



Week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021  
Second Sunday of Christmas

St John the Baptist Church is an inclusive church.



Collect

Almighty God,  
in the birth of your Son  
you have poured on us the new light of your  
incarnate Word,  
and shown us the fullness of your love:  
help us to walk in his light and dwell in his  
love that we may know the fullness of his  
joy;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

All praise to you,  
almighty God and heavenly king,  
who sent your Son into the world  
to take our nature upon him  
and to be born of a pure virgin:  
grant that, as we are born again in him,  
so he may continually dwell in us  
and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven, now and for ever.

Due to **Tier 4 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 all week, 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 you for  
understanding and patience.

**Readings for this Sunday**

Jeremiah 31: 7 – 14  
Psalm 147: 13 – end  
Ephesians 1: 3 – 14  
John 1: 1 – 18

**Readings for next Sunday, the Baptism of  
Christ (First Sunday of Epiphany)**

Genesis 1: 1 – 5  
Psalm 29  
Acts 19: 1 – 7  
Mark 1: 4 – 11



## THE NIGHT LIGHT CRISIS CAFÉ

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered. We have online training this Friday. We are able to go ahead with this. Please continue to pray for us as we plan the next stage.

### Coming up this week:

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January Christmas 2	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 <b>The Epiphany</b>	9.30 am 10.00 am – 2.00pm	<b>Eucharist for the Feast of the Epiphany</b> Church open for personal prayer by appointment. Please contact Revd Rachel.
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> January The Baptism of Christ	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 chat with in church.**

Topic: *St John's Coffee Morning*

Time: Jan 5, 2021 10:30 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74640715577?pwd=OTFrMWRUTWw2ZGFVZ3U2Z1JseUx1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 746 4071 5577

Passcode: 5VPHde

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## Cosy Candlelit Compline at Home

### 12<sup>th</sup> January 8pm ZOOM

*Put the stresses and strains of the day behind you and listen to ancient plain chant and prayers just before bedtime.*

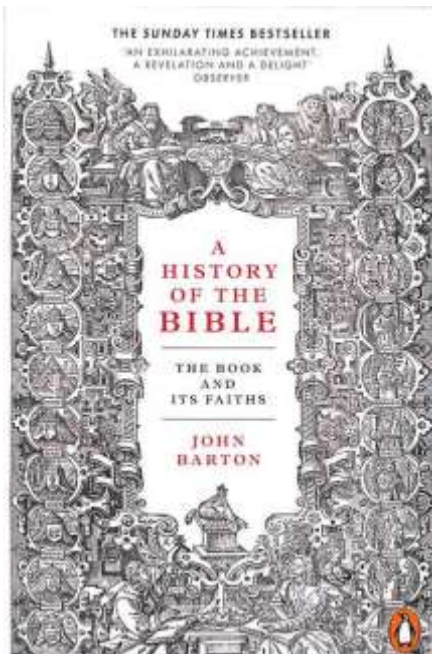
**PRAYER THIS WEEK**

Saint's Day	Prayer in the parish	Prayer in the diocese
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	<b>Staff and users of the church hall</b> Paul Musson, Olive Musson, Liz Straw, the hall committee and all hall users Residents of: Dunholme Court, Dunston Close, Edendale Gardens, Edendale View	No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known. <i>(John 1:18)</i>  <i>The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria</i>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The lunch club; Guides and Brownies</b> Sue Fleshbourne and the lunch club team Residents of: Edlington Close, Epworth View, Ermine Close, Escombe View	<b>The Elloe Stone Parishes – In Vacancy</b>  Pray for all who are keeping the Church going at this time.  <i>The Diocese of Abakaliki – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Enugu Province)</i>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Our charity for this year</b> Macmillan Cancer Support Residents of: Flavian Road, Fiskerton Drive, Garfield Close, Garfield View, Gayton Close	<b>The Elloe Fen Group – Revd Mike Ongyerth</b>  Pray for a sense of hope moving forward into the new year  <i>The Diocese of Aberdeen &amp; Orkney – The Scottish Episcopal Church</i>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>  <b>The Epiphany</b>	<b>Bishop Grosseteste University</b> Staff and students Residents of: Glynn Road, Glynn View, Greenholme Close, Greyling Close	<b>The Parish of Holbeach – Revd Rosamund Seal</b>  Pray for the work of the Community Larder at this time  Agenda Planning Committee  <i>The Diocese of Abuja – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Abuja Province)</i>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>St Francis School</b> <b>Ann Hoffmann (head), staff, pupils and governors</b> Residents of: Greyling View, Hackthorn Place, Hardwick Place, Harmston Close	<b>The Parish of Long Sutton with Lutton and Gedney Drove End, Dawsmere – Revd Jonathan Sibley</b>  Please pray for the witness and life of the church in these communities at this time of Covid 19, also the wardens and Church Officers.  Boston AMPC  <i>The Diocese of Abyei – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Northern Bahr el Ghazal Province)</i>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Ermine Primary Academy</b> David Manby (head), staff, pupils and governors Residents of: Harpswell Road, Hatcliffe Gardens, Hawkshead Grove, Haydor Avenue	<b>Sutton Bridge – In Vacancy</b>  Pray for discussions about the future of ministry over the next couple of years.  <i>The Diocese of Accra – The Church of the Province of West Africa (Ghana Province)</i>

Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Ermine Music Annie Griffin, musical director of Ermine Music Residents of: Ingleby Crescent, Jesmond View, Keddington Avenue, Kershaw View	The Suffragan Bishop of Grimsby and Acting Bishop of Lincoln: The Rt Revd Dr David Court  <i>The Diocese of Adelaide – The Anglican Church of Australia (South Australia Province)</i>
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Give thanks for:	Signs of spring, crocuses, snowdrops and daffodils beginning to emerge.
Special prayers this week for:	All those affected by natural disasters this Christmastide, especially in Croatia and Norway, and people in the UK made homeless by extreme weather and floods.
	Elham, Artemis and Ariobarzan are moving house this week. Please hold them in your prayers as they relocate and start a new life in a new place.
People in need:	Clive Seabury, Dave Notman, Rosa and Warren (Pat) Shay, Andy, Tracey Walton, Dawn Wise.
Rest in peace:	

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



Revd Prof John Barton's book has been BBC Radio 4's *Book of the Week* this week. For anyone who hasn't heard it, I would heartily recommend it. The Bible has always been the world's best-selling book but how often is it actually read or even understood? If you are looking for a concise and accessible introduction or a refresher to this complex and fascinating book, you can listen to five fifteen-minute episodes. Just follow the link or go to the BBC Sounds app. Hugh Bonneville (Lord Grantham from *Downton Abbey*) will read it to you.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/series/m000qlrx>