

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Ermine, Lincoln

Thoughts, notices and reminders
21 February 2010

As I look at Mary and all the mothers of sorrow,
a question rises up from the centre of my being:

"Can you remain standing in your pain
and keep forgiving from your heart?"

I am wounded, wounded by experiences of betrayal and
abandonment, wounded by my own self rejection,
wounded too by my inability to reach out to those around me,
whether near or far away, and take away their pain.

But I am constantly tempted to escape it all —
to hide away in complaints or accusations,
to become a victim of despair or a prophet of doom.

My true call is to look the suffering Jesus
in the eyes and not be crushed by his pain,
but to receive it in my heart and let it bear the fruit of
compassion.

From "Walk with Jesus" by Henri Nouwen

**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 LENT 1	Lenton Green and Cathedral View Court Residents of: Rolleston Close, Rothwell Road, Roughton Court, Ruckland Avenue	The Deanery of Manlake Rural Dean Revd Canon Michael Cooney
Monday	Yarborough School; Yarborough Leisure Centre; Youth Matters Project Head, staff, pupils and governors Residents of: Rusland Close, Rushlip Close, Sanders Close, Sanders View	Alkborough, Whitton, West Halton, Flixborough w Burton upon Stather Revd Alison Pledger
Tuesday St POLYCARP Bishop of Smyrna	Organist, Choir, vergers and servers, the social and fundraising group Residents of: Scopwick Place, Searby Road, Sedgebrook Close, Stainton Gardens	South Manlake Group Ministry Messingham, East Butterwick Revd George Massey Revd Tony Burton
Wednesday EMBER DAY	United Reformed Church Revd Hamish Temple; the elders and people of the church Residents of: Stapleford Avenue, Steeping Court, Sturton Close, Sudbrooke Drive	Retired Clergy in Manlake Deanery
Thursday	The Estate Managers and council workers; postmen Residents of: Swaby Close, Tangshan Court, Tetney Close, Thoresway Drive	Winterton, Roxby w Risby, Appleby, Winteringham Revd Alice Nunn Revd Jane Whitehead
Friday EMBER DAY	Sure Start; the Women's refuge Residents of: Thurlby Crescent, Torrington Road, Trelawny Crescent, Troutbeck Close	Bottesford w Ashby Team Ministry Revd Peter Liley Revd Graham Lines
Saturday EMBER DAY GEORGE HERBERT Priest	Readers, sidespersons, chalice assistants and intercessors Residents of: Waddingworth Close, Welbourne Gardens, Welland Road, Welton Gardens	Scunthorpe, Brumby St Hugh, Brumby All Saints St Hugh, Old Brumby Revd Canon Cameron Martin Revd Ann Peat

Give thanks for:	Our place of worship. Those who work hard to clean and maintain the building, and those who welcome visitors.
Special prayers this week for:	Christians across the world as we begin the journey through Lent together.
People in need:	Alan Bray, Paul Cartwright, Emma Evans, Ann Gray, Colin Gray, Jan Hunter, June Marshall, Elizabeth Nixon, Joe Siddall
Rest in peace:	Frederick (Freddie) William Lincoln.

Coming up this week:

Sunday 21 Mass setting: Archer	10:00am	Eucharist: Fr Mark Hocknull celebrating
Monday 22	7:30pm	Lent course: Revd Sally Myers on the passion of Matthew
Tuesday 23	7:00pm 10.30am	Stations of the cross Funeral of Frederick (Freddie) William Lincoln in church
Wednesday 24	9:30am	Eucharist : Fr Jeff Heskins celebrating
Friday 26	11:30am 6:00pm	Pupils from Nettleham School in church Pathfinders
Saturday 27	All day	Diocesan youth training event
Sunday 28 Mass setting: Archer	10:00am	Eucharist: Fr Andrew Vaughan celebrating

Coming up soon:

Monday 1	2:00pm 7:30pm	Ermine Primary school visit to church Lent course: Canon Ian Silk on the passion of 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
Saturday 6		Edward King event at the Cathedral
Sunday 7 Mass setting: Archer	10:00am 12:00pm 6:00pm	Eucharist: Fr John celebrating Baptisms Songs of Praise: Choir
Monday 8	7:30pm	Lent course: Fr David McCormick on the passion of Luke
Wednesday 10	9:30am 7:30pm	Eucharist with stations of the cross: Fr John celebrating Choir practice
Thursday 11	2:00pm 7:00pm	Mothers Union Craft and chatter
Friday 12	6:00pm	Pathfinders
Sunday 14 Mass setting: Murray	10:00am	Family Eucharist: Melanie celebrating
Monday 15		Lent course: Fr Jeff Heskins on the passion of John
Wednesday 17	9:30am 10:30am 12:00pm 7:00pm	Eucharist: Melanie celebrating Ermine House Eucharist Lunch club in the hall Stations of the cross
Thursday 18	1:30pm 7:30pm	Bingo and coffee St Johns Singers
Friday 19	6:00pm 7:00pm	Pathfinders Eucharist: Melanie

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

ITEMS FOR THE WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

If you have a piece of news that will inform or encourage another member of the community here at St John's why not share it in the weekly news sheet? Items can be sent by email to webmaster@stjohnthebaptistparishchurch.org.uk (Daniel Holt) or handwritten. Perhaps you are reading a book for Lent, why not write a short review? If you have particularly enjoyed one of the social or fundraising events, why not give a word of thanks and encouragement for others to come along next time?

BOOKS IN THE MARY AND MARTHA ROOM

The books on display in the Mary and Martha Room are available for you to borrow and take home for your personal use. Please just make a note on the sheet next to the books of the item you are borrowing. Lent may be a good time for you to borrow a book and to set aside a little time for reading and refectation. Also, please let a member of the staff team know if there is a particular book or author you are looking for. We may well be able to help you.

PANCAKE PARTY AND BEETLE DRIVE

Many thanks to Sue and Peter and all who made this year's pancake party and beetle drive so enjoyable. Congratulations to Priscilla, who was this year's Beetle drive winner.

LENT SPEAKERS: THE REVD SALLY MYERS

We look forward to welcoming the first of this year's Lent Speakers, the Revd Sally Myers on Monday 22nd February. Sally is Foundation Degree Programme Leader within The Lincoln School of Theology. Please see additional details on the Lent course within this news sheet.

A-Z QUIZ

Congratulations to Liz, Jackie and Wendy who all achieved 25 out of 26 in our January A-Z Quiz. Liz's name was drawn out and she was our first winner. There are a few copies left of the February A-Z Quiz. The topic is Hearts and Flowers. 50p to enter. Entries to be received by the end of February.

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.

A-Z QUIZ JANUARY ANSWERS

- A She went to Wonderland. Alice.
B 1940's elephant. Babar
C Might be found at Pooh Corner. Christopher Robin
D Follow the yellow brick road. Dorothy
E A large multi-coloured animal. Elmer
F A forget-me-not in dungarees. Fifi
G She tried breakfast first, then chairs. Goldilocks
H He went to Hogwarts School. Harry
I Outside Over There's main character. Ida
J His home was a pond and he enjoyed fishing! Jeremy Fisher
K A puppy with lots of toys. Kipper
L One of four friends, this one is yellow! LaLa
M She looked after Jane and Michael. Mary Poppins
N 1960's favourite, he drove a yellow car. Noddy
O Jolly Tall is one of his friends. Old Bear
P Named after a famous station. Paddington
Q She made some tarts upon a summer's day. Queen of Hearts
R He wore yellow checked trousers. Rupert
S Ate a poisoned apple. Snow White
T She lived in a tiny red flower. Thumbelina
U Famous Five's relative? Uncle Quentin
V She liked squirrels and chocolate! Veruca Salt
W A famous factory owner. Willy Wonka
X Roald Dahl's duck hunter, he *ends* in 'x'. Fantastic Mr Fox
Y Edward Lear character with large head and small body. Yonghy-Bonghy-Bo
Z Up and down on the magic roundabout! Zebedee

FAIRTRADE QUIZ

If you enjoy quizzes, why not try the Fairtrade Tea Quiz, available at the back of church. 50p to enter. Winner announced at the forthcoming coffee morning, Saturday 27th February.

Get Connected – Get Talking

Your chance to have a say about things that matter ...

Events for young people linked to churches across Lincolnshire – fun – games – food – friendship and TALKING!

A chance to shape your church, youth group or club.

