

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Ermine, Lincoln

Thoughts, notices and reminders

14 March 2010

Jesus met his mother as he was being led to his execution.

Mary did not faint; she did not scream in rage or despair; she did not try to prevent the soldiers from torturing him more. She looked him in the eyes and knew that this was his hour.

In Cana, when she had asked his help,
he had put some distance between them and said:
"Woman, . . . My hour has not yet come"

But now his sorrow and her sorrow merged in a deep
knowledge of the hour in which God's
plan of salvation was being fulfilled.

Soon Mary will stand under the cross and Jesus will give her to John,
his beloved disciple, with the words: "This is your mother".

Mary's sorrow has made her not only the mother of Jesus,
but also the mother of all her suffering children.

She stood under the cross;
she stands there still and looks into the eyes of those
who are tempted to respond to their pain
with revenge, retaliation, or despair.

Her sorrow has made her heart a heart
that embraces all her children, wherever they may be,
and offers them maternal consolation and comfort.

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
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THE PRAYER PAGE

Saint's Day	Prayer in the parish	Prayer in the diocese
Sunday LENT 4 MOTHERING SUNDAY	Ruckland Court Residents of: Langdale Close, Langton Close, Laughton Crescent, Laughton Way	The Diocese of Lincoln Revd Dr John Saxbee Revd David Rossdale Revd Dr Timothy Ellis
Monday	Ermine Neighbourhood Action The Centre The committees and volunteers Residents of: Laughton Way North, Lenton Gardens, Manton Road, Midville Close	Brigg, Wrawby and Cadney cum Howsham Revd Owain Mitchell Revd David Eames Rt. Revd Dr. David Tustin
Tuesday	Pam, Jackie, Stephen and Sue, our readers; Housebound communicants Residents of: Millbeck Road, Minting Close, Moorby Close, Natal View	Broughton Revd John Cotton
Wednesday St PATRICK	Health care services on the estate; Social Workers Residents of: Nene Road, Nocton Drive, Pietermaritz Street, Pietermaritz View	Retired Clergy in Yarborough Deanery
Thursday	JJs; Pathfinders Residents of: Pine Close, Queen Elizabeth Road, Queen Mary Road	Kirton in Lindsey Revd Canon Chris Lilley Revd Pam Costin Curate Revd Jeff Wilson
Friday St JOSEPH of NAZARETH	The PCC and Parish officers Sue and Peter, David, Ian Young, PCC members Residents of: Ravendale Drive, Redbourne Drive, Retief Close, Retief View	Brocklesby Park with Croxton and Ulceby Revd Felicity Couch
Saturday St CUTHBERT Bishop of Linisfarne	Community Police and Neighbourhood Watch PC Andy Balding, PC Andy Woodcock, community beat managers, Lance, Amy, Pete and Stephanie, community support officers Residents of: Ridge View, Riseholme Road, Riverton Close, Riverton View	RURAL MISSION DAY Pray for all involved in rural mission in Lincolnshire; for those attending the third of a series of Training Days at Horncastle Methodist Church.

Give thanks for:	Our ecumenical partners here on the Ermine and the ministry of Churches Together in all Lincolnshire http://www.ctal.org.uk
Special prayers this week for:	Our children and young people, their leaders and helpers at JJ's and Pathfinders.
People in need:	Alan Bray, Paul Cartwright, Emma Evans, Ann Gray, Colin Gray, Beryl Grout, Jan Hunter, June Marshall, Elizabeth Nixon
Rest in peace:	

Coming up this week:

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

Coming up soon:

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 10:00am 12:00pm 7:30pm	Eucharist Coffee morning 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
Saturday 3	9:00am 7:00pm	Agape breakfast; church cleaning and construction of the Easter Garden Easter Vigil
Sunday 4 Mass setting: Rizza	10:00am	Mass of Easter Day
Wednesday 7	9:30am 10:30am	Eucharist Ruckland Court Eucharist

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.

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.

EASTER EGGS PLEASE!

