

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Ermine, Lincoln

Thoughts, notices and reminders

7 February 2010

When we pray "hallowed be your Name,"
we are asking God to let all humanity
discover his true identity and recognize God as their *Abba*.

We pray that all may see God
as a Source of trust and love.

Through this prayer we express the desire
that the new relationship with God into which we have
entered by the coming of Christ and the gift of the Spirit
may be broadened to include all creation.

At the same time, we understand that this sanctification of
God's Name takes place through our existence.

We ask God to make use of our lives
to communicate his true identity.
We ask God to enable us to be beings
who are truly in the divine image,
who faithfully transmit something of who God is.

From "Praying the Our Father today" by Brother John of Taizé

**Please remember that Fr. Stephen is on extended study leave
until the end of March and will not be available until then.**

**Any items for this weekly sheet should be received
by Daniel Holt no later than Wednesday evening
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THE PRAYER PAGE

Saint's Day	Prayer in the parish	Prayer in the diocese
Sunday 2 BEFORE LENT	Staff and users of the church hall Peter Wain, Olive Musson, Liz Straw, the hall committee and all hall users Residents of: Dunholme Court, Dunston Close, Edendale Gardens, Edendale View	Poverty Action Sunday The Church of the Province of Central Africa
Monday	Guides and Brownies Residents of: Edlington Close, Epworth View, Ermine Close, Escombe View	The Corringham and Blyton Group Blyton, Pilham, Laughton Revd Chris Green
Tuesday	Our charity for this year St Anne's hospital in Liuli Residents of: Fiskerton Drive, Garfield Close, Garfield View, Gayton Close	Team Parish of Gainsborough and Morton Revd Canon Nick Thornley Revd Frances Jeffries
Wednesday	Bishop Grossteste College Dr Muriel Robinson (principal), Carolyn James (chaplain), staff and students Residents of: Glynn Road, Glynn View, Greenholme Close, Greyling Close	Retired Clergy in Corringham Deanery Revd Robert Bell, Revd Neil Brunning, Revd Michael Hardy, Revd Eric Thompson.
Thursday	St Francis School; Enterprise House Ann Hoffmann (head), staff, pupils and governors Residents of: Greyling View, Hackthorn Place, Hardwick Place, Harmston Close	The United Saxilby and Stow Groups Their Ministry Team
Friday	Ermine Primary School Sam Stewart (head), staff, pupils and governors Residents of: Harpwell Road, Hatcliffe Gardens, Hawkshead Grove, Haydor Avenue	The Blyton and Glentworth Group Revd Mary Dawson
Saturday	Ermine West Methodist Church Revd Jo Lightowler Residents of: Ingleby Crescent, Jesmond View, Keddington Avenue, Kershaw View	The Lea Group Marion, Lea, Upton, Knaith, Gate Burton, Heapham Revd Phillip Wain

Give thanks for:	Our Churchwardens Sue and Peter and their families who support them in their ministry here.
Special prayers this week for:	The rescue and relief work in Haiti. Those preparing to be our Lent course speakers.
People in need:	Alan Bray, Paul Cartwright, Emma Evans, Ann Gray, Colin Gray, Jan Hunter, June Marshall, Elizabeth Nixon, Joe Siddall
Rest in peace:	Charlotte Baker.

Coming up this week:

Sunday 7 Mass setting: Murray	10:00am 12:00pm 6:00pm	Eucharist: Melanie celebrating Baptisms Prayer for healing
Monday 8	7:15pm 1.00pm	Diocesan youth training event Melanie Jackson at Ermine Primary School
Wednesday 10	9:30am 10:00am 7:30pm	Eucharist: Fr John celebrating Coffee morning Choir practice
Thursday 11	2:00pm 7:00pm	Mothers Union . The senses, Revd. Sue Bradley. Craft and chatter, Mary and Martha Room
Friday 12	6:00pm	Pathfinders
Sunday 14 Mass setting: Murray	10:00am 5:15pm 6:00pm	Family Eucharist: Fr John celebrating Rosary prayer group Benediction: Melanie

