

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Ermine, Lincoln

Thoughts, notices and reminders

7 March 2010

God of peace,
who gave such grace to your servant
Edward King
that whomever he met he drew to Christ:
fill us, we pray, with tender sympathy and
joyful faith,
that we also may win others
to know the love that passes knowledge;
through him who is the shepherd and
guardian of our souls,
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever

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 3 EDWARD KING Bishop of Lincoln	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	The Kelsey Group of Parishes Hong Kong Island Revd Paul Kwong
Monday	Guides and Brownies Residents of: Edlington Close, Epworth View, Ermine Close, Escombe View	Bolivia – Revd Frank Lyons International Anglican Women's Network
Tuesday	Our charity for this year St Anne's hospital in Liuli Residents of: Fiskerton Drive, Garfield Close, Garfield View, Gayton Close	The Caistor Parishes Revd Canon Ian Robinson Revd Syd Andrew Revd Canon Judy McMann Revd Canon Carole Munn
Wednesday	Bishop Grossteste College Dr Muriel Robinson (principal), Carolyn James (chaplain), staff and students Residents of: Glynn Road, Glynn View, Greenholme Close, Greyling Close	Yarborough Deanery with Barton and Brigg Methodist Circuit Revd Gillian Belford Bor (Sudan) The Rt. Revd Nathaniel Garang Angieth
Thursday	St Francis School; Enterprise House Ann Hoffmann (head), staff, pupils and governors Residents of: Greyling View, Hackthorn Place, Hardwick Place, Harmston Close	The North Wolds Group of Parishes Revd Mark Batty
Friday St GREGORY the GREAT Bishop of Rome	Ermine Primary School Sam Stewart (head), staff, pupils and governors Residents of: Harpswell Road, Hatcliffe Gardens, Hawkshead Grove, Haydor Avenue	Barrow and Goxhill Revd John Girtchen
Saturday	Ermine West Methodist Church Revd Jo Lightowler Residents of: Ingleby Crescent, Jesmond View, Keddington Avenue, Kershaw View	Barton upon Humber Revd David Rowett Revd Kathy Colwell Revd Alan Wright

Give thanks for:	Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln, whose centenary is celebrated this week (8th March).
Special prayers this week for:	Those who have lost their lives through the earthquake in Chile and in the storms and floods across Europe.
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 7 Mass setting: Archer	10:00am 12:00pm 6:00pm	Eucharist: Fr John celebrating Baptisms Evensong (The Choir), Melanie officiating.
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

Coming up soon:

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
Sunday 28 Mass setting: Rizza	10:00am	Eucharist / blessing of palms at the URC
Monday 29	12:00pm 7:30pm	Quiet hour in church Eucharist
Tuesday 30	12:00pm 7:30pm	Quiet hour in church Eucharist
Wednesday 31	9:30am 12:00pm 7:30pm	Eucharist Quiet hour in church Eucharist
Thursday 1	12:00pm 8:00pm	Lunch club Eucharist with washing of feet and watch until midnight
Friday 2	10:00am 3:00pm	Ecumenical service at St Johns Solemn liturgy of Good Friday

Mother's Union

On Thursday March 11th at 2:00pm the Mothers Union are hosting a talk on Fair Trade by Liz Stephenson. This links in to the Fair Trade coffee morning held in church and Fair Trade fortnight. There will also be a Fair Trade stall. Everyone is welcome to join us in the Church Hall.

Lent Course

For the second session of our Lent course, Canon Ian Silk spoke about The Passion of Christ according to Mark. His insight into Mark's gospel included making connections with the mission of the Christian church today, particularly in Kenya. He also spoke about the power of Mark's gospel in reflecting the power of God, particularly in times of adversity, and reminded us that most Christians in the world today are in situations of suffering or persecution. This was a most interesting and diverse exploration of Mark's passion narrative, and we look forward to welcoming Fr David McCormick on Monday 8th March for the third of our five sessions, starting at 7.30pm in the church hall. His subject will be The Passion of Christ according to Luke. The five sessions of the course are independent of one another, so if you've not managed to attend so far, please feel welcome to come along next time. Looking ahead, on Monday 15th March, we welcome Canon Jeff Heskins on The Passion of John, and on Monday 22nd March Fr Andrew Tyler on Beyond the Cross.

