



Thoughts, notices and reminders
July 15 2018

Bidden or not bidden God is present

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THE PRAYER PAGE

Saint's Day	Prayer in the parish	Prayer in the diocese
Sunday Trinity 7	Ermine Community Action Group Residents of: Laughton Way North, Lenton Gardens, Manton Road, Mason Close, Midville Close	FOR ALL THOSE WHO MAKE A STAND AGAINST SIN AND INJUSTICE
Monday St Osmund Bishop of Salisbury	Housebound communicants Residents of: Millbeck Road, Minting Close, Moorby Close, Natal View	THE MEETING OF THE LINCOLN SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. THE WRAGBY GROUP Fr Mark Holden
Tuesday	Health care services; Social Workers Residents of: Nene Road, Nocton Drive, Oxen Park Close, Pietermaritz Street, Pietermaritz View	LAFFORD DEANERY Canon Chris Pennock (Rural Dean)
Wednesday Elizabeth Ferard Deaconess	Work with children and young people on the estate Residents of: Pine Close, Queen Elizabeth Road, Queen Mary Road	THE BILLINGBOROUGH GROUP Fr John Spreadbury
Thursday Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa and his sister Macrina, Teachers	The PCC and Parish officers Phil Betts, Philip Howell, David Fleshbourne, Sue Young, PCC members Residents of: Ravendale Drive, Redbourne Drive, Retief Close, Retief View	THE CARR DYKE GROUP Revd Darlene Weston (OLM)
Friday St Margaret of Antioch Martyr	Community Police and Neighbourhood Watch Helen Kumar, Amanda Allen, Craig Mobbs and Tina Worden Residents of: Ridge View, Riseholme Road, Riverton Close, Riverton View	CHURCH SCHOOLS IN THE LAFFORD DEANERY
Saturday	Rachel Fleshbourne, our parish administrator; Lenton Green and Cathedral View Court Residents of: Rolleston Close, Rothwell Road, Roughton Court, Ruckland Avenue	THE DIGBY GROUP Fr David Woods (Honorary Curate)

Give thanks for:	The Week of Guided Prayer for Uphill Lincoln churches
Special prayers this week for:	The boys and their coach rescued from the cave in Thailand Philippa as she prepares to move on from Lincoln
People in need:	Doug Bradley, Fr John Clark, Gill Clayton-Hewson, Irene Crosby, Dick Moore, Joan Pratt, Kathleen Smith
Rest in peace:	Gerrard

Coming up this week:

Sunday 15	10:00am	Eucharist
Tuesday 17	2:00pm	Fr Stephen giving talk to the Tuesday group

Wednesday 18	9:30am 12:00pm	Eucharist Lunch club in the hall
Thursday 19	10:00am	Ermine Primary Academy end of year service
Friday 20	9:00am	Fr Stephen at Ermine Primary Academy leaver's assembly
Sunday 22	10:00am 12:00pm	Eucharist (Mary Magdalene) Farewell lunch for Philippa

Coming up soon:

Monday 23	7:30pm	St John's Singers
Wednesday 25	9:30am 10:30am 11:00am	Eucharist: Canon Nick Buck or Revd Rachel Beck celebrating Choir practice JJs Messy Church in the hall
Sunday 29	10:00am	Eucharist
Wednesday 1	9:30am 10:30am 11:15am 12:00pm	Eucharist Ruckland Court Eucharist Ermine House Eucharist Lunch club in the hall
Thursday 2	9:00am	Hall committee meeting
Sunday 5	10:00am 12:00pm 3:45pm	Eucharist (Transfiguration) Baptisms Fr Stephen preaching at Lincoln Cathedral
Wednesday 8	9:30am	Eucharist
Thursday 9	2:00pm	Mothers Union Songs of Praise at BGU
Sunday 12	10:00am 2:30pm	Family Eucharist Ruckland Court Songs of Praise
Wednesday 15	9:30am 12:00pm	Eucharist (BVM) Lunch club in the hall
Sunday 19	10:00am	Eucharist
Wednesday 22	9:30am	Eucharist with prayer for healing
Sunday 26	10:00am 12:00pm	Eucharist Baptisms
Wednesday 29	9:30am	Eucharist
Sunday 2	10:00am 12:00pm 5:00pm	Eucharist Baptisms Celtic mass
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AT THE PCC

Last Tuesday's PCC meeting was Fr Stephen's last PCC, and so he shared the chair with Phil Betts, the lay chair, who will lead the PCC in the interregnum.

We talked about the progress that has been made with planning for the interregnum and the transition group feel that an enormous amount of work has been done to

ensure that everything runs smoothly. The next stage is to begin to prepare a parish profile to use to send out to priests who might be interested in applying for the post once it is advertised. However, we can't do this until the Archdeacon has been to talk to the PCC, which will happen in October.