Coming up soon:

Tuesday 16	7:00pm	Pancake party and beetle drive
Wednesday 17 Mass setting: Archer	9:30am 10:30am 12:00pm 7:30pm	Eucharist with ashing: Melanie celebrating Ermine House Eucharist Lunch club in the hall Eucharist with ashing: Melanie celebrating
Thursday 18	1:30pm 7:30pm	Bingo and coffee in the church hall St Johns Singers
Friday 19	6:00pm 7:00pm	Pathfinders Eucharist: Fr John
Sunday 21 Mass setting: Archer	10:00am	Eucharist: Fr Mark Hocknull celebrating
Monday 22	7:30pm	Lent course: Revd Sally Myers on the passion according to Matthew
Tuesday 23	7:00pm	Stations of the cross
Wednesday 24	9:30am	Eucharist : Fr Jeff Heskins celebrating
Thursday 25	11.30am	Nettleham School group in church
Friday 26	6:00pm	Pathfinders
Saturday 27	All day 10am -1	Diocesan youth training event Traidcraft Coffee Morning
Sunday 28 Mass setting: Archer	10:00am	Eucharist: Fr Andrew Vaughan celebrating
Monday 2	7:30pm	Lent course: Canon Ian Silk on the passion according to Mark
Wednesday 3	9:30am 10:30am	Eucharist: Melanie celebrating Ruckland Court Eucharist All contributions for the annual report due in by today
Thursday 4	12:00pm	Lunch club in the hall
Friday 5	2:30pm 6:00pm 7:00pm	Women's world day of prayer at Our Lady of Lincoln: Sue Brennan preaching Pathfinders Eucharist with Stations of the Cross: Melanie celebrating

PANCAKE PARTY AND BEETLE DRIVE



Tuesday February 16th
7:00pm
In the church hall

£2.00 adults £1.00 children

Traidcraft Fortnight



Coffee Morning on
Saturday 27 February in Church
10am to 1pm - including a
Traidcraft stall, cakes and a raffle
for a traidcraft hamper.

PALM CROSSES

Please remember to return your Palm crosses to church in the next couple of weeks so that we can create the ashes for Ash Wednesday. There is a basket on the table at the back of church for you to put them in.

ANNUAL REPORT

If you need to write a contribution to the annual report, please do try to get it done as soon as possible. All contributions need to be with Daniel Holt no later than Wednesday 3rd March. It would be most helpful if contributions could be emailed to him (webmaster@stjohnthebaptistparishchurch.org.uk) but typed or handwritten reports can be left in the post box under "H". Many thanks

RECYCLING: REQUEST FOR CRAFT ITEMS

Following the first Craft and Chatter meeting, we're looking items that can be used in our crafts for fundraising. Please could you donate any of the following items that you don't need: ribbon (short or long lengths), cellophanes from greetings cards, coloured tissue paper, pretty boxes (eg toiletries boxes with printed patterns - these will be cut up), baskets or other gift boxes that can be re-filled or re-covered, cardboard tubes from kitchen rolls, and used birthday cards. We would also like any small cardboard boxes with lids (the sort jewellery comes in) and any of the tiny glass jars with lids that hotels/b&b's use for marmalade and jam.

ROTAS

If you find that you are unable to carry out your slot on a rota, please could you arrange a swap with someone else or if that's not possible, let the relevant person know. This will help all of us to work together in the way that Fr Stephen would wish us to do during his sabbatical time. Thank you.

