



Thoughts, notices and reminders  
December 10 2017

Advent God,  
we journey with you, to Bethlehem's stable  
and a new-born King,  
ears attuned to the song of angels,  
eyes alert for Bethlehem's star.

Forgive us  
if on our journey we are distracted  
by the tempting offers of this world.

Keep our hearts aflame with the hope  
of Christmas, and the promise of a Saviour. Amen

*John Birch*

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## THE PRAYER PAGE

<b>Saint's Day</b>	<b>Prayer in the parish</b>	<b>Prayer in the diocese</b>
Sunday <b>Advent 2</b>	<b>Bishop Grosseteste University</b> Staff and students Residents of: Glynn Road, Glynn View, Greenholme Close, Greyling Close	<b>TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH CARE – WE PRAY FOR TRANSFORMATION DURING ADVENT</b>
Monday	<b>St Francis School; Enterprise House</b> Ann Hoffmann (head), staff, pupils and governors Residents of: Greyling View, Hackthorn Place, Hardwick Place, Harmston Close	<b>ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, CLEETHORPES</b> Fr Nicholas Nawrockyi
Tuesday	<b>Ermine Primary Academy</b> Andrew Sale (head), staff, pupils and governors Residents of: Harpswell Road, Hatcliffe Gardens, Hawkshead Grove, Haydor Avenue	<b>ST PETER'S, CLEETHORPES</b> Fr Paul Hunter
Wednesday <b>St Lucy</b>	<b>Ermine West Methodist Church</b> Residents of: Ingleby Crescent, Jesmond View, Keddington Avenue, Kershaw View	<b>GREAT COATES, LITTLE COATES AND BRADLEY</b> Revd Ann McCormick
Thursday <b>St John of the Cross</b>	<b>Ruckland Court; Lincoln Cathedral</b> <b>Quarry workers</b> Residents of: Langdale Close, Langton Close, Laughton Crescent, Laughton Way	<b>ST AIDAN'S, CLEETHORPES AND CHRIST CHURCH, CLEETHORPES</b>
Friday	<b>The Neighbourhood Management team</b> Residents of: Laughton Way North, Lenton Gardens, Manton Road, Midville Close	<b>THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOLS IN GRIMSBY AND CLEETHORPES</b>
Saturday	<b>Housebound communicants</b> Residents of: Millbeck Road, Minting Close, Moorby Close, Natal View	<b>HOLY TRINITY &amp; ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLD CLEE</b>

<b>Give thanks for:</b>	Our Christmas Fair
<b>Special prayers this week for:</b>	Ermine Primary Academy Christmas activities in church this week The Rohingya people seeking refuge from persecution in Myanmar
<b>People in need:</b>	Mary Bayston, Vicki and Terry Barnes, Doug Bradley, Fr John Clark, Ann Gray, Jan Hunter, Sarah Lusby, Sheila Lusby, Joan Pratt, Doug and Anita, Vanessa Williamson, Gerrard
<b>Rest in peace:</b>	Vera Coles, Thomas Edwards

Coming up this week:

Sunday 10	10:00am 12:00pm 2:30pm	Family Eucharist Parish Christmas dinner Ruckland Court Songs of Praise
Monday 11	7:30pm	St John's Singers
Tuesday 12	2:00pm	Ermine Academy KS1 nativity in church
Wednesday 13	9:30am 1:00pm	Eucharist with advent stations Knit and natter
Thursday 14	9:00am 10:30am 2:00pm	Fr Stephen taking St Francis assembly Ermine house Carol service Ermine Academy KS2 carol service in church
Friday 15	10:00am	Ermine Academy Christmas service in church
Sunday 17	10:00am 6:00pm	Eucharist Carol service

### Coming up soon:

Tuesday 19	7:00pm	Advent stations
Wednesday 20	9:30am	Eucharist
Thursday 21	1:30pm	Bingo and coffee in the church hall
Saturday 23	10:00am 11:15am	Christingle making Ruckland court Carol service
Sunday 24	10:00am 6:00pm 11:45pm	Eucharist Christingle service Midnight Mass
Monday 25	10:00am	Mass of the Nativity
Tuesday 26	9:30am	Eucharist
Wednesday 27	9:30am	Eucharist with prayer for healing
Thursday 28	9:30am	Eucharist
Sunday 31	10:00am	Eucharist
Wednesday 3	9:30am 10:30am 11:15am 12:00pm	Eucharist Ruckland Court Eucharist Ermine House Eucharist Lunch club in the hall
Sunday 7	10:00am 12:00pm 6:00pm	Family Eucharist (Epiphany) Baptisms New Year party at the Vicarage
Monday 8	9:30am	Deanery Chapter meeting at St John's
Tuesday 9	4:30pm	Choir practice
Wednesday 10	9:30am 10:30am 1:00pm	Eucharist Mothers Union Knit and natter
Thursday 11	9:00am 10:30am	Fr Stephen taking assembly at St Francis school Transition group meeting

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND EVENTS

There is a lot going on in the lead up to Christmas, so here is a list of carol services and other events you might like to take part in!

