

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Ermine, Lincoln

Thoughts, notices and reminders
28 February 2010

I know that the longer I live,
the more suffering I will see and that the more suffering I see,
the more sorrow I will be asked to live.

But it is this deep human sorrow that unites
my wounded heart with the heart of humanity.

It is in this mystery of union in suffering that hope is hidden.
The way of Jesus is the way into the heart of human suffering.

It is the way Blessed Mary chose and many Marys continue to choose.
Wars come and go, and come again.
Oppressors come and go, and come again.

My heart knows this even when I do whatever
I can to resist the oppressor and struggle for peace.

In the midst of it all, I have to keep choosing
the ever-narrowing path,
the path of sorrow,
the path of hope.
The sorrowful women of this world are my guides.

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 2	Mothers' Union Sheila and the members of our branch Residents of: Wellingore Road, Wickenby Crescent, Willingham Avenue, Winster Close	St George Crosby Revd Jonathan Thacker St Lawrence Frodingham Revd Edward Core The Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Latvia
Monday St DAVID	Our parish and people Residents of: Allandale Close, Allandale View, Amble Close, Apley Close	The Church in Wales, The Most Rev Dr Barry Morgan, Archbishop of Wales
Tuesday St CHAD Bishop of Lichfield	Fr Stephen, John Clark, Melanie Jackson and their families Residents of: Asterby Close, Aubourn Avenue, Aylesby Avenue, Bain Street	Market Rasen, Linwood, Legsby, Lissington Revd Michael Cartwright
Wednesday	Our Lady of Lincoln Fr Colin, Sister Stephanie, the clergy and people; the staff and pupils of Our Lady Primary School Residents of: Barkston Gardens, Bassingham Crescent, Bilsby Close, Blankney Crescent	Retired Clergy in West Wold Deanery Revd Canon David Atkinson, Revd Chris Green, Revd David Inkpin, Revd George Munn, Revd David Post, Revd Geoff Towell.
Thursday	Ermine House Residents of: Brattleby Crescent, Broxholme Gardens, Buchanan Street, Burnside Close	The Middle Rasen Group of Parishes Revd Charles Patrick Revd Chris Harrington
Friday	Our parish visitors, parent and toddler group Residents of: Burwell Close, Cabourne Avenue, Carlton Grove, Carlton Walk	The Parish of the Barkwith Group Revd Charles Patrick
Saturday	Prayer group, tape ministry and flower arrangers Residents of: Chatterton Avenue, Clarendon Gardens, Clarendon View, David Avenue	The Walesby Group of Parishes The Swallow Group of Parishes. Parish Priest Revd John Car

Give thanks for:	Christian environmental networks across the world.
Special prayers this week for:	Traidcraft fortnight: for everyone working to promote justice through fair trade initiatives.
People in need:	Alan Bray, Paul Cartwright, Emma Evans, Ann Gray, Colin Gray, Beryl Grout, Jan Hunter, June Marshall, Elizabeth Nixon, Joe Siddall, Jack Stanney
Rest in peace:	

Coming up this week:

Sunday 28 Mass setting: Archer	10:00am	Eucharist: Fr Andrew Vaughan celebrating
Monday 1	7:30pm	Lent course: Canon Ian Silk on the passion of Mark
Wednesday 3 All contributions for the annual report due in by today	9:30am 10:30am 4:00pm	Eucharist: Melanie celebrating Ruckland Court Eucharist Staff and Wardens meeting
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 Evensong

Coming up soon:

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	7:30pm	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
Sunday 21 Mass setting: Archer	10:00am	Eucharist: Fr Mark Hocknull celebrating
Monday 22	7:30pm	Lent course: Fr Andrew Tyler: Beyond the cross
Tuesday 23	7:00pm	Stations of the cross
Wednesday 24	9:30am 7:30pm	Eucharist with prayer for healing (Annunciation): Fr Jeff Heskins celebrating Choir practice
Friday 26	6:00pm	Pathfinders

LENT EXTRA 2010

Copies of Lent Extra magazine are now available on the table at the back of church. There is a daily thought prayer and action for each day in Lent, together with some interesting articles about the Christian faith. Please put £2 per copy into the votive candle stand donations tin.

