



Week beginning 12th December 2021
Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday

St John the Baptist Church is an inclusive church.

Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.



Post Communion

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

This Sunday

Zephaniah 3: 14 – end
Canticle: Isaiah 12: 2 – end
Philippians 4: 4 – 7
Luke 3: 7 - 18

Next Sunday

Micah 5: 2 – 5a
Canticle: Magnificat
Hebrews 10: 5 – 10
Luke 1: 39 - 55

In church this week:

Sunday 12 th December ADVENT III	10.00	Parish Eucharist
Monday to Thursday	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
Monday	4 – 8pm	Night Light Café
Tuesday	9.00 am 9.30 am 10.15am 8.00 pm	Morning Prayer Eucharist Crafty Coffee Morning Compline for Advent on Zoom (see below for details).
Sunday 12 th ADVENT IV	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist

Recycling

Bring your **empty crisp packets** to church. We'll collect them and then pass them on so they can be recycled. Empty **toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes and toothbrush heads** can be recycled too.



Free Tea Friday!

Free Tea Friday is back! Every Friday 3.30 – 5 pm in the church hall. We are exploring some of the ways Jesus described himself. So far we have looked at 'The Light of the World', 'The bread of Life', 'The Good Shepherd', 'The Gate to the sheepfold', 'The Way, The Truth and The Life' and 'The True Vine'. Please keep FTF in your prayers and if you'd like to volunteer, let Revd Rachel know.

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

Lunch Club

If you'd like to come along or you know someone who you think would enjoy an opportunity to get out and meet some people, tell them to get in touch with Sue Fleshbourne or phone Revd Rachel on 07813617977. The next Lunch Club will be Wednesday 15th December at 12.00 midday. £5.00 per head as it's the Christmas Dinner.



Crafty Coffee 10 – 11.30 am every Tuesday after the weekday Eucharist in church. Bring your knitting, crochet, cross-stich, colouring or just yourself.



Cosy Candlelit at Home for Advent

Topic: Cosy Candlelit Compline at Home

8 pm on Tuesday 14th December

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75647279453?pwd=anZVVGpSaldHY0laY090M0w0a3Bydz09>

Meeting ID: 756 4727 9453

Passcode: 5eKCfb

PRAYER THIS WEEK

Saint's Day	In the parishes	In diocese and wider Anglican Communion
<p>Sunday 12th December ADVENT III</p>	<p>St Giles Methodist Church (minister, members and mission) The Eden Team Ermine Primary Academy Andrea Norman (principal), staff, pupils and governors Residents of: Harpswell Road, Hatcliffe Gardens, Hawkshead Grove, Haydor Avenue Chaucer Drive, Austen Walk</p>	<p>John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Luke 3: 16</p> <p><i>The Anglican Church of Canada</i></p>
<p>Monday</p> <p>Lucy, martyr, 304</p> <p>Samuel Johnson, moralist, 1784</p>	<p>St Giles Academy and St Giles Nursery (staff, pupils and their families) Ermine Music Annie Griffin, musical director of Ermine Music Residents of: Ingleby Crescent, Jesmond View, Keddington Avenue, Kershaw View Addison Drive, Burns Gardens, Scott Gardens</p>	<p>The Environment Panel – Revd Annabel Barber</p> <p>Please pray for the Deanery Environmental Champions as they seek to find ways for churches to reduce their carbon footprint and engage with their communities in caring for all that God has created.</p> <p><i>The Diocese of Ijumu – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Lokoja Province)</i></p>
<p>Tuesday</p> <p>John of the Cross, poet, teacher of the faith, 1591</p>	<p>Lincoln Christ Hospital School, headteacher, staff, pupils and their families. Children 1st Nursery Ruckland Court; Tamar House Residents of: Langdale Close, Langton Close, Laughton Crescent, Laughton Way Ruskin Avenue and Green, Carlyle Walk</p>	<p>The Anna Chaplaincy – Revd Sara Davies</p> <p>Anna Chaplaincy supports our Ministry with Older people, recognising the wisdom of older age and the ongoing need for spiritual support as we all mature. Pray that Anna Chaplains and Anna Friends will come forward for these important roles.</p> <p><i>The Diocese of Ikara – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Kaduna Province)</i></p>
<p>Wednesday</p>	<p>The Nettleham Fields Shopping Centre: customers, staff and suppliers of the shops,</p>	<p>The Deanery of Elloe West – Rural Dean: Revd Michael Howard , Lay Chair: Mrs Sue Slater</p> <p>Pray for the discussions across the Deanery about Resourcing Sustainable Church, that all will go well as we seek to adapt and change.</p>

	<p>supermarkets, and fast-food outlets.</p> <p>Lincoln Neighbourhoods Together Network (Ermine Community Action Group)</p> <p>Residents of: Laughton Way North, Lenton Gardens, Manton Road, Mason Close, Midville Close, Wolsey Way, Marigold Close, Lupin Road</p>	<p><i>The Diocese of Ikeduru – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Owerri Province)</i></p>
Thursday	<p>Local PC and PCSO's Woodrush Road, Pennycress Close, Housebound communicants</p> <p>Residents of: Millbeck Road, Minting Close, Moorby Close, Natal View, Thistle Close, Aster Close</p>	<p>Church Schools in the Deanery of Elloe West</p> <p>Baston, Cowbit St Mary`s, Market Deeping William Hildyard, Pinchbeck East, Spalding Parish, Spalding St John the Baptist,</p> <p>West Pinchbeck, Weston Hills, Weston St Mary</p> <p><i>The Diocese of Ikka – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Bendel Province)</i></p>
Friday	<p>Jubilee Halls and their use for mission; the Community Garden Project</p> <p>Health care services; Social Workers</p> <p>Residents of: Nene Road, Nocton Drive, Oxen Park Close, Pietermaritz Street, Pietermaritz View, Azalea Road, Blackthorn Close</p>	<p>Cowbit – Revd Charles Brown</p> <p>Pray for the connections we will make and relationships we can build at our Christmas services</p> <p><i>The Diocese of Ikwerre – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Niger Delta Province)</i></p>
<p>Friday</p> <p>O Sapientia</p> <p>Eglantyne Jebb, social reformer, founder of 'Save the Children' 1928</p>	<p>The work of St Giles Parochial Church Council</p> <p>Work with children and young people in the parish, Holiday Club and Free Tea Friday</p> <p>Residents of: Pine Close, Queen Elizabeth Road, Queen Mary Road, Bellflower Close, Chatsworth Close, Arabis Close</p>	<p>Crowland – Revd Charles Brown</p> <p>Pray for our partnership with the Methodist Church, instrumental in setting up and running Messy Church, The Crowland Larder and our Adult Explorers Group</p> <p><i>The Diocese of Ikwo – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Enugu Province)</i></p>

Give thanks for:	Booster jab roll out
Special prayers this week for:	People working to overcome addiction - addicts themselves and the individuals and agencies who are supporting them.
People in need:	Dave Notman, Dawn Wise, Laura Nuttall, Janet Howsam, Rosemary Rudeforth.
Rest in peace:	Pat Taylor

Christmas at St John's



19th December 4 pm

Carols by Candlelight

with *The Quartet*

followed by mulled wine and mince pies



22nd December 4 pm

Pop-up Nativity

Come in a costume, be your favourite character from the Christmas story, human, animal, angelic or celestial.



24th December 4 pm

Christingle

A traditional service for children with a collection for *The Children's Society*



25th December 10 am

First Eucharist of Christmas

