



Week beginning 15th March 2020
The Third Sunday of 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

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Post Communion

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Response to the Psalm:

O that today you would harken to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Readings for today

Exodus 17: 1 – 7
Psalm 95
Romans 5: 1 – 11
John 4: 5 – 42

Readings for Mothering Sunday

1 Samuel 1: 20 – 28
Psalm 127: 1 – 4
Colossians 3: 12 – 17
John 19: 25b – 27

Coming soon:

It is with regret that the funeral of the late Revd John Clark which was to be held on Thursday 19th March has been cancelled due to family illness and concerns over COVID-19. There are plans to hold a memorial service for him in due course. The church will be open on Thursday from 11.00 am until midday for anyone who wishes to come and light a candle and pray for him and the family.

Recycling Candles: This could get messy...

Do you have any small jars or odd teacups you would be willing to donate that could be used as candle holders? The vicar has decided to try and recycle the pascal candles. Jackie is going to have a go as well. Watch this space. They could be on sale as a special Mothering Sunday gift for the mother or maternal person you love.

Memorial Service for Emma Ackland Snow

In collaboration with St Swithin's Church, we will be holding a memorial service here to pay tribute to Emma Ackland Snow on **24th March at 6.30 pm** followed by refreshments. Further details to follow.

The Feast of the Annunciation

Only nine months to Christmas folks! There will be a special evening Eucharist service here on **25th March at 7 pm**.

Cosy Candlelit Compline in Lent

Our next Compline (Night Prayer) will be on **Tuesday 7th April at 8 pm**.

Easter Fun

The 22nd Lincoln Brownies and 3rd Lincoln Guides would like to invite the members of St John's Church to an 'Easter Celebration' on Tuesday 31 March 2020, 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm, at St John's Church Hall. There will be Tea/Coffee/Biscuits; Raffle; Tombola; Singing; and an Easter bonnet competition. All money raised will go to Brownie and Guide funds. We look forward to seeing you.

Hymns

123 Jesu, lover of my soul

247 I heard the voice of Jesus say

249 Take my life and let it be

Chant: *O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.*

214 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

PRAYER THIS WEEK

Saint's Day	Prayer in the parish	Prayer in the diocese
3 rd Sunday of Lent	Flower arrangers, Community Larder Residents of: Chatterton Avenue, Clarendon Gardens, Clarendon View, David Avenue,	Please pray for all those gifted and called to be evangelists, and for the witness of all God's people to what they have seen and heard in Jesus. <i>The Church of England – The Most Revd and Right Hon. Justin Welby Archbishop of Canterbury.</i>
Monday 16 th	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	Branston w. Nocton and Potterhanworth: The Revd Lorna Brabin-Smith. <i>Maseno North (Kenya): The Right Revd Charles Kaskan Asilutwa;</i> <i>Utah (USA): The Right Revd Scott Hayashi</i> <i>Honduras (USA): The Right Revd Lloyd Allen</i>
Tuesday 17 th Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland, c. 460	The lunch club; Guides and Brownies Sue Fleshbourne and the lunch club team Residents of: Edlington Close, Epworth View, Ermine Close, Escombe View	The Deanery of Graffoe: The Revd Annabel Barber, Rural Dean; Richard Bayes, Lay Chair. <i>Maseno South (Kenya): The Right Revd Charles Ong'injo;</i> <i>Uyo (Nigeria): The Right Revd Prince Asukwo Antai;</i> <i>Hong Kong Island (Hong Kong): The Most Revd Paul Kwong (Primate)</i>
Wednesday 18 th Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, Teacher of the Faith, 386	Our charity for this year Macmillan Cancer Support Residents of: Flavian Road, Fiskerton Drive, Garfield Close, Garfield View, Gayton Close	Bishop's Staff Meeting. Church schools in Graffoe Deanery: Branston; Dunston St Peter's; Coleby; Navenby; North Hykeham All Saints; Potterhanworth; Skellingthorpe St Lawrence; Swinderby All Saints; Thorpe on the Hill St Michael's. <i>Maseno West (Kenya): The Right Revd Joseph Wasonga;</i> <i>Valparaiso (Chile): The Right Revd Samuel Morrison</i>
Thursday 19 th Joseph of Nazareth	Bishop Grosseteste University Staff and students Residents of: Glynn Road, Glynn View, Greenholme Close, Greyling Close	Metheringham w. Blankney and Dunston. The Revd Alan Coates. <i>Masindi-Kitara (Uganda): The Right Revd George Kasangaki;</i> <i>Vanuatu (Melanesia): The Revd James Tama;</i> <i>Vermont (USA): The Right Revd Thomas Ely</i>
Friday 20 th Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687	St Francis School Ann Hoffmann (head), staff, pupils and governors Residents of: Greyling View, Hackthorn Place, Hardwick Place, Harmston Close	Skellingthorpe w. Doddington: The Revd Sam Durant. <i>Massachusetts (USA): The Right Revd Alan McIntosh Gates;</i> <i>Victoria Nyanza (Tanzania): Vacant</i>
Saturday 21 st Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation Martyr, 1556	Ermine Primary Academy David Manby (head), staff, pupils and governors Residents of: Harpswell Road, Hatcliffe Gardens, Hawkshead Grove, Haydor Avenue	The Swinderby Group: Swinderby, Eagle, North Scarle, Swinderby, Thorpe on the Hill: The Revd Canon Andrew Vaughan. "Please pray that we might follow our mission statement that leads to our vision

		of being a people who encourage belonging, connecting and flourishing in our communities.” <i>Masvingo (Central Africa): The Right Revd Godfrey Tawonezwi;</i> <i>Virgin Islands (The Episcopal Church): The Right Revd Ambrose Gumbs;</i> <i>Hpa-an (Myanmar): The Right Revd Saw Mark Maung Doe</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:	The beauty of nature, spring and new life.
Special prayers this week for:	People anxious about COVID-19 and health care professionals.
People in need:	Clive Seabury, Dave Notman, Hannah Bloom, Linda Snell
Rest in peace:	Revd John Clark, Brenda Gibson, Brian Saunders, June Lewis, Revd Brian Barnes

Coming up this week:

Sunday 15 th	10:00am	Parish Eucharist
Monday 16 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 17 th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 18 th	9.00 am 9.30 7.00 pm	Morning Prayer Eucharist Lent Movie 3
Thursday 19 th	9.00am 11.00am - 12.00 pm	Morning Prayer Church open for private prayer for the late Revd John Clark
Sunday 22 nd March	10:00am	Parish Eucharist for Mothering Sunday followed by Lent Group

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