Fri 19th March 7 till 9pm North Hykeham Youth Centre

Contact Liz Jackson tel. 01476 570207 email: liz.jack@ntlworld.com

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

15 March 7:30pm
Canon Jeff Heskins
The passion according to John

1 March 7:30pm
Canon Ian Silk
The passion according to Mark

22 March 7 :30pm
Fr Andrew Tyler
Beyond the cross

8 March 7:30pm
Fr David McCormick
The passion according to Luke

Fairtrade Fortnight 2010 – The Big Swap...

'The Fairtrade Foundation will be asking people to swap their usual stuff for Fairtrade stuff this Fairtrade Fortnight, so come along and find out how you can swap your wardrobe...'



The Lincolnshire Trade Justice Group aim to promote Fairtrade across Lincolnshire and are holding a 'Fairtrade Fashion Show' during Fairtrade Fortnight 2010 on Monday 22nd February, 7pm at Bishop Grosseteste University College. The aim of the event is to promote Fairtrade and to show people the wide range of Fairtrade goods that are now becoming increasingly readily available, giving people the option to swap their usual clothes for Fairtrade alternatives!

Join us for an evening of Fairtrade Fashion, featuring a selection of clothing ranges for all ages. See the styles with the chance to buy a whole new outfit and accessories to match from an array of stall holders from varying organisations and charities that support Fairtrade or sell Fairtrade products.

Stations of the Cross

Many churches that you visit have a series of pictures, sculptures or hangings around the church representing the different incidents in the last journey of Christ from Pilate's house to the entombment.

These are what are known as "stations"-stopping-off points along the story of the passion. Usually they are ranged around the church with the first station on one side of the High Altar, the last on the other.

Stations of the Cross are intended to help us make a pilgrimage in spirit to the scene of Christ's suffering and death.

This form of devotion is very ancient. During the time of the Crusades, it became popular for pilgrims to the Holy Land to follow the route that Jesus took through Jerusalem to the cross. When Jerusalem was recaptured, it obviously became too dangerous to do this. As a result, Christians would recreate the journey in their own communities, either in the open air or in churches.

This became known as "Stations of the Cross" and was very popular. Traditionally, there are fourteen stations, although in recent years, a fifteenth, representing the resurrection, has been added.

Today the Stations provide a marvellous opportunity for us to think about the various events that led Jesus from his trial to the cross and to the tomb and to experience them in spirit.

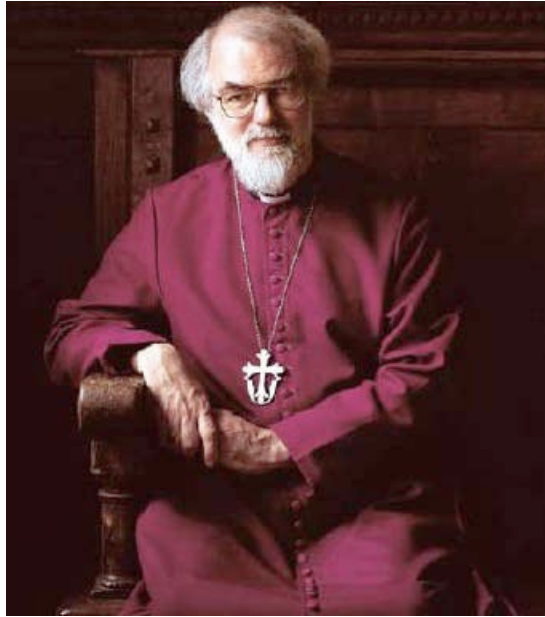
Each incident is usually called to mind by a reading, a prayer or short meditation and a verse of a hymn, and, as pilgrims, you follow the stations around the church.

Stations of the Cross are, for many people, a valuable and powerful way of preparing for Easter.

At St John's the Stations will be held once a week at different times of the day each week.

Why not just turn up and give it a try!

Visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury to the Diocese of Lincoln: 5-8 March 2010



Saturday 6 March - Cathedral

11am Archbishop's Lecture:

Faith, Hope and Charity in tomorrow's world. No tickets are required for this event, and there will be **no charge**. CCTV and screens will ensure that everyone will be able to see and hear, but clearly those who arrive early will get the better seats.

Please publicise this lecture as widely as you can; it will be of interest to a broad cross-section of our communities.