabeth Road, Queen Mary Road	DEEPING ST JAMES
Tuesday	The PCC and Parish officers Phil Betts, Philip Howell, Sue Young, PCC members Residents of: Ravendale Drive, Redbourne Drive, Retief Close, Retief View	UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN
Wednesday Joseph of Nazareth Cuthbert Bishop of Lindisfarne	Community Police and Neighbourhood Watch Residents of: Ridge View, Riseholme Road, Riverton Close, Riverton View	BISHOP'S STAFF MEETING. THE GLEN GROUP. Fr David Sweeting
Thursday Thomas Cranmer Archbishop of Canterbury	Rachel Fleshbourne, our parish administrator; Lenton Green and Cathedral View Court Residents of: Rolleston Close, Rothwell Road, Roughton Court, Ruckland Avenue	MINISTRY TEAMS
Friday	Lincoln Castle Academy; Yarborough Leisure Centre and the Sports Hub Residents of: Rusland Close, Rushlip Close, Sanders Close, Sanders View	GOSBERTON, GOSBERTON CLOUGH AND QUADRING Fr Ian Walters
Saturday	Organist, Choir, vergers and servers Residents of: Scopwick Place, Searby Road, Sedgebrook Close, Stainton Gardens	MARKET DEEPING

Give thanks for:	Macmillian Cancer Care, our charity for this year
Special prayers this week for:	Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting next Sunday; Our Churchwardens;
People in need:	Vicki Barnes, Fr John Clark, Irene Crosby, Mavis Daley, Elaine Dray, Dick Moore, Jean Harrison, Jan Hunter, Janet Seddon, Kathleen Smith, Ruth Spreadbury, Monica Wooster
Rest in peace:	

THE PRAYER PAGE (week of 24 March)

Saint's Day	Prayer in the parish	Prayer in the diocese
Sunday Annunciation of BVM	United Reformed Church The elders and people of the church Residents of: Stapleford Avenue, Steeping Court, Sturton Close, Sudbrooke Drive	WE PRAY FOR THE VICTIMS OF NATURAL DISASTERS, AND FOR THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM
Monday	The Estate Managers and council workers; postmen and women Residents of: Swaby Close, Tangshan Court, Tetney Close, Thoresway Drive	THE NESS GROUP Revd Carolyn Bailey
Tuesday	Lincoln North Children's Centre; the Women's refuge Residents of: Thurlby Crescent, Torrington Road, Trelawney Crescent, Troutbeck Close	BISHOP NICHOLAS
Wednesday	Readers, sidespersons, chalice assistants and intercessors Residents of: Waddingworth Grove, Welbourne Gardens, Welland Road, Welton Gardens	SPALDING ST MARY AND ST NICOLAS AND ST PAUL Fr John Bennett
Thursday	Mothers' Union; our website Sue Fleshbourne and the members of our branch; Danny Holt Residents of: Wellingore Road, Wickenby Crescent, Willingham Avenue, Winster Close	CHURCH SCHOOLS IN ELLOE WEST DEANERY
Friday	Shops and businesses on the estate Residents of: Woodburn Close, Woodburn View, Woodhall Drive	SPALDING ST JOHN W. DEEPING ST NICOLAS
Saturday	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	PLEASE PRAY FOR PEACE AT HOME AND AROUND THE WORLD

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE BULLETIN NEXT WEEK.
THE NEXT BULLETIN WILL BE ON SUNDAY 31 MARCH**

Coming up this week:

Sunday 17	10:00am	Eucharist
Monday 18	7:30pm	St John's Singers
Wednesday 20	9:30am 10:30am 12:00pm	Eucharist Choir practice Lunch club in the hall
Thursday 21	7:00pm	Ermine Voices

Sunday 24	10:00am 11:30am 12:00pm	Eucharist Annual Parochial Church Meeting Parish Lunch
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Coming up soon:

