



Week beginning 9th February 2020
The Third Sunday before Lent

Our Mission Statement.

We aim to be a church which reflects God's love in and with the community, is open to the Holy Spirit working through us and our community, is faithful to the Gospel, helps people to grow in faith and in prayer and is there for everyone at all stages of life.

Collect

Eternal God,
whose Son went among the crowds
and brought healing with his touch:
help us to show his love,
in your Church as we gather together,
and by our lives as they are transformed
into the image of Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Merciful Father,
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,
that those who come to him should never hunger:
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,
that we may eat and drink with him
at his table in the kingdom,
where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Response to the Psalm:

Light shines in the darkness for the upright.

Hymns

440 Christ is the world's light

Chant: Alleluia x 8

Chant: 1. Jesus is Lord x 4; 2. And I love him x 4 (Repeat)

459 Give me joy in my heart

Chorus: Verse 1 sung as a solo. Every one joins in with the chorus.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine x 3. Let it shine x 3 (Repeat)

Readings for today	Readings for next Sunday
Isaiah 58: 1 – 9a	Genesis 1: 1 – 2: 3
Psalms 112: 1 – 9	Psalms 136
1 Corinthians 2: 1 – 12	Romans 8: 18 – 25
Matthew 5: 13 – 20	Matthew 6: 25 – 34

Coming soon:

Palm Crosses

Please could you have a hunt around your home and return all last year's palm crosses so that we can burn them ready for Ash Wednesday. A receptacle will be placed at the back of church next Sunday.

"If we would build a better life" – an evening with co-op songs

Tuesday 18 February 2020 5:30pm–7:30pm

Join commissioned artist Alicja Rogalska, choir leader Annie Griffin and Lincolnshire choirs: Treble Cliff, **Ermine Voices** and the Steampunk Choir for a free evening of co-op songs such as *Pioneers of Rochdale*, *The Rainbow Flag* and *Stand Up and Fight*. For more information visit the website:

<https://mansionsofthefuture.org/events/if-we-would-build-a-better-life-an-evening-with-co-op-songs/>

Lent Courses

We are going to offer a two track Lent Course this year. Track one: Read Ruth Valerio's 'Say Yes to Life'. Meet weekly to discuss and reflect on each chapter **after church on Sunday** in the Mary and Martha room. Track two: Movie Night at the Vicarage **7 pm Wednesdays** during Lent. Popcorn and hot and cold beverages will be served. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church. If you're very keen you can do both. Both tracks offer the chance to reflect on our relationship with the environment and our responsibility for creation.

World Day of Prayer

We are hosting the World Day of Prayer here on **Friday 6th March at 2.30 pm**. Odette is looking for people to read and possibly offer refreshments. Could you please let her know if you can help? You don't have to be a woman to join in.

APCM

The APCM is scheduled for **Sunday 8th March**. Could all reports be in by 16th February please and emailed to Danny at webmaster@stjohnthebaptistparishchurch.org.uk.