Sunday 10	Midday	Parish Christmas Lunch
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	2:30pm	Ruckland Court Songs of praise at Ruckland Court
Tuesday 12	1:45pm	Ermine Primary Academy Key Stage 1 Nativity in church
Thursday 14	10:30am	Ermine House carol service at Ermine House
	2:00pm	Ermine Academy KS2 carol service in church
Friday 15	1:45pm	Ermine Primary Academy Christmas service in church
Sunday 17	6:00pm	Parish carol service in church

## ADVENT STATIONS

We had the first of our series of Advent stations last week. There are two more opportunities to follow the Stations, this coming Wednesday morning and at 7:00am on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>. This is a quiet meditative devotion that helps us to pray through the story of the coming of Jesus, his nativity and early years which takes around 40 minutes. If you have not done this before, why not come along and join us?

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

If you would like to send a Christmas greeting to people at church and help raise funds for our charity, Warchild, all you need to do is to note your greeting below and leave it in the basket at the back of church or give it to your church visitor. Please place your greeting in a sealed envelope with your donation – if you wish to make a donation by cheque, please make the cheque payable to “St John the Baptist PCC”. All greetings in by December 10<sup>th</sup> please. Your greeting will be included in our Christmas greetings leaflet and our charity benefits as well – and don't forget not to send anyone in church a Christmas Card, use the Christmas Greetings instead!

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## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

My message

My name .....

Please put this slip with your donation in the basket at the back of church



**JJs**

*St John's Juniors @ the Pringle Church*

# **CHRISTMAS PARTY!**

**Wednesday 20th  
December**

**Craft activities at 11.00  
Free lunch at 12.30**

St John's Church Hall, Laughton Way

**Contact Philippa White for  
details: 01522 567004 -  
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## RAGTEX

Many thanks to everyone who donated bags for the Ragtex collection – there was a lot of stuff to be collected (and fortunately, they were collected on the day that had been arranged – unlike last time!). We will let you know what donation we received from the company, but it does seem to take some time to come through. The next Ragtex collection date will be April 27<sup>th</sup>.

## CHRISTMAS FAIR



A big thank you to everyone who helped with the Christmas fair last weekend. It was a case of all hands on deck, as there was very large number of people who poured into the hall in the first hour. After this, things went a bit quieter, but we still raised just over £1000 from the fair, which is a terrific amount

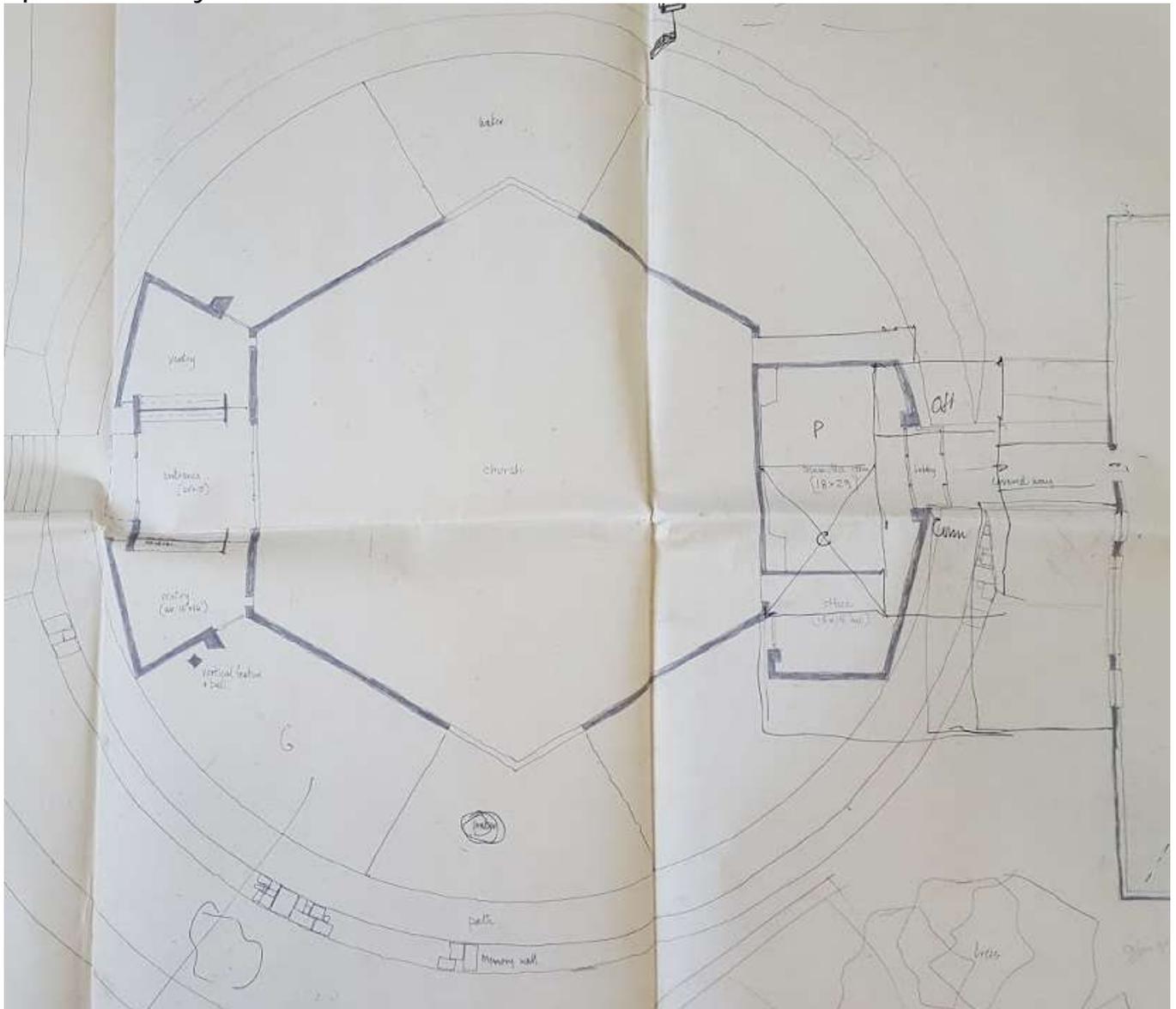
and well within our target! Santa was visited by over 50 children (with additional adults, too, of course) and we delighted that Tom Bayston was able to step, very capably, into David's shoes as Santa. The Christmas Fair relies so much on everyone at St John's to work together as a team and it was a joy to see this working so well once again. Thank you!

