



Thoughts, notices and reminders
March 25 2018

When our faith
stands at the grave,
Grieving for a stone
that's rolled away,
forgive us.

When our faith,
beset by doubt,
sees no further
than an empty tomb today,
forgive us.

When our faith
is short of understanding
though the truth
is there to see,
forgive us.

Bring to mind
the cry of Mary,
'I have seen the Lord!'
and grant us faith to
believe!

John Birch

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THE PRAYER PAGE

Saint's Day	Prayer in the parish	Prayer in the diocese
Sunday Palm Sunday	The Estate Managers and council workers; postmen and women Residents of: Swaby Close, Tangshan Court, Tetney Close, Thoresway Drive	UN INTERNATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE VICTIMS OF SLAVERY
Monday in Holy Week	Lincoln North Children's Centre; the Women's refuge Residents of: Thurlby Crescent, Torrington Road, Trelawney Crescent, Troutbeck Close	THE GLEN GROUP Fr David Sweeting
Tuesday in Holy Week	Readers, sidespersons, chalice assistants and intercessors Residents of: Waddingworth Grove, Welbourne Gardens, Welland Road, Welton Gardens	THE CHRISM MASS AND RENEWAL OF ORDINATION VOWS IN LINCOLN CATHEDRAL
Wednesday in Holy Week	Mothers' Union; our website Sue Fleshbourne and the members of our branch; Daniel Holt Residents of: Wellingore Road, Wickenby Crescent, Willingham Avenue, Winster Close	GOSBERTON Fr Ian Walters
Thursday Maundy Thursday	Shops and businesses on the estate Residents of: Woodburn Close, Woodburn View, Woodhall Drive	FOR THOSE WHO SERVE OTHERS IN VARIOUS WAYS, SHOWING THEM THE TRANSFORMING LOVE OF JESUS
Friday Good Friday	The library, Sudbrooke Drive Community Centre, and the Ravendale Drive sports field Members of our congregation who live outside the parish	FOR THE SERVICES TAKING PLACE AROUND THE DIOCESE TODAY
Saturday Easter Eve	Local councillors and MPs	FOR GOD'S PEACE FOR ALL WHO WILL SPEND TODAY IN WAITING AND WATCHING

Give thanks for:	Our experience of Holy Week
Special prayers this week for:	Christians persecuted for their faith; Tensions between the UK and Russia
People in need:	Fr John Clark, Gill Clayton-Hewson, Dick Moore, Joan Pratt, Janice Rutherford, Joseph Skehell, Peter Wise
Rest in peace:	Lyla Ayres, Philip Priestley

Coming up this week:

Sunday 25	10:00am 11:30am	Eucharist / blessing of palms at Ermine URC PCC meeting
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	6:00pm	Benediction
Monday 26	12:00pm 7:30pm	Quiet hour in church Eucharist
Tuesday 27	12:00pm 7:30pm	Quiet hour in church Eucharist
Wednesday 28	9:30am 1:00pm 7:30pm	Eucharist with prayer for healing Funeral in church Celtic Mass
Thursday 29	10:00am 8:00pm	Ermine Primary Easter service at the school Eucharist with washing of feet and watch until midnight
Friday 30	10:00am 3:00pm	Ecumenical service at St Johns Solemn liturgy of Good Friday
Saturday 31	9:00pm 7:00pm	Church cleaning and construction of the Easter garden Easter Vigil
Sunday 1	10:00am	Mass of Easter Day

Coming up soon:

Wednesday 4	9:30am 10:30am 10:30am 11:15am 12:00pm	Eucharist Choir practice Ruckland Court Eucharist Ermine House Eucharist Lunch club in the hall
Thursday 5	10:30am	JJs Messy Church in the hall
Sunday 8	10:00am 6:00pm	Family Eucharist Evening prayer service
Wednesday 11	9:30am 10:30am 1:00pm	Eucharist Mothers Union - planning for the summer Eucharist Knit and natter
Friday 13	2:00pm	Women's world day of prayer service at Ermine URC
Sunday 15	10:00am 11:30am 12:00pm 2:30pm	Eucharist Annual Parochial Church Meeting Parish Lunch Ruckland Court Songs of Praise
Wednesday 18	9:30am 10:30am 12:00pm 7:00pm	Eucharist with stations of the resurrection Choir practice Lunch club in the hall Archive meeting
Thursday 19	9:00am 2:45pm 7:00pm	Philippa taking assembly at St Francis school Fr Stephen taking assembly at Ermine Primary Ermine Voices

HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is upon us! Do remember that Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day are days of obligation for all Christians, and that you should make every effort to be in church on those days. However, there is also a lot more going on for you to think about being involved with. Those who follow the whole week find it an inspiring and moving experience, indeed, there is nothing else in the whole liturgical year to match it

– and that is how it should be for we celebrate the greatest event in the history of the world, the death and resurrection of our Lord.

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday are known as the Easter Tridium, the three great days. Christ redeemed us all and gave perfect glory to God principally through his paschal mystery: dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life. Therefore the Easter Tridium of the passion and resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire liturgical year. Whatever you decide to do, remember that the way of the cross calls us to go outside our comfort zone and experience more of Christ's love. Holy Week is a good way to do that.

Here's some information about the individual services during the week:

MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

The sermons for Holy Week will be preached by Fr Stephen, and they form a unity throughout the week. Through the preaching and the readings, we enter into the story of salvation shown through Christ's encounters with others and their reactions to him: Mary, the sister of Martha, Judas, Philip. Through the sacrament, we are united with Christ in his passion and in his journey to the cross and through his presence in us, we are strengthened to take up our own cross and follow him. At the Cathedral in Tuesday morning at 11:00am there is the Chrism Mass, at which the oils to be used for baptism, healing, the last rites and confirmation in the following year are presented and blessed and given to the clergy for use in their parishes. Everyone is welcome to attend this service.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday is named after the great commandment (in Latin Mandatum = Maundy), to love one another as Christ has loved us. At 8:00pm we gather in church to make present the Last Supper, the first institution of the Eucharist and to show the real nature of Christ's (and therefore God's) love for us. 12 representatives of the church will have their feet washed by Fr Stephen to show how Christ's command to wash each other's feet, to serve one another and to love is expressed by the Church in humble service. On this special night, we share the sacrament, and towards the end of the service, the blessed sacrament is placed in monstrance and taken to the Garden of Repose where we are invited to watch and pray with Christ in the garden. We also strip the church bare in preparation for Good Friday. Please stay and watch with Christ a time – you can come and go as you wish – or you can stay until the watch ends with Christ's arrest at midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY

All barriers down, we come to church in the morning to worship with our brothers and sisters from different Christian traditions. At 10:00am we gather with at St John's members for an ecumenical service. At lunchtime, you could join the procession of witness in the centre of town. Our main service is at 3:00pm, the Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday. Here we wait with Christ on the cross in quiet; we hear the story of trial, suffering and crucifixion. We come to the cross as we are.

HOLY SATURDAY – BRING PLANTS AND COMPOST!

A day of waiting and preparation, but a busy one! We gather, as did the first disciples, and we break bread together in a short service at 9:00am and then we come to prepare the church for the proclamation of the resurrection of our Lord. The church is cleaned and decorated. The Easter Garden is prepared. At 7:00pm we join together for the Easter Vigil. The new fire of Easter is lit and the Paschal candle blessed and lit for the first time. We rejoice with the whole church and then listen to the story of salvation through the scriptures, culminating in the resurrection of our Lord in new life, hope and joy. We bless the waters of baptism and renew our own baptismal promises. We rejoice in the first mass of Easter. This service is the true climax of Holy Week

EASTER DAY

And so Holy Week comes to an end and Eastertide is ushered in. We proclaim that Christ is risen, he is risen indeed! We bless the Easter garden and we share in the promise of risen life through word and sacrament. Easter Day will be Fr Ruben's last day in the parish and we will say farewell to him and his family.