ST FRANCIS SCHOOL

Last week I visited St Francis school during their morning assembly to talk about 'Hope'. We remembered how important hope is in all our lives, and I was particularly pleased to be able to thank Alex and Alexander from the Post 16 class for their help in bringing hope to members of our community by helping at the new lunch club. Not only do people go along hoping for a good dinner... which I know they receive! But they also hope to enjoy fun and fellowship, to meet existing friends and to make new ones. I know that these young people, along with Gabrielle who worked with them, are extremely pleased to be part of the lunch club team for the new Wednesday lunch club. Melanie Jackson

A message from Fr. Stephen

Lent is a very special time of preparation for the great celebrations of Holy Week and Easter. It is a time to reflect, to pray and to join with others as we meditate on the time Jesus spent in the wilderness and as he sets his face towards Jerusalem and the cross. These weeks of preparation challenge us to re-examine our own lives in the shadow of the cross, which, as we approach Holy Week, stretches out ever closer towards us.

Lent is also a time of personal discipline when Christians traditionally give something up or take something extra on. For some, it is a good time to go to confession, and I would encourage you to think seriously about this possibility for yourself. Please speak to me if you want to know more or to arrange an appointment.

You might decide to take on some reading or study using some of the many excellent Lent books now available. You might decide to attend morning or evening prayer in church on a regular basis, or to join us in church for the Stations of the Cross. You might decide to do something about your waistline! You might decide to attend our Lent course. Whatever you do, it is vital that it is done with the aim of renewing your experience of faith, your prayer and your relationship with God.

As we come to Holy Week itself, we will be celebrating the Eucharist daily throughout the week. The week will culminate in the great days of the Passion and Easter. Maundy Thursday, when we remember the last supper, the example of Jesus the servant washing the feet of his disciples; Good Friday when we are faced with the stark horror of the crucifixion in the solemn liturgy of the day; in the ancient and glorious rites of the Easter Vigil when we kindle the new light of Christ and celebrate the resurrection in all its glory.

The experience of Holy Week is one that has to be lived through for it to make its full impact on our lives. Simply coming to church on Palm Sunday and Easter Day, going from the triumphal entry to Jerusalem straight to the resurrection, misses out on some of the greatest liturgical experiences the church has to offer and on an opportunity to meet with the crucified, risen Lord, renewed, refreshed and drenched in his love as He shows it to us on the cross. I look forward to sharing in this holy time with you all when I return from my study leave.

The Passions of Christ

Leaflets with details of the forthcoming Lent Talks at St John's are now available. Please take one for your own reference, or to pass on to a friend.

We are delighted to welcome a very distinguished set of speakers for our Lent talks at St Johns. Each speaker has been asked to reflect on one of the four accounts we have in the gospels of the passion of our Lord. I am sure we will find much both of interest and to encourage and inspire us on our own spiritual journeys. The talks start at 7:30pm and will last around 40 minutes. Refreshments will be provided and there will be an opportunity for questions. The evening will close by 9:00pm with compline. There is no charge for admission, but there will be a retiring collection in aid of St Anne's Hospital in Liuli, Tanzania.

If you would like any more information, please contact Peter Sherlock on 01522 888693

PROGRAMME

22 February 7:30pm

Revd Sally Myers

The Passion according to Matthew

1 March 7:30pm

Canon Ian Silk

The passion according to Mark

15 March 7:30pm

Canon Jeff Heskins

The passion according to John

8 March 7:30pm

Fr David McCormick

The passion according to Luke

22 March 7:30pm

Fr Andrew Tyler

Beyond the cross

You are invited to attend the next seminar to be hosted by the *Centre for Education for Social Justice* at Bishop Grosseteste University College Lincoln:

Racism and Eastern European Migrant Workers **David de Verny**

Monday, 8th February 2010 at 6.00 pm
Teaching Room 2, Hardy Building

David is currently chaplain at the University of Hull, and previously worked as the chaplain for migrant workers in Lincolnshire. Please join us for what promises to be a very informative and engaging seminar, with opportunity for questions and discussion.

If you wish to attend please contact Carol Smith: carol.smith@bishopg.ac.uk

All are welcome. Please pass information to colleagues, students and friends. Ample free parking is available adjacent to the Hardy Building (accessed from Longdales Road).