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.

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.

Thank You Olive!

Many thanks to Olive for finding my missing glove! It was one of a very special pair that I lost several weeks ago. I was overjoyed when I saw it safe and sound in the vestry. Melanie.

Prayer For Edward King, Bishop Of Lincoln, Centenary Day 8th March 2010

With the Diocesan celebrations for the centenary of Edward King, including the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury to the Diocese, a prayer recalling Edward King:

O God, our heavenly Father, who raised up your faithful servant Edward to be a bishop and pastor in your Church and to feed your flock: Give abundantly to all pastors the gifts of your Holy Spirit, that they may minister in your household as true servants of Christ and stewards of your divine mysteries; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Notes from the PCC

The PCC met recently to discuss a number of routine matters including the perennial matter of shortage of money. We have been looking at ways of making economies in cleaning and printing, and have recently changed our energy supplier. The charges for use of the church hall have been reviewed. We are keen to pay our parish share to the deanery in full if at all possible; as if we do not do this the diocese will be looking to economize in the number of paid clergy serving the deanery. This has implications for our support of external charities for this year, and the congregation can expect to see suggestions put forward in anticipation of the annual church meeting in April.

Health and safety, and the protection of children and vulnerable adults, continues to occupy us, and we continue to receive advice and recommendations from the diocese on these matters. We are currently looking at the possibility of painting lines on the edges of the front steps to make it safer to enter the church, and at removing any avoidable hazards in the newly instituted Mary and Martha room. Avoiding possible misuse of Facebook and other social networking sites on the internet is also receiving attention.

Fr. John Hodgkinson has revised his account of the early history of the Ermine estate and the church, and this should be available as a booklet in the not too distant future, when funding is secured. Our church is to be included in the 50/50 project of the East Midlands region of the Royal Institute of British Architects. This will feature 50 of the most interesting architectural projects in the region in the past 50 years, but we are not sure yet what form it will take.

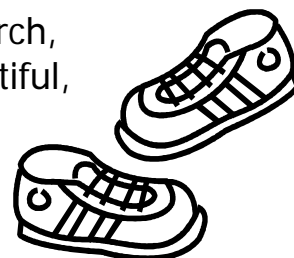
With apologies for the lateness of this report of a meeting which was held a while ago, on 19 January 2010. Ian Young, PCC Secretary.

Agape Breakfast

On Holy Saturday, we have a DIY breakfast in the church hall. There is no charge, but if you would like to come along bring something to share. It would be really helpful if you could add your name to the list at the back of church with a note of what you intend to bring. The breakfast starts at 9:00am, and following this, we will come into church to get the church ready for Easter.

MUD!

We've been having a few problems with mud on the carpet in church, particularly in the sanctuary area. To keep St John's looking beautiful, it would be appreciated if everyone could give their boots and shoes a good wipe on the doormat on their way in. Thank you!



Annual Report

I would like to give a big Thank You to all who have provided a report in a timely fashion. I now have most of the reports and so can start work. However, I do have a lot of time left before it is due so if you feel that you have not put your point across, please can I have any late additions on or before Sunday the 14th March.

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.

The Big Brew - Tea Quiz Answers

Congratulations to Jackie Howell who scored 14 out of 14. Imogen Jackson came second with 13. We took a total of £164.73 - £91.53 to Traidcraft and £73.20 to church funds – many thanks to all who supported the event.

