



Week beginning 20th December 2020
Fourth Sunday of Advent

St John the Baptist Church is an inclusive church.



Collect

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our
saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 2 Samuel 7: 1 – 11, 16 Canticle: <i>Magnificat</i> Romans 16: 25 – end Luke 1: 26 – 38	Readings for 1st Sunday of Christmas/St John the Evangelist Isaiah 61: 10 – 62: 3 Psalm 148 Galatians 4: 4 - 7 Luke 2: 15 – 21
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Coming up this week:

Sunday 20 th December Advent 4	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 and Quiz (see below for details)
Wednesday	9.30 am 10.00 am – 2.00pm	Eucharist Church open for personal prayer by appointment. Please contact Revd Rachel.
Sunday 27 th December First Sunday of Christmas	10.00am	Parish Eucharist IN CHURCH

Coming Soon:

Make your own cuppa, grab a biscuit or a mince pie and have a catch up with all the friends we can't meet in church at the moment. Special Christmas Quiz this week.

Topic: *St John's Coffee Morning and Quiz*

Topic: Rachel Heskins' Zoom Meeting

Time: Dec 22, 2020 10:30 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

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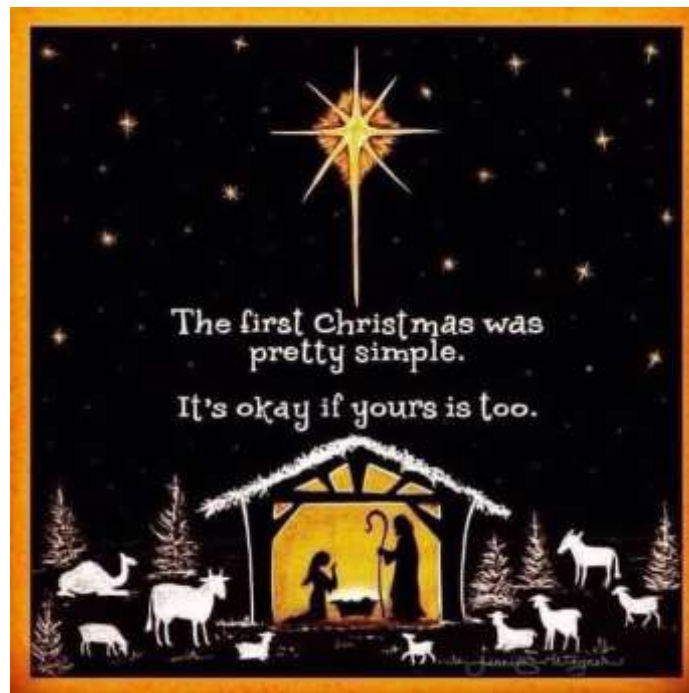
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PRAYER THIS WEEK

Saint's Day	Prayer in the parish	Prayer in the diocese
Sunday 20 th December	United Reformed Church The elders and people of the church Residents of: Stapleford Avenue, Steeping Court, Sturton Close, Sudbrooke Drive	Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' (Luke 1:38) <i>Pray for mission agencies and their ministry throughout the Anglican Communion, including the Mothers' Union around the world.</i>
Monday 21 st	The Estate Managers and council workers; postmen and women Residents of: Swaby Close, Tangshan Court, Tetney Close, Thoresway Drive	Lincoln Saint Peter in Eastgate – In Vacancy Pray that God will bring just the right person to be Vicar at St Peter in Eastgate and St Peter in Carlton. Pray for care, love and compassion to abound within the congregations. <i>South West Tanganyika (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Matthew Mhagama</i> <i>Esan (Nigeria) The Most Revd Friday Imaekhai</i>
Tuesday 22 nd	Lincoln North Children's Centre; the Women's refuge Residents of: Thurlby Crescent, Torrington Road, Trelawney Crescent, Troutbeck Close	Lincoln St Peter in Carlton – Revd James Radcliffe Praise God for the church's response in making church happen during lockdown, for children, young people and adults <i>Etche (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Precious Nwala</i> <i>Etsako (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Jacob Bada</i>
Wednesday 23 rd	Readers, sidespersons, chalice assistants and intercessors Residents of: Waddingworth Grove, Welbourne Gardens, Welland Road, Welton Gardens	Lincoln School of Theology – Interim Principal: The Venerable Dr Justine Allain-Chapman <i>Evo (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Innocent Ordu</i> <i>Exeter (England) The Rt Revd Robert Atwell</i>
Thursday 24 th Christmas Eve	Our website and YouTube channel Danny Holt Residents of: Wellingore Road, Wickenby Crescent, Willingham Avenue, Winster Close	How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.' (Isaiah 52:7) <i>Ezo (South Sudan) The Rt Revd John Kereboro Zawo</i> <i>Faisalabad (Pakistan) The Rt Revd John Samuel</i> <i>Falkland Islands (Parish of) (Falkland Islands) The Rt Revd Timothy Thornton (Diocesan Bishop)</i>
Friday 25 th Christmas Day	Shops and businesses in the parish Residents of: Woodburn Close, Woodburn View, Woodhall Drive	And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14) <i>Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem and the People of Bethlehem</i> <i>Ely (England) The Rt Revd Stephen David Conway</i> <i>Embu (Kenya) The Rt Revd David Muriithi Ileri</i>

<p>Saturday 26th</p> <p>Stephen, deacon, first martyr</p>	<p>The library, Sudbrooke Drive Community Centre, and the Ravendale Drive sports field</p> <p>Library staff, centre managers and users, sports field users and managers</p> <p>Members of our congregation who live outside the parish</p>	<p>It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20)</p> <p><i>Fianarantsoa (Indian Ocean) The Rt Revd Gilbert Ratelason Rakotondravelo</i></p> <p><i>Florida (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd John Howard</i></p> <p><i>False Bay (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Margaret Brenda Vertue</i></p>
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<p>Give thanks for:</p>	<p>A renewed commitment to zero carbon emissions by governments around the world. Our schools soldiering on to the end of term. 'Love Christmas' parcels to families in need.</p>
<p>Special prayers this week for:</p>	<p>People self-isolating over Christmas and all those spending Christmas on their own or apart from the people they love.</p>
<p>People in need:</p>	<p>Clive Seabury, Dave Notman, Rosa and Warren (Pat) Shay, Andy, Tracey Walton, Dawn Wise, Shane, the Webb family.</p>
<p>Rest in peace:</p>	



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Any items for this weekly sheet should be received by Rev. Rachel
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