CONFESSION

If you would like to make your confession this week, please arrange an appointment with Fr Stephen.

APRIL 8TH EVENING SERVICE

Alison, one of our students, will be leading a service of the Word at 6:00pm on Sunday April 8th. This is the service cancelled because of the snow the other week. Please do come along.

RAGTEX

The next Ragtex collection is on 27th April. Please bring any donations to church after Easter.

Churches Together in Lincoln and District
Good Friday 30th March 2018



Walks of Witness

The Churches Together Walking Cross, representing churches from the four corners of Lincoln will meet at Lincoln Stonebow at approximately 11.50 am

From the North, set off from Bailgate Methodist at 11.30 am

From the South set off from Salvation Army Citadel at 11.30 am

From the East, gather opposite St. Swithin's Church, at 11.45 am

From the West, outside the Friends Meeting House at 11.45 am

and Civic Service

The four groups will meet the Mayor and Civic Party at Lincoln Stonebow. Everyone will then walk to the War Memorial, led by the Salvation Army Band, for a half hour Service beginning at 12 noon.

Hot cross buns and tea are available afterwards at St. Mary le Wigford Church





Holy Week

Sunday 25

Palm Sunday

10:00am Eucharist with
palm blessing

Monday 26,

Tuesday 27

7:30pm Eucharist

Wednesday 28

9:30am Eucharist

7:30pm Celtic Mass

Thursday 29

Maundy Thursday

8:00pm Eucharist

Friday 30

Good Friday

10:00am

Ecumenical service

3:00pm

Solemn liturgy

of Good Friday

Saturday 31

Holy Saturday

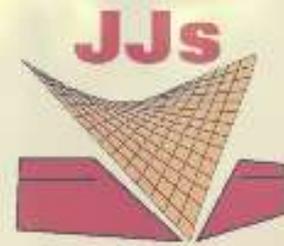
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Easter Vigil

