



Thoughts, notices and reminders  
March 3 2019

Forty days alone, a wilderness of thoughts, tempting and inviting thoughts,  
which could so easily have distracted you from your task,  
your mission, your vision.

Yet you emerged, stronger and more attuned to all that had to be done,  
despite a time constraint that to our eyes would have seemed hopeless.  
We too live in stressful times. Demands are made of our time, that leave so  
little for the important things of life.

We are easily distracted in the wilderness of our lives,  
by every call to go this way or that, to turn stone to bread leap from  
mountains, and do all that would keep us from the truth. We listen to the  
voices of this world, and ignore the one who endured all this and so much  
more, and emerged triumphant, that we might not have to suffer so.

Forgive us, Father, when we get distracted from our task.  
Forgive us those times when we try to be all things to all men,  
and fail to be anything to anyone.

John Birch

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

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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>Next before Lent</b>	<b>Our Lady of Lincoln church and school</b> Fr Colin, the clergy and people; the staff, governors and pupils of Our Lady Primary School Residents of: Barkston Gardens, Bassingham Crescent, Bilsby Close, Blankney Crescent	<b>FOR A TRUE VISION OF WHO JESUS REALLY IS, AND A RIGHT UNDERSTANDING OF HIS MISSION AND OURS</b>
Monday	<b>Ermine House</b> Residents of: Brattleby Crescent, Broxholme Gardens, Buchanan Street, Burnside Close	<b>THE ELLOE WEST DEANERY</b>
Tuesday	<b>Our parish visitors</b> Residents of: Burwell Close, Cabourne Avenue, Carlton Grove, Carlton Walk	<b>THE PARISHES OF ELLOE STONE</b> Fr Gareth Atha
Wednesday <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>Flower arrangers, Community Larder</b> Residents of: Chatterton Avenue, Clarendon Gardens, Clarendon View, David Avenue,	<b>CHURCH SCHOOLS IN THE ELLOE EAST DEANERY</b>
Thursday <b>Sts Perpetua and Felicity</b> Martyrs	<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	<b>THE ELLOE FEN GROUP</b> Fr Mike Ongyerth
Friday <b>Edward King</b> Bishop of Lincoln	<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>RETIRED CLERGY</b>
Saturday	<b>Our charity for this year</b> Macmillan Cancer Support Residents of: Flavian Road, Fiskerton Drive, Garfield Close, Garfield View, Gayton Close	<b>HOLBEACH</b> Revd Rosamund Seal

<b>Give thanks for:</b>	Our parish and people;
<b>Special prayers this week for:</b>	Our own journeys through Lent;
<b>People in need:</b>	Vicki Barnes, Fr John Clark, Irene Crosby, Elaine Dray, Dick Moore, Jan Hunter, Janet Seddon, Kathleen Smith, Ruth Spreadbury, Monica Wooster
<b>Rest in peace:</b>	David Petchey

**THE PRAYER PAGE (week of 10 March)**

<b>Saint's Day</b>	<b>Prayer in the parish</b>	<b>Prayer in the diocese</b>
Sunday <b>Lent 1</b>	<b>Bishop Grosseteste University</b> Staff and students Residents of: Glynn Road, Glynn View, Greenholme Close, Greyling Close	<b>FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISHES AND FOR A HOLY LENT</b>
Monday	<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>LONG SUTTON W. LUTTON, GEDNEY DROVE END, AND DAWSMERE</b> Fr Jonathan Sibley
Tuesday	<b>Ermine Primary Academy</b> <b>Jenna Richards (acting head), staff, pupils and governors</b> Residents of: Harpswell Road, Hatcliffe Gardens, Hawkshead Grove, Haydor Avenue	<b>THE LICENSING OF THE REVD CHRISTINE GOLDSMITH AS RECTOR OF LEADENHAM PLURALITY</b>
Wednesday	<b>Ermine Music</b> <b>Wil Jones, musical director of Ermine Music</b> Residents of: Ingleby Crescent, Jesmond View, Keddington Avenue, Kershaw View	<b>COWBIT W. WESTON</b>
Thursday	<b>Ruckland Court; Lincoln Cathedral Quarry workers</b> Residents of: Langdale Close, Langton Close, Laughton Crescent, Laughton Way	<b>MEETING OF THE BISHOP'S COUNCIL OF DIOCESAN TRUSTEES</b>
Friday	<b>Ermine Community Action Group</b> Residents of: Laughton Way North, Lenton Gardens, Manton Road, Mason Close, Midville Close	<b>VOLUNTEERS</b>
Saturday	<b>Housebound communicants</b> Residents of: Millbeck Road, Minting Close, Moorby Close, Natal View	<b>CROWLAND</b> Fr Charles Brown

