



Week beginning 13th December 2020
Third Sunday of Advent
Rejoice!

St John the Baptist Church is an inclusive church.



Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your
mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the
wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your
sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly
gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

Due to **Tier 3 COVID-19 restrictions**, it is requested that we do not socialise with anyone in church who is not part of our household or social bubble. However tempting it is to catch up with the friends we haven't seen since the beginning of November, we are discouraged from going over to people before the service or staying in church after the service to chat. We will continue to hold our weekly 'Coffee Mornings' on ZOOM to try and compensate. Thank your understanding and patience.



THE NIGHT LIGHT CRISIS CAFÉ is a volunteer run service for people looking for support for their mental health. We are hoping to open a café in St John's and are looking for volunteers. Are you a good listener? Do you have time in the evenings from **4 – 8 pm**? It's funded by the NHS. Training will be provided AND it's

only a short-term project. It will run once a week **from January to March**. If you'd like to express an interest and find out more before committing yourself, talk to Revd Rachel (not after the service though as that is a banned activity!).

Readings for this Sunday Isaiah 61: 1 – 4, 8 – end Psalm 126 1 Thessalonians 5: 16 – 24 John 1: 6 – 8, 19 – 28	Readings for 4th Sunday of Advent 2 Samuel 7: 1 – 11, 16 Canticle: <i>Magnificat</i> Romans 16: 25 – end Luke 1: 26 – 38
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Coming up this week:

Sunday 13 th December Advent 3	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist IN THE CHURCH THIS WILL BE LIVE STREAMED VIA OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL: St John the Baptist, Ermine, Lincoln
Monday to Saturday	9.00 am 5.00 pm	Morning and Evening Prayer will be said in the vicarage
Tuesday	10.30 am	Zoom Coffee Morning (see below for details)
Wednesday	9.30 am 10.00 am – 2.00pm	Eucharist Church open for personal prayer
Sunday 20 th December	10.00am	Parish Eucharist IN CHURCH

Coming Soon:

Make your own cuppa, grab a biscuit or a cake (is it too early for a mince pie?) and have a catch up with all the friends we can't meet in church at the moment.

Topic: *St John's Coffee Morning at Home* Zoom Meeting

Time: Dec 15, 2020 10:30 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72251284977?pwd=cnJoQysrbElBbGRvc3BXRzIzIjZlZGJkUT09>

Meeting ID: 722 5128 4977

Passcode: 7GpcRC

Sunday 13th December – **The Third Sunday of Advent**

Christmas celebrations are going to be a bit weird and low key this year because of COVID-19. But, if you're looking for a little bit of festive cheer and music to get you into the spirit of things, help is on its way. **The Quartet** will be playing beautiful Advent and Christmas music for our worship on 13th December.

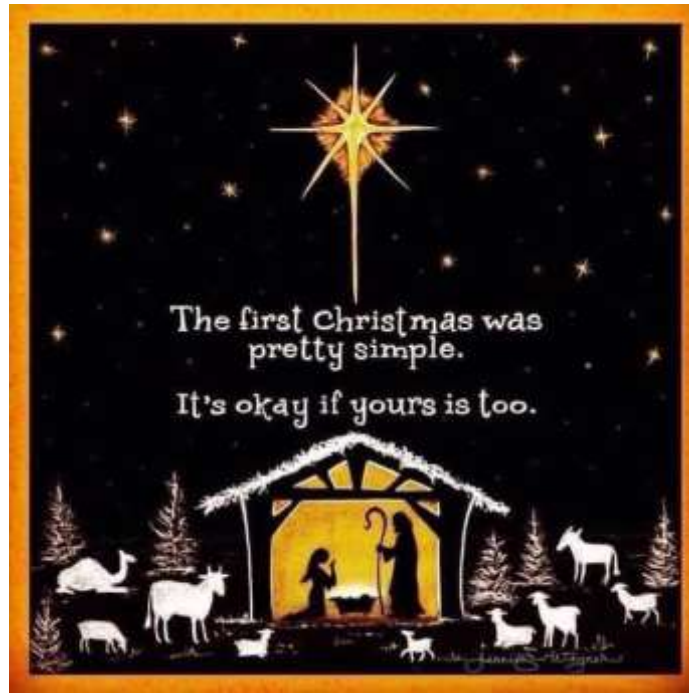
There will be a retiring collection in aid of **The Children's Society**.