Sunday 1 April

Easter Day

10:00am Eucharist



St John's Juniors @ the Pringle Church

EASTER

CELEBRATION

THURSDAY 5th APRIL

Craft activities at 11.00

Worship and Lunch at 12.15

at St John's Church Hall,
Laughton Way

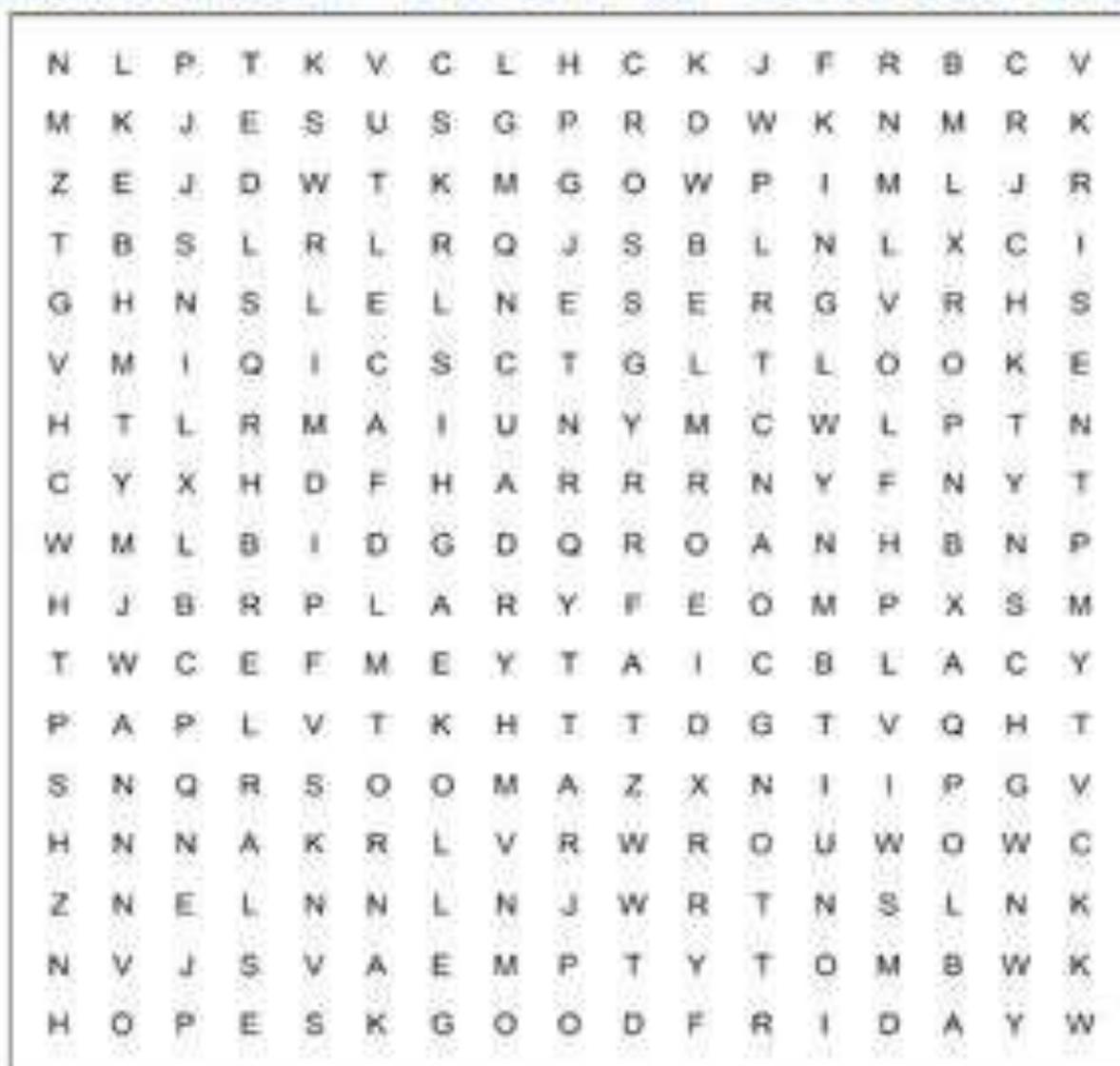
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Jesus sent two disciples into the city to find a donkey for Him to ride. The people were so happy to see Jesus! They waved palm branches and shouted, "HOSANNA!"

Easter Word Search



Angel

Cross

Crown of Thorns

Easter

Empty Tomb

Good Friday

Holy

Hope

Jesus

King

Love

Mary

Messiah

Resurrection

Risen

Sacrifice

Salvation

Sunday

Savior

Third Day





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17 March 2018

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Dear Church Members

Thank you for your generous donation to Baby's Basket, we really appreciate your support. We have helped 50 babies already this year and we couldn't do this without the generosity of all the lovely people who donate things to us.

The blankets are so colourful, we love to be able to choose the one that looks best with the cover of the basket we are packing. The little cardigans and hats are much appreciated and we love the little socks, they're so cute! Thank you for all the toiletries, baby clothes and the changing mats, we will make good use of them all.

We hear of the joy and happy tears of the families who receive help from Baby's Basket, thank you for helping us to meet another request for assistance.

With best wishes

Anne Jones
Trustee of Baby's Basket



EASTER LILLIES



If you would like to order an Easter Lily (or lilies) in remembrance of a departed loved one(s), please complete the slip below and return it to church. Each lily will this year cost £3.50 and they will all be included in the floral displays prepared for Easter Sunday. We will pray by name for each person you wish to be remembered in the prayers at the Eucharists on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of Holy Week.

Please order lily(lilies) in memory of

I enclose £3.50 for each lily ordered.
Cheques payable to "St John the Baptist PCC"



Your name

Please make sure your form is returned to Chris Priestley no later than Palm Sunday