PRAYER THIS WEEK

Saint's Day	Prayer in the parish	Prayer in the diocese
Third Sunday before Lent	Our parish and people Residents of: Allandale Close, Allandale View, Amble Close, Apley Close, Ashlar Close	Racial Justice Sunday (25th Anniversary). Please pray for all God's people in our calling to bring light to our world, and to encourage the growth of good new things. <i>Pray for the Anglican Church of Canada. The Most Revd Linda Nicholls – Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada</i>
Monday 10 th Scholastica Sister of Benedict, Abbess 543	Reader, Jackie Howell Residents of: Asterby Close, Aubourn Avenue, Aylesby Avenue, Bain Street	The Deanery of Elloe East: The Revd Canon Rosamund Seal, Rural Dean; Michael Taylor, Lay Chair. "Please pray for us as we work through a process of re-envisioning the deanery to form Mission Communities of two or three benefices sharing both ministry and resources to create a sustainable, realistic and dynamic future for each parish." <i>Madhya Kerala (South India): The Most Revd Thomas Kanjirappally Oommen (Primate); Te Pihopatanga o Upoko o Te Ika (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia): The Right Revd Waitohiariki Quayle; Gusau (Nigeria): The Right Revd John Garba Danbinta</i>
Tuesday 11 th	Our Lady of Lincoln church and school The clergy and people; the staff, governors and pupils of Our Lady Primary School Residents of: Barkston Gardens, Basingham Crescent, Bilsby Close, Blankney Crescent	Church schools in Elloe East Deanery: Gedney Hill, William Stukeley, Holbeach St Mark's, Tydd St Mary, Whaplode. <i>Madi & West Nile (Uganda): The Right Revd Charles Collins Andaku; Te Pihopatanga o Upoko o Te Waipounamu (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia): The Right Revd Richard Wallace; Guyana (West Indies): The Right Revd Charles Davidson</i>
Wednesday 12 th	Ermine House Residents of: Brattleby Crescent, Broxholme Gardens, Buchanan Street, Burnside Close	The Elloe Stone Parishes: Moulton, Holbeach Fen and Whaplode The Revd Gareth Atha. <i>Madras (South India): The Right Revd George Stephen Jeyaraj; Temotu (Melanesia): The Most Revd Leonard Dawea (Primate)</i>
Thursday 13 th	Our parish visitors Residents of: Burwell Close, Cabourne Avenue, Carlton Grove, Carlton Walk	The Elloe Fen Group: Gedney Hill, Sutton St Edmund, Sutton St James, and Whaplode Drove. The Revd Michael Ongyerth. <i>Madurai-Ramnad (South India): The Right Revd Marialouis Joseph; Temuco (Chile): The Right Revd Abelino Manuel Apeleo; Tennessee (USA): The Right Revd John Bauerschmidt</i>
Friday 14 th Cyril an Methodius Missionaries to the Slavs 869 & 885 Valentine Martyr at Rome c. 269	Flower arrangers, Community Larder Residents of: Chatterton Avenue, Clarendon Gardens, Clarendon View, David Avenue,	Holbeach: The Revd Canon Rosamund Seal. "Please pray for all those who work so hard to sustain the life of the church and for those whom we serve. For the success of our Tower and West Window project and our continuing involvement with the community and the work of Holbeach Community Larder and Cafe." <i>Mahajanga (Indian Ocean): The Right Revd Spencer Hall Speers; Terekeka (South Sudan): The Right Revd Paul Modi Farjala</i>

Saturday 15 th Sigfrid Bishop, Apostle of Sweden 1045 Thomas Bray Priest, founder of SPCK and SPG 1730	Staff and users of the church hall Paul Musson, Olive Musson, Liz Straw, the hall committee and all hall users Residents of: Dunholme Court, Dunston Close, Edendale Gardens, Edendale View	Long Sutton with Lutton and Gedney Drove End, Dawsmere: The Revd Jonathan Sibley. "Please pray for the ministry team, for St Mary's 850th anniversary and all the celebrations in 2020; for building works at St Mary's and Lutton, and for mission and outreach programmes across the group this summer." <i>Maiduguri (Nigeria): The Right Revd Emmanuel Morris;</i> <i>Territory of the People (Canada): The Right Revd Barbara Jean Andrews; Gwagwalada (Nigeria): The Right Revd Moses Tabway</i>
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The Diocesan Prayer Calendar can be downloaded from the website:

<https://www.lincoln.anglican.org/sharing-in-prayer>

Give thanks for:	Half term holidays
Special prayers this week for:	People affected by the Corona Virus and all those working hard to prevent it spreading and find a treatment for it.
People in need:	Fr Colin, Revd Brian Barnes, Revd John Clark, Clive Seabury, Dave Notman
Rest in peace:	Louisa Jackson, Emma Ackland-Snow, Jean Temperton, Geoff Foster, Maureen Hargreaves, June Swain

Coming up this week:

Sunday 9 th	10:00am	Eucharist
Monday 10 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 11 th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 12 th	9.00 am 9:30am 10.30 am 7.00 pm	Morning Prayer Eucharist Mother's Union Meeting Deanery Synod, St Nicholas' Church, Newport
Thursday 13 th	9.00am 7:00pm	Morning Prayer Ermine Voices URC Hall
Sunday 9 th	10:00am	Eucharist 3 before the Lent

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

If you would like to receive this weekly sheet by email, please e-mail revd-rachel@stjohnthebaptistparishchurch.org.uk or speak to a churchwarden.