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE BULLETIN NEXT WEEK.  
THE NEXT BULLETIN WILL BE ON SUNDAY 17 MARCH**

**Coming up this week:**

Sunday 3	10:00am 12:00pm	Eucharist Baptisms
Wednesday 6	9:30am 10:30am 10:30am	Eucharist with ashing Choir practice Ruckland Court Eucharist

	11:15am 12:00pm 7:00pm	Ermine House Eucharist Lunch club in the hall Eucharist with ashing
Thursday 7	7:00pm	Ermine Voices
Sunday 10	10:00am 2:30pm	Family Eucharist Ruckland Court Songs of Praise

### Coming up soon:

Wednesday 13	9:30am 10:30am	Eucharist Mothers Union – Phil Betts
Sunday 17	10:00am	Eucharist
Monday 18	7:30pm	St John's Singers
Wednesday 20	9:30am 10:30am 12:00pm	Eucharist Choir practice Lunch club in the hall
Sunday 23	10:00am 11:30am 12:00pm	Eucharist Annual Parochial Church Meeting Parish Lunch
Wednesday 27	9:30am	Eucharist with prayer for healing
Thursday 28	7:00pm	Ermine voices
Sunday 31	10:00am	Eucharist
Wednesday 3	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 4	7:00pm	Ermine Voices
Sunday 7	10:00am	Eucharist
Wednesday 10	9:30am 10:30am	Eucharist Mothers Union
Sunday 14	10:00am 2:30pm	Family Eucharist / blessing of palms at St Johns Ruckland Court Songs of Praise

### NEW PRIEST

You will be pleased to know that our Parish Profile (advert for new priest) will be posted on the Pathways website next week. We will be interviewing for a new priest on 03 May 2019.

Before then, we hope to arrange an opportunity for the congregation to meet the prospective candidates.

There is finally a light at the end of the tunnel..

### 22<sup>ND</sup> LINCOLN BROWNIES

We are seeking new members for the 22nd Lincoln Brownie group who meet weekly (term-time only) in St John's Church Hall. If you know of any girls aged between 7-10 who may be interested in joining Guiding, please ask their parents/carers to go to the following link <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/>

## **TREASURER REQUIRED**

Are you, or do you know someone who could, assist the church with their accounts? We need a person who is comfortable using a computer, has the ability to work accurately meeting strict deadlines and can work on their own whilst keeping the incumbent/church wardens updated with the financial status of the church.

They will be required to;

- run a monthly payroll of four employees using the Basic PAYE Tool package provided by HMRC
- Send the FPS and make payment to HMRC each month
- create payslips each month
- pay employees and ad hoc invoices
- ensure that monies received on a weekly basis are recorded and banked
- advise the Gift Aid recorder of payments received through the bank on a quarterly basis
- ensure that sufficient monies are in the bank to meet any expected payments
- monitor the treasurer email inbox
- liaise and work with the assistant responsible for updating the Sage accounts package

This is expected to take 10 hours a month.

For further information please speak to Liz Straw.