LENT COURSE

Our Lent course started well with Revd Sally Myers speaking about The Passion according to Matthew. Sally identified three particular aspects of the passion narrative mentioned only in Matthew: the thirty pieces of silver, Pilate washing his hands; and the earthquake at the opening of the tombs. Following on from this, we look forward to welcoming our next Lent speaker, Canon Ian Silk, who will be speaking about The Passion according to Mark on Monday 1st March, starting at 7.30pm in the church hall. The sessions can be attended independently, so if you missed Sally's talk, please feel welcome to attend forthcoming evenings. Further dates and details in this newsheet.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

Yesterday's coffee morning happened right in the middle of Fairtrade fortnight (22nd February - 7th March). Fairtrade's mission is to fight poverty through trade, practising and promoting approaches to trade that help poor people in developing countries transform their lives. Fairtrade was established in 1979 as a Christian response to poverty, and combines a trading company and a development charity. Fairtrade builds lasting relationships with producers, supporting people to trade out of poverty and working to bring about trade justice. Next time you have a cup of tea (and hopefully it will be a Fairtrade cup), here is a prayer from the Fairtrade website

www.traidcraft.co.uk

May the cup that warms me on a cold day bring safety from the elements to the picker.

May the cup that keeps me going when I'm hard at work, also sustain the life of the grower,

May the cup that soothes my woes remind me of the plight of the poor,

May the cup that cheers me as I rest, bring fair reward to the tea worker,

May the cup of tea grown so far from my home, bind me to the hand that plucked leaves from the bush,

May the God who loves all his creation bless us both as we strive for fairness in his world. Amen.



Dear Friends,

On the 6th March 2010 I begin a listening course with the Acorn Christian Healing Foundation. The course is in-depth; both spiritually and reflectively. During the time I am on the course, would you please keep me in your thoughts, and prayers?

This course is very important to me; I see it as an accumulation of many years experience and life journey.

On a lighter note; to give you an Idea how important the course is to me, I SHALL BE MISSING FOUR HOME GAMES of my beloved Lincoln City Football Club!!! As the course is on SATURDAYS.

Thank you for keeping me in your thoughts and prayers.

Love from Gill xxx

THANK YOU FROM CRAFT AND CHAT

Thank you to all of you who have contributed Christmas and birthday cards, boxes, ribbons, etc. We hope to make good use of all of these things in our crafts for fundraising. The next Craft and Chat evening will be held on Thursday 11th March, 7.00pm - 9.00pm in The Mary and Martha Room. You don't have to make things for fundraising, you can bring along your own project to work on.

STAINED GLASS

As some of you will have noticed, we have suffered several incidents of breakages to the stained glass window here at St John's. If you happen to see or hear anything that might help us to identify who is responsible for the breakages, then please let our churchwardens know. If you are in the vicinity of the church and see anyone throwing stones up at the windows, please do not risk harm to yourself, but please let the police know.

EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS

Easter Raffle tickets are now on sale in the porch. Please take some with you to sell to friends, family or colleagues if you can.

A-Z QUIZ

Please remember to email or hand in your answers to February's A-Z Quiz, Hearts and Flowers.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This Friday, 5th March, 2.30pm at Our Lady of Lincoln. Our Reader Sue Brennan is the preacher, please support this event if you can.

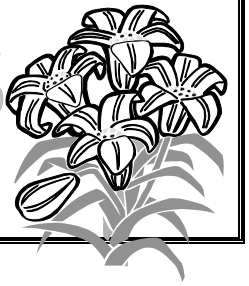
EASTER EGGS PLEASE!

Our churchwardens Sue and Peter would be glad to receive donations of Easter eggs, large and small. These will be used for as raffle prizes and for the celebrations on Easter Day. Thank you.





EASTER LILLIES



If you would like to order an Easter Lily (or lilies) in remembrance of a departed loved one(s), please complete the slip below and return it to church. Each lily will this year cost £3.50 and they will all be included in the floral displays prepared for Easter Sunday. We will pray by name for each person you wish to be remembered in the prayers on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of Holy Week at the 7:30pm Eucharist.

Please order lily(lilies) in memory of

I enclose £3.50 for each lily ordered.
 Cheques payable to "St John the Baptist PCC"



Your name

Please make sure your form is returned to Pat Taylor no later than Palm Sunday