Wednesday 27	9:30am	Eucharist with prayer for healing
Thursday 28	7:00pm	Ermine voices
Sunday 31	10:00am	Eucharist
Wednesday 3	9:30am 10:30am 10:30am 11:15am 12:00pm	Eucharist Choir practice Ruckland Court Eucharist Ermine House Eucharist Lunch club in the hall
Thursday 4	7:00pm	Ermine Voices
Sunday 7	10:00am	Eucharist
Wednesday 10	9:30am 10:30am	Eucharist Mothers Union
Sunday 14	10:00am 2:30pm	Family Eucharist / blessing of palms at St Johns Ruckland Court Songs of Praise
Monday 15	10:00am 2:30pm	Family Eucharist / blessing of palms at St Johns Ruckland Court Songs of Praise
Tuesday 16	12:00pm 7:30pm	Quiet hour in church St Johns singers
Wednesday 17	9:30am 10:30am 12:00pm	Eucharist with prayer for healing Choir practice Quiet hour in church
Thursday 18	12:00pm 12:00pm	Quiet hour in church Lunch club
Friday 19	8:00pm	Eucharist with washing of feet and watch until mid-night
Saturday 20	10:00am 3:00pm	Ecumenical service at Ermine URC Solemn liturgy of Good Friday

A CHARITY FOR 2019

Thank you for your votes for a charity to support for the next 12 months. We had 13 forms returned. The charity which had the most votes was **Macmillan Cancer Care**.

LETTER FROM BISHOP NICOLAS



Dear friends and colleagues,

This letter comes with my prayers for us all as we enter the holy season of Lent. I hope that it will be a time of reflection, of renewal and of profound preparation for the joyful festival of Easter.

Bishop Christopher has asked me to help with diocesan preparations for the enactment of the resolution by which the United Kingdom will leave the European Union, and this is the reason for me writing to you today.

The United Kingdom is set to leave the European Union at 11pm on Friday March 29th. As yet, significant votes still have to take place in Parliament, but whatever the outcome of these votes I would like to share with you the request from our archbishop and bishop, that as God's people in Greater Lincolnshire we should commit ourselves to prayer at this time, and to being good neighbours to everyone.

It is likely that the national church will produce some easily adaptable resources that might assist us in what I know is already a considerable pastoral challenge. As soon as these resources become available, I will send you the necessary links and details.

In essence, the hope is that church buildings might be open for prayer and that the communities that they serve might be invited to gather to pray together and, where possible, to offer hospitality such as a cup of tea and a chance to talk. It is felt that many different feelings are likely to be unlocked towards the end of March, and that one of the things that we can do as Christians is to recognise our neighbours' different needs – and our own – and take very simple steps to meet them. We are planning an opportunity to pray together as a diocese at St Botolph's Church in Boston at 6.00pm on Saturday 30th March.

This letter is not seeking to overburden those who I know are already busy and committed in so many different ways. Rather, it is to try to say 'here we are, as God's people, all of us, together, trying to be true to him and to those whom he loves and has made in his image'. My sense is that whatever our personal views of the politics relating to Brexit, we can find common ground in the pastoral issues that are emerging.

It is likely that this prayer will be being used nationally and I offer it to you now, as a first step in making other resources and information available to you:

God of hope,

in these times of change and uncertainty,
unite our nation and guide our leaders
with your wisdom.

Give us courage to overcome our fears,
and help us to build a future
in which all may prosper and share:
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

With best wishes,
The Right Reverend Dr Nicholas Chamberlain
Bishop of Grantham

22ND LINCOLN BROWNIES

We are seeking new members for the 22nd Lincoln Brownie group who meet weekly (term-time only) in St John's Church Hall. If you know of any girls aged between 7-10 who may be interested in joining Guiding, please ask their parents/carers to go to the following link <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/>

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

It's our annual meeting next week after church.

Please do stay behind after church for the meeting, and if you can, for our parish lunch at midday.

The annual report is now available, so if you haven't picked up your copy, please make sure you do – it is also available online (ask Rachel to email a copy).



The Lincoln Chorale

Musical Director: Mark Wilde

Lobet den Herrn!

virtuoso voices from Leipzig

Bach Motets:

Komm, Jesu Komm

Lobet den Herrn

Singet dem Herrn

Mendelssohn:

Hear my Prayer (including O for the wings of a dove)

Bach Cello Suite No. 1

Jeffrey Makinson (Organ)

Camilla Morse-Glover (Cello)

Featuring Chorister soloists from Lincoln Cathedral Choir

Saturday, March 23rd, 7:30pm

St Giles Church, Lamb Gardens, Lincoln LN2 4EH

Free admission with a retiring collection