## **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

Following the APCM on Sunday 23 March there will be a parish lunch in the church hall. If you would like to attend the lunch please add your name to the list at the back of church. Please note for the lunch to go ahead there will need to be at least 20 people attending. The cost of the lunch will be £4.

## **CHURCH TIMES**

St Johns church has recently appeared in the February addition of the Church times. A link to the article on line is here: <https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2019/8-february/features/features/faith-bricks-mortar-and-reinforced-concrete>. A copy of the article can be seen at the back of church.

The comments from the article about St Johns:

'If that sounds happily ordinary, the part played by St John the Baptist, on the Ermine Estate, in Lincoln, is exceptional. The combined Anglican church and community centre were the first public buildings opened on the estate in 1956, and the church became, in the words of a local historian, "an essential agent in the fostering of a sense of identity" among new residents.

One means was a newsletter, the *Ermine News*, published monthly from 1957 to 1965. As well as regular articles on Christian faith and church activities, the journal is notable for its coverage and support of the estate's wider community life: a ladies' darts team, football teams, the Evergreen Club for older residents, youth groups, fêtes, beauty contests, dances, flower shows, and so on. The population of the estate stood at 10,000 in 1963, when just 160 families were recorded as regular churchgoers, but the part played by the church, centre-stage in this vibrant social scene, is striking.

A new, permanent church was completed on the estate in 1963. It was planned as a "tent of meeting" rather than a "static temple", and was described in the *Church Times* as "Britain's most modern church". For the Vicar who commissioned it, the Revd John Hodgkinson, "the emphasis was very much on church as people rather than a building," though it was, as it happens, a beautiful and remarkable building: it had an innovative modernist design, and is now Grade II\* listed.'

## A CHARITY FOR 2019

We have now completed the first round of voting for our charity for this year. Here are the results:

British heart foundation	6
British red cross	10
CANadda	7
Smalls for all	7
Nomad Trust	11
Aquabox	11
Macmillan nurses	11

Many thanks to everyone who voted and for all your nominations. As you can see the charities going forward to the final vote are:

Macmillan, Aquabox and Nomad Trust

In the next round of voting please use the form below to rank your first, second and third choices. In the event of a tie, the charity that has the most number of first choices will win.

**A** CHARITY FOR 2019 VOTING FORM

Please rank the charities with a 1,2, 3 – 1 being your first choice, 2 your second choice, and 3 your third choice. You can put your form in the basket at the back of church. All forms to be in by the **13 March**. Please note that only one voting form per person is allowed.

CHARITY	Please rank the charities with a 1,2, 3 – 1 being your first choice, 2 your second choice, and 3 your third choice.
Macmillan	
Aquabox	
Nomad Trust	

Your name

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Please put this form in the basket at the back of church no later than **March 13**

Thank you.



Friday 15 February 2019

**Thank you for showing children they're not alone.**

Thank you so much for your gift of **£65.42** raised at your special 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Christingle service. It's thanks to dedicated supporters like you, that the money raised at Christingles over the last 50 years has helped over one million children in this country who felt scared, unloved and unable to cope.

The funds **St John the Baptist Church, Ermine, Lincoln** have raised will be absolutely vital in ensuring that vulnerable children receive the support they so urgently need. You and everyone involved in your Christingle are making a real difference to children's lives. As a sign of our appreciation, we have created a thank you poster to let your congregation know how much money was raised at your celebration. You can download or order a copy by visiting [childrenssociety.org.uk/christingle-poster](http://childrenssociety.org.uk/christingle-poster)

Did you know that you can also access a host of resources to help you support young people who may face multiple issues in your community? We can also come to your church and deliver a talk to help your congregation better understand some of the complex issues young people face. Visit [childrenssociety.org.uk/church](http://childrenssociety.org.uk/church) if you'd like to find out more.

Thank you once again for helping to make sure that children in this country can look forward to a brighter future.

Yours sincerely,



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