The Bishop of Grantham had sent round a document to parishes outlining where parishes should be in terms of ensuring full compliancy with safeguarding legislation and procedures. The PCC were happy that we had done everything that had been required and that we would be ready for an audit of our safeguarding practice later in the year.

The churchwardens reported on the work carried out to replace the hall door and to tidy up the two old window coverings to the left of the door and on the west side of the hall. At a meeting with the Archdeacon, we had talked about the scheme we had put in place in 2011 for the secondary glazing of the church, a scheme which was turned down by the Diocesan Advisory Committee. The Archdeacon had felt that it would now be looked at favourably if we resubmitted the project and the PCC agreed to begin to look into this again, although we would have to find grant aid in order to afford the work.

We looked at our current finances and noted that, and particularly following the recent bequest, we were in a stronger position than earlier in the year. We felt that it might be possible to pay our share in full this year, but that we would need to keep monitoring this. At the meeting with the Archdeacon it had been suggested that diocesan financial experts could be made available to advise us on the best use of our resources, insurance arrangements, etc, and we felt this would be helpful. At the same meeting he had floated some other ideas about a central insurance arrangement for all churches in the diocese and the possibility of architect's quinquennial reports being done free of charge to parishes. We wanted to support these suggestions, but await further developments.

As this was Philippa's last PCC meeting, the PCC paid tribute to her ministry over the past four years and thanked her for everything she has done and brought to our church and to our community.

If you would like to find out more about the PCC meeting, please ask any PCC member who was present at the meeting: Joy Jillings, Tim Wright, Liz Straw, Tabitha Holt, Jackie Howell, Philippa White, Sue Fleshbourne, Philip Howell, Phil Betts, Fr Stephen.

SUDBROOKE DRIVE TUESDAY CLUB

The club are organising a coach trip to Trentham Gardens and shopping village on Tuesday 7th August, leaving the Sudbrooke Drive community centre at 9:00am. Cost is £20 which includes admission to the Gardens. If you are interested in going, please ring 01522 829293 or 0782 113 4427 for more information.

BOWLING NIGHT

Danny and Tabitha are organising a bowling evening at the Lincoln Bowl on Friday 20th October with a fish and chip supper. Cost for two games and meal will be around £20. If you are interested in going, please sign up at the back of church. These evenings are always great fun and suitable for all ages. For more information please have a word with Danny or Tabitha.

PHILIPPA'S LAST SUNDAY

Incredibly, after four years, 22 July will be Philippa's last Sunday with us. She will be celebrating and preaching and there will be a shared lunch after the service in the hall. Please do make sure you have this date in your diaries, and please do sign up at the back of church so that we know you are coming and what you will be bringing to share! If you have not already made a contribution towards Philippa's leaving present, today is the last day to do this!

WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER

Last week's Week of Guided Prayer saw 20 people from four of the Uphill churches in Lincoln engaging with a new pattern of prayer and an individual daily meeting with a prayer guide. The week, organized and supervised by Fr Stephen in his role as Diocesan Spirituality Adviser, had taken 6 months planning and preparation and involved prayer guides from all over the diocese. Starting with an introductory session at St Giles at which those taking part were introduced to the pattern of prayer for the week and to their individual prayer guides, the week encouraged participants to experience a new way of praying and an opportunity to explore their life and relationship with God with their prayer guides. The week concluded with the whole group coming together at St Giles to celebrate the week with a discussion and a Eucharist. If you would like to find out more about Weeks of Guided Prayer, please do have a word with Fr Stephen at any time.

50th ANNIVERSARY MEMORIES

As well as the fantastic concert with Elizabeth Watts, we also put on a series of other concerts for the anniversary year, including one by Meantime, which again drew a large audience. Here is our report of that concert:

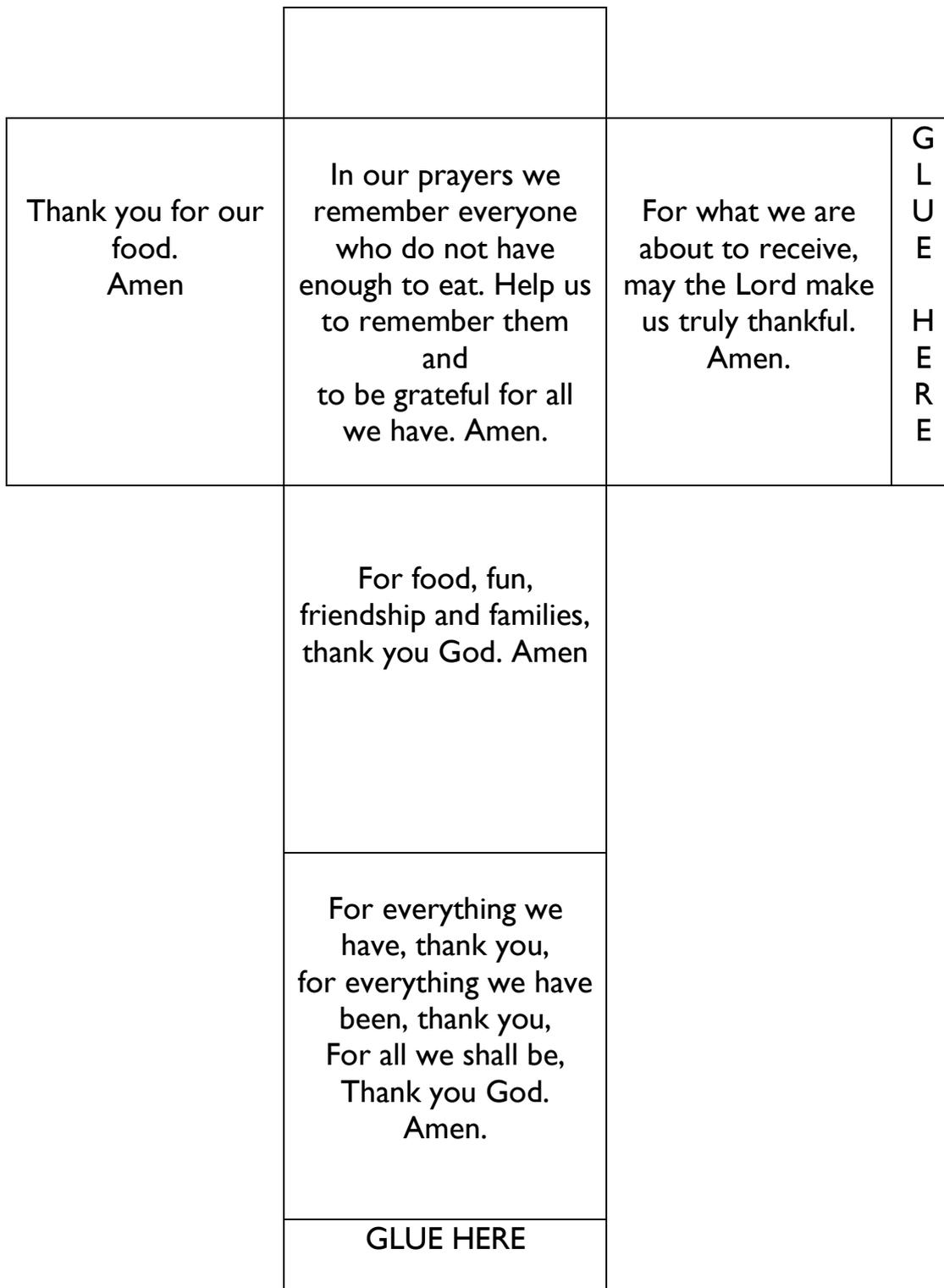
MEANTIME CONCERT August 2nd



Jennifer Cable, David Beaney and Oli Smith during their concert at church on August 2nd. It was a superb concert attended by 60 people, who enjoyed a wide variety of music played on a huge variety of recorders (ranging in size from 10 inches to 5 ft!) and the virginals (the keyboard instrument standing by the altar in the picture). Sadly one of the quartet had broken her leg and so the remaining trio had to alter the programme, but this did not detract from a great evening of exciting music making.



Thank you God for all
the food we have to
eat,
For our friends and for
Our families
Amen



PRAYER DICE

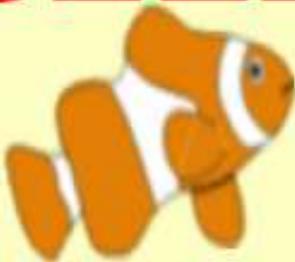
Stuck for a grace at a meal? Why not make a Prayer dice to help you out? All you need to do is to cut out the template above and stick it on some thin card. Glue down the edges and leave to dry. At each meal, roll the dice and pray the grace that comes up top. You could also make your own prayers to put on a dice for other occasions.

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St John's Juniors @ the Pringle Church

SUMMER CELEBRATION

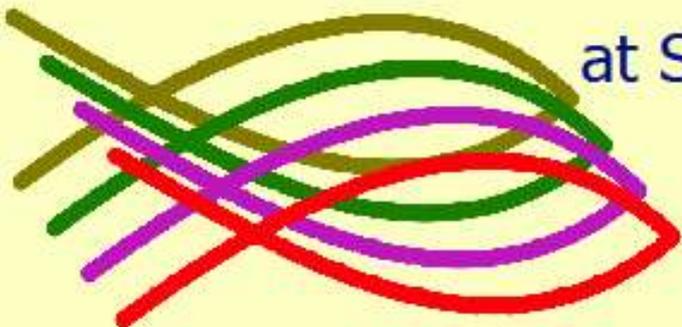


WEDNESDAY 25th JULY

Craft activities at 11.00

Worship and Lunch at 12.15

at St John's Church Hall,
Laughton Way



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