## CHRISTINGLE MAKING

Don't forget that we are putting our Christingles on the Saturday before Christmas Day in church at 10:00am – we have 120 to make, so please do come along and lend a hand if you have some time to spare that morning!

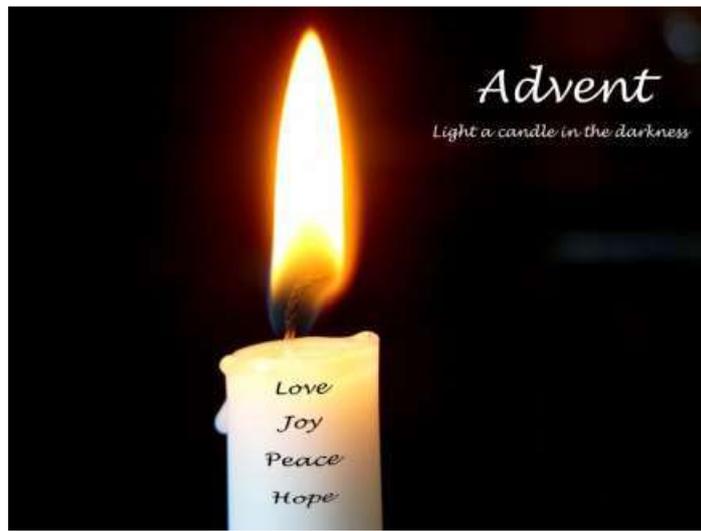
## FROM THE ARCHIVE

The design this week, from the documents we found a few weeks ago, shows a sketchy drawing for the extension between the church and the church hall with some indication as to the purpose of the rooms there. What is perhaps most interesting about this plan is a clear sketch for the Memory Wall to surround the church. The idea was that the wall would be a repository for cremated remains. The inner part of the wall would be accessed by a circular path, and the pools extended out to meet the path. On the left of the design, you will see that the porch area has been adapted to include two vestries, with a proposed design for "vertical feature and bell" alongside the priest's vestry.



And here is the costing for all the work:

1. Increase vestries to required size, also increase entrance + wardrobes for
2. Vertical feature + bell outside priest's vestry
3. Improve landscaping, paths, water etc
4. Committee Room + Office - covered way to hall
5. Lavatories? Improve those in Hall?
6. Total cost £12000 max



## THE LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true:  
To you be praise and glory for ever.  
of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets,  
But in our days you speak through your Son,  
who you have appointed the heir of all things.  
Grant us, your people, to walk in his light,  
that we may be found ready and watching  
when he comes again in glory and judgement;  
for you are our light and salvation.  
**Blessed be God forever.**

*The second Advent Candle is lit in silence, then we say together*

**Lord Jesus, light of the world  
The prophets said you would bring peace  
and save your people in trouble.  
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas  
and show God's love to all the world.**

*We sing*

Come my Lord, my light, my way  
Come my lantern, night and day  
Come my healer, make me whole,  
Come my Saviour, protect my soul.  
Come my King, enter my heart  
Come Prince of Peace and never depart