



Week beginning 21st February 2021
First Sunday of Lent

St John the Baptist Church is an inclusive church.



Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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.

Post Communion

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

This Sunday

Genesis 9: 8 – 17
Psalm 25: 1 – 9
1 Peter 3: 18 – end
Mark 1: 9 – 15

Next Sunday

Genesis 17: 1 – 7, 15 – 16
Psalm 22: 23 – end
Romans 4: 13 – end
Mark 8: 31 – end

Coming up this week:

Sunday 21 st February First of Lent	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	7.00 pm	Zoom Lent Course: Week 1 SILENCE (see below for details)
Sunday 28 th February First Sunday of Lent	10.00am	Parish Eucharist IN CHURCH

Lent 2021

Jackie Howell and Revd Rachel will be running a Zoom Lent group starting on Wednesday 24th February based on Sr Wendy Becket's book, *The Art of Lent*. Each week will explore themes of Lent using paintings chosen by Sr Wendy. No preparation is necessary. Just come as you are and share your thoughts.

Topic: The Art of Lent
Time: 7.00 pm every Wednesday

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71458959076?pwd=YXRna2YrUXljR0c2bTRvYkRnNkxSZz09>

Meeting ID: 714 5895 9076

Passcode: SW5zFZ

The Church of England has produced resources for Lent which can be downloaded here.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/what-we-believe/lent-holy-week-and-easter/livelent-gods-story-our-story-our-lent>

THE NIGHT LIGHT CRISIS CAFÉ

Every Monday from 4 – 8 pm. Please continue to pray for the volunteers and the guests who come for support.



The Limerick Challenge

One Saturday morning at three,
A cheese monger's shop in Paris
Collapsed to the ground,
With a thunderous sound,
Leaving only a pile of de brie

Submit your limericks to Revd Rachel, by Wednesday for publication in next week's bulletin.
No swearing and no smut. 😊

St John's Coffee Morning every Tuesday at 10.30

Topic: St John's Coffee Morning

Time: 10.30 am every week

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76808815160?pwd=UUNNMVFCemwveVAzWlJlTlBqSUhJZz09>

Meeting ID: 768 0881 5160

Passcode: 2zvufx



Coming Soon:

World Day of Prayer 5th March 2021

See details in a separate attachment for joining the WDP online this year.

Save the Date

11th April 2021, pandemic permitting, Bishop David will be leading our worship. All being well, the Quartet will provide music for us and it will be a real celebration of who we are and what God is doing in this parish.

The following Sunday, **18th April 2021 will be the APCM**. Please could office holders submit their reports to Danny in good time. You know who you are. We are also looking for a new churchwarden as Phil has come to the end of his term of office. Please keep this in mind.

Also, each year we nominate a charity to be the beneficiaries of any extra fundraising we do. For the last year or so, it has been Macmillan Cancer Support. Suggestions are welcome for the coming year.

PRAYER THIS WEEK

Saint's Day	Prayer in the parish	Prayer in the diocese
Sunday 21 st	The Estate Managers and council workers; postmen and women Residents of: Swaby Close, Tangshan Court, Tetney Close, Thoresway Drive	After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. Mark 1: 14 – 15 <i>The Church of the Province of Central Africa</i>
Monday 22 nd	Lincoln North Children's Centre; the Women's refuge Residents of: Thurlby Crescent, Torrington Road, Trelawney Crescent, Troutbeck Close	Metheringham w Blankney and Dunston – In Vacancy We give thanks for our loyal congregations who remain active in service and mission, and we pray for the future arrangements as we cope with the vacancy. <i>The Diocese of Argentina – The Anglican Church of South America</i>
Tuesday 23 rd Polycarp, bishop, martyr, c. 155	Readers, sidespersons, chalice assistants and intercessors Residents of: Waddingworth Grove, Welbourne Gardens, Welland Road, Welton Gardens	Skellingthorpe w Doddington - Revd Sam Durant Pray for all contributing to online services at this time. <i>The Diocese of Northern Argentina - The Anglican Church of South America</i>
Wednesday 24 th	Our website and YouTube channel Danny Holt Residents of: Wellingore Road, Wickenby Crescent, Willingham Avenue, Winster Close	Swinderby - Revd Andrew Vaughan Pray for all who have supported online services through lockdown and now look to rebuild through 2021 <i>The Diocese of Argyll & The Isles – The Scottish Episcopal Church</i>
Thursday 25 th	Shops and businesses in the parish Residents of: Woodburn Close, Woodburn View, Woodhall Drive	Waddington – In Vacancy Please pray for the lay team keeping a church presence in Waddington during these trying times. <i>The Diocese of Arizona – The Episcopal Church</i>
Friday 26 th	The library, Sudbrooke Drive Community Centre, and the Ravendale Drive sports field Library staff, centre managers and users, sports field users and managers Members of our congregation who live outside the parish	Washingborough w Heighington and Canwick – Revd George Goalby Pray for all who are able to make use of the Church buildings for private prayer <i>The Diocese of Arkansas – The Episcopal Church (VII (7) Province)</i>

<p>Saturday 27th</p> <p>George Herbert, priest, poet, 1633</p> <p>Ember Day</p>	<p>Local councillors and MPs Karl McCartney MP Cllr Edward Reid (Lincoln City and Lincolnshire County Council) Cllr Yvonne Bodger (Lincoln City Council) Cllr Naomi Tweddle (Lincoln City Council)</p>	<p>Withamside - Revd Dee Freeman</p> <p>Pray for people who, with us, are seeking to celebrate all that is good and of God within our community.</p> <p><i>The Diocese of Armagh – The Church of Ireland</i></p>
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Give thanks for:	Warmer weather, signs of spring
Special prayers this week for:	Rough sleepers and charities and organisations that work to support them
People in need:	Clive Seabury, Dave Notman, Pat Shay, Andy, Tracey Walton, Dawn Wise, Alison Price, Revd Tim Voltzenlogel, Nathan Garner
Rest in peace:	

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

One more thing...

We have been approached by St Giles' Church to see if we would be interested in being part of a conversation about how could offer ministry to older people. There are a number of possibilities to be explored – a dementia café or connecting with the listening service at GP practices for example. It would be useful to see what is already happening across the parishes. If anyone is interested in taking part in the conversation, let Revd Rachel know.