



Week beginning 19th December 2021
Fourth Sunday of Advent

St John the Baptist Church is an inclusive church.

Collect

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.



Post Communion

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

<p>This Sunday Micah 5: 2 – 5a <i>Canticle:</i> Magnificat Hebrews 10: 5 – 10 Luke 1: 39 - 55</p>	<p>Christmas Day Isaiah 52: 7 – 10 Psalm 98 Hebrews 1: 1 – 4 [5 – 12] John 1: 1 – 14</p>	<p>Next Sunday St Stephen Acts 7: 51 – end Psalm 119: 161 – 168 Galatians 2: 16b – 20 Matthew 10: 17 – 22</p>
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In church this week:

Sunday 19 th December ADVENT IV	10.00 am 4.00 pm	Parish Eucharist Carol Service with the Quartet
Monday to Thursday	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
Monday 20 th	4 – 8pm	Night Light Café
Tuesday 21 st	9.00 am 9.30 am 10.15am	Morning Prayer Eucharist Crafty Coffee Morning
Wednesday 22 nd	4.00pm	Pop-up Nativity
Friday 24 th CHRISTMAS EVE	4.00 pm	Christingle Service
Saturday 25 th CHRISTMAS DAY	10.00 am	First Eucharist of Christmas
Sunday 26 th ST STEPHEN	10.00 am	Parsh 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!

We've had a great time. Thank you to everyone who has made it possible especially Sue Fleshbourne who is Queen of the Kitchen and Revd Michelle who keeps coming up with these amazing creative ideas. Holiday Club is back with 100 children receiving craft packs from across the two parishes of St Giles and St John's. Please keep the families and young people in your prayers.

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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. It takes place on the first and third Wednesday of every month.



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



There will be no coffee morning on 4th January.

PRAYER THIS WEEK

Saint's Day	In the parishes	In diocese and wider Anglican Communion
Sunday 19 th December ADVENT IV	The outworking of our vision for the parish. The PCC and Parish officers Philip Howell, Jessica Bayston, PCC members Residents of: Ravendale Drive, Redbourne Drive, Retief Close, Retief View Alexander Road, Sanderson Road, Lexington Road	When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Luke 1: 41 <i>The Church of the Province of Central Africa</i>
Monday	Community Police and Neighbourhood Watch Helen Kumar, Amanda Allen, Craig Mobbs and Tina Worden Residents of: Ridge View, Riseholme Road, Riverton Close, Riverton View Gibson Road, Harland Road	Deeping St James – Revd Mark Williams We are ordinary people who seek to follow Jesus Christ in whom we find meaning and purpose to our lives, and we seek to serve our community in his name. Pray for the people of the community we will meet at our Christmas Services <i>The Diocese of Ikwuano – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Aba Province)</i>

<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>Our ministry team of clergy, Readers and ALM and for all who share in ministry in the parish Lenton Green and Cathedral View Court Residents of: Rolleston Close, Rothwell Road, Roughton Court, Ruckland Avenue Windermere Road, Hurstwood Close, Marlborough Close, Westholm Close</p>	<p>The Glen Group – Revd David Sweeting Pray for the people who will join us for our Christmas Celebrations in all our Churches this weekend, that they will catch a glimpse of the love God has for them. <i>The Diocese of Ilaje – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Ondo Province)</i></p>
<p>Wednesday</p>	<p>Our worship and prayer life Lincoln Castle Academy, all students and staff ; Yarborough Leisure Centre and the Sports Hub Residents of: Rusland Close, Rushlip Close, Sanders Close, Sanders View Larkspur Road, Chedworth Road and Chedworth Close</p>	<p>Gosberton Gosberton Clough and Quadring – In Vacancy Pray for our congregations still adjusting to life in vacancy as we approach our first Christmas, giving thanks for everyone who is helping us to look forward with hope. <i>The Diocese of Ile - Oluji – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Ondo Province)</i></p>
<p>Thursday</p>	<p>St Barnabas Hospice patients, staff and volunteers Musicians, singers, vergers and servers Residents of: Scopwick Place, Searby Road, Sedgebrook Close, Stainton Gardens Beaufort Road and Close, Thurlow Court</p>	<p>Market Deeping – Revd George Holding As we move into a new year, pray for the outworking of our new Mission Action Plan arising out of our Vision Statement: Reaching out in love, growing in faith, welcoming all. <i>The Diocese of Ilesa – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Ibadan Province)</i></p>
<p>Friday</p> <p>CHRISTMAS EVE</p>	<p>The witness of church members in daily life United Reformed Church The elders and people of the church Residents of: Stapleford Avenue, Steeping Court, Sturton Close, Sudbrooke Drive Swayne Close, Atwater Grove, Atwater Close and Atwater Court</p>	<p>God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he promised; before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. Acts 13: 23 – 24 <i>The Diocese of Ilesa South West – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Ibadan Province)</i></p>
<p>Saturday</p> <p>CHRISTMAS DAY</p>	<p>Christian mission worldwide The Estate Managers and council workers; postal workers. Residents of: Swaby Close, Tangshan Court, Tetney Close, Thoresway Drive Lilford Road and Lilford Close, Fawsley Close</p>	<p>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. John 1: 12 – 13 <i>The Diocese of North East India – The (united) Church of North India</i></p>

Give thanks for:	Christmas Holiday Club and Free Tea Friday and the growing number of children and parents who think of it as their church.
Special prayers this week for:	Everyone impacted by the increasing infection rate of COVID
People in need:	Dave Notman, Dawn Wise, Laura Nuttall, Janet Howsam, Rosemary Rudeforth.
Rest in peace:	Pat Taylor

Details of the Live Webcast of Pat Taylor's Funeral

Many of you will remember Pat Taylor, a member of this congregation for a number of years. The funeral will take place in Yeovil Crematorium on Tuesday 21st December at 1.20pm. If you would like to watch the live webcast, details are available on request. Speak to Liz Straw or Revd Rachel for further information.

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