PRAYER THIS WEEK

Saint's Day	Prayer in the parish	Prayer in the diocese
Sunday 13 th December REJOICE!	Health care services; Social Workers Residents of: Nene Road, Nocton Drive, Oxen Park Close, Pietermaritz Street, Pietermaritz View	For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. (Isaiah 61:11) <i>Pray for the Falkland Islands (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury)</i> <i>The Rt Revd Timothy Thornton - Bishop to the Forces and Bishop to the Falkland Islands</i>
Monday 14 th John of the Cross, poet, teacher of the faith 1591	Work with children and young people in the parish Residents of: Pine Close, Queen Elizabeth Road, Queen Mary Road	Lincoln St George Swallowbeck - Revd Tim Voltzenlogel Please pray for St George's in its mission to share the love of God with everyone and make disciples for Jesus. <i>Sodor & Man (England) The Rt Revd Peter Eagles</i> <i>El Camino Real (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Mary Gray-Reeves</i>
Tuesday 15 th	The PCC and Parish officers Phil Betts, Philip Howell, Jessica Bayston, PCC members Residents of: Ravendale Drive, Redbourne Drive, Retief Close, Retief View	Lincoln St Giles – Revd Canon Nick Buck Please pray that our Christmas 'Holiday club at home' (in collaboration with St John, Ermine) will connect families to the Good News of Jesus and that our adapted Christmas worship will be a blessing to the parish. <i>Sokoto (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Augustine Omole</i> <i>El Salvador (Central America) The Rt Revd Juan David Alvarado Melgar</i>
Wednesday 16 th	Community Police and Neighbourhood Watch Helen Kumar, Amanda Allen, Craig Mobbs and Tina Worden Residents of: Ridge View, Riseholme Road, Riverton Close, Riverton View	Lincoln St John the Baptist – Revd Rachel Heskins Pray for their work to develop as an Inclusive Church -a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate. <i>South Ankole (Uganda) The Rt Revd Nathan Ahimbisibwe</i> <i>Eldoret (Kenya) The Rt Revd Christopher Ruto</i>

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Thursday 17 th <i>O Sapientia</i> Eglantine Jebb, social reformer, founder of 'Save the Children', 1928	Lenton Green and Cathedral View Court Residents of: Rolleston Close, Rothwell Road, Roughton Court, Ruckland Avenue	Lincoln St Mary-le-Wigford w St Benedict and St Mark – Revd Jeremy Cullimore Please pray for our City Centre ministry as we serve visitors, shoppers, businesses, students and community groups in Lincoln city centre from our ancient buildings. <i>South Dakota (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd John Tarrant</i> <i>El-Obeid (Sudan) The Rt Revd Ismail Gabriel Abudigin</i>
Friday 18 th	Lincoln Castle Academy and Head teacher Louise Lamming and all students and staff ; Yarborough Leisure Centre and the Sports Hub Residents of: Rusland Close, Rushlip Close, Sanders Close, Sanders View	Lincoln St Nicholas w St John Newport – Revd Dr Hugh Jones Pray for the preparations for Christmas in the local community <i>South Kerala (South India) The Rt Revd Dharmaraj Rasalam (Primate)</i> <i>Ely (England) The Rt Revd Stephen David Conway</i> <i>Embu (Kenya) The Rt Revd David Muriithi Ileri</i>
Saturday 19 th	Musicians, Choir, vergers and servers Residents of: Scopwick Place, Searby Road, Sedgebrook Close, Stainton Gardens	Lincoln St Peter-at-Gowts w St Andrew and St Botolph – Revd Jeremy Cullimore Please pray for our ministry in south Lincoln as we build community cohesion in an area of deprivation and merge these two parishes into one. <i>South Rwenzori (Uganda) The Rt Revd Jackson Nzerebende</i> <i>Enugu (Nigeria) The Most Revd Dr Emmanuel Chukwuma</i> <i>Enugu North (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Sosthenes Eze</i>

Give thanks for:	The Countdown to Christmas holiday club with St Giles. We are reaching 80 children between us and have increased uptake in this parish from 12 households in October to 20 households this time.
Special prayers this week for:	The work of the Children's Society.
People in need:	Clive Seabury, Dave Notman, Rosa and Warren (Pat) Shay, Andy, Tracey Walton, Dawn Wise, Shane.
Rest in peace:	



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