1. What did solid blocks of tea used to be used for in Siberia? a. Money
2. When and where was iced tea believed to have been invented? a. 1904 in the US
3. How many teapots are in Britain's biggest collection? c. 6150
4. Who said, "Women are like tea bags. They do not know how strong they are until they get into hot water"? c. Eleanor Roosevelt
5. Which of these is one of the top 5 tea brands in the UK? a. Yorkshire Tea
6. Tibetans drink tea made of ... d. Salt & rancid yak butter
7. On average, how many cups of tea do we drink a day in the UK? d. 165 million
8. What are the ideal growing conditions for tea? d. In conditions with heavy rainfall, well-drained soils, at high elevations
9. Which nation drinks the most tea per head? b. Ireland
10. What percentage of UK tea market is accounted for by the top five brands? c. 72%
11. Which celebrity used to advertise Twinings? c. Stephen Fry
12. Which country produces the most tea in the world? a. India
13. Traidcraft sells the equivalent of how many cups of tea a year? d. 27 million
14. Tea is a natural source of ... a. Fluoride

Peter & Cay Sherlock

Getting Ready For Easter - Easter Garden

In preparation for this year's Easter Garden we shall need donations of compost and plants as usual. The garden is put together on Holy Saturday. Any donations you can make towards the garden - compost and plants (or money to buy some) would be very much appreciated. Please bring plants a little nearer the time but donations of compost and money can be brought along sooner and handed to one of our churchwardens. Any donations of Crème eggs for Easter Day would be gratefully received too.

Thank you.



Bishop Edward King

Edward King was born in 1829 and in 1885 became the sixtieth Bishop of Lincoln. He was a scholar and high churchman but is best remembered as a lover of people no matter what their station in life. King began his ministry as an assistant curate at Wheatley, Oxfordshire.

The nearby Theological College at Cuddesdon had recently opened and King became its chaplain and later Principal and Vicar of Cuddesdon. He was also awarded a Professorship in Pastoral Theology in the University of Oxford. In January 1885 Edward King was asked to become Bishop of Lincoln in succession to Bishop Wordsworth. The new Bishop had said that he wanted to be the Bishop of the poor and he soon took over the onerous task of preparing prisoners in Lincoln Prison for execution.

He said that his happiest times were when confirming in country parishes and it was Bishop King who transferred the official residence of the Bishops from Riseholme to Lincoln so that he was more accessible to the clergy. King was a great advocate of Retreats and Quiet Days for clergy and laity alike and he came to be recognised as a true man of God. Many believed they had a Saint amongst them.

Unfortunately he had enemies and King's name will always be remembered in connection with his trial in 1890 before Archbishop Benson's court. On 4 December 1887 Bishop King celebrated Holy Communion at St. Peter at Gowt's Church, Lincoln. It was customary in that church to have lighted candles on the altar and the Bishop faced eastwards away from the congregation. At the Offertory he mixed water with the wine. At the absolution and the concluding blessing the Bishop faced the congregation and made the sign of the cross with upraised hand.

Among the congregation was one Ernest de Lacy Read, a solicitor and churchwarden from Cleethorpes. With two parishioners, Read petitioned the Archbishop of Canterbury asking that Bishop King be brought to trial for ritual offences, the mixing of water with the wine, the use of the eastward position, the singing of the Agnus Dei, the use of candles when not needed for the giving of light, and the making of the sign of the cross at the absolution and benediction.

The trial began on 4 February 1890 before the Archbishop of Canterbury and five Bishops. The proceedings lasted for three weeks, after which the Archbishop reserved judgment. After much consultation the judgement was delivered on 21 November 1890 and was in favour of the Bishop with the exception of the mixing of the water and wine during the service, and it was ordered that the use of the sign of the cross at the absolution and benediction should be discontinued. Although the eastward position might be used, care should be taken that the 'manual acts' of consecration should be witnessed by the congregation.

The result of the trial was to strengthen the affection in which Edward King was held and to mark his eightieth birthday money was subscribed to build anew church in Grimsby. Early in 1910 his health began to decline and shortly after taking the Sacrament Bishop King died on 8 March 1910.



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