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

A-Z Quiz March: 'Mothers'

The new quiz for March is available today. It costs 50p to enter. The topic, it being Mothering Sunday, is 'Mothers'. Please support the quiz again to help raise a little extra for church funds.

Email Address

Please could anyone who wishes to email Melanie Jackson make a note of her email address which is melaniejackson007@btinternet.com. A few people have emailed recently using her previous email address, which will shortly be out of service. Thank you.

Strut Charity Auction

Strut in the Community are holding a charity auction on Saturday 20th March, 11.00am - 3.00pm (open from 9.00am for viewing), at Strut Ltd, Outer Circle Road. Open for viewing and donations Thursday 18th 5.00pm-7.00pm and Friday 19th 9.00am-5.00pm.

Separating Parents Working Together

A package of support for parents in Lincolnshire who are in the process of separating or have separated. Run by Lincolnshire County Council in partnership with Relate.

www.separating-parents.co.uk

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.

Archbishop of Canterbury Dr Rowan Williams - Saturday 6th March

As part of the celebrations to mark the centenary of the death of Bishop Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln (actual date Monday 8th March 1910), the Archbishop of Canterbury Dr Rowan Williams was visiting the Lincoln Diocese over this particular weekend. At 11am he presented a lecture in Lincoln Cathedral called 'Faith, Hope and Charity in a Modern World'. This was followed by a question and answer session to Dr Williams. Written questions were submitted during the interval and he tried to answer as many as possible in the time allowed. At 3pm there was a Solemn Eucharist in celebration of Bishop Edward King. The sermon was preached by The Reverend Canon Professor Dr Martyn Percy, Principal of Cuddesdon Theological College. Bishop Edward King was Principal of Cuddesdon in 1863. The Archbishop of Canterbury presided at the Eucharist. The Anthem commissioned for this celebration was called 'My Dearest Wish' composed by Patrick Hawes, the words written by his brother Canon Andrew Hawes, vicar of Edenham, seemed to fit the occasion perfectly.

My dearest wish - be Christ-like Christians, like him bow down and serve seek truth, simplicity and love, in our personal touching Lord.

My dearest wish - be Christ-like Christians, be open; broken-hearted, go bravely on and know his love will never let you go.

My dearest wish - be Christ-like Christians, trust his perfect wisdom, dwell in his peace and unity and hope in him our daily duty.

My dearest wish - be Christ-like Christians, be refreshed by him, seek his forgiving grace, his gentleness will make us great.

It was a truly inspirational and memorable day.

Stephen Crosby

A-Z QUIZ FEBRUARY 'HEARTS AND FLOWERS'

Thank you to everyone who entered the February A-Z quiz 'Hearts and Flowers'. The quiz raised £8.00 for church funds. The winner to be announced in church today. Here are the answers.

- A French word for love. Amour.
- B Related to the hare and Canterbury, a spring woodland flower. Bluebell.
- C Roman god of love, a cherub with bow and arrow. Cupid.
- D Wordsworth's favourite? Daffodil.
- E 'The heart's letter is read in the' (Proverb). Eyes.
- F Remember me for ever? Forget-me-not.
- G Blondie song: Heart of? Glass.
- H Bucket or Bouquet? Hyacinth.
- I 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own' Insight.
- J Another name for Flowering Quince. Japonica.
- K The of Love, my Shepherd is'. King.
- L Frank Sinatra gathered these. Lilacs.
- M Lit Arm (anagram) a valve in the human heart. Mitral.
- N Must u trains? (anagram) Easy to grow from seed. Nasturtiums.
- O Richard the Lionheart was born here. Oxford.
- P A flower that symbolizes 'happy marriage'. Paeony.
- Q Who sang 'Crazy Little Thing Called Love'? Queen.
- R The proper name for coneflower. Rudbeckia.
- S S.W.A.L.K.? Sealed with a loving kiss.
- T From Amsterdam? Tulips.
- U Female saint betrothed to a pagan prince against her wishes. Ursula.
- V Seventh colour of the rainbow, also a flower. Violet.
- W Old French song 'Love makes the go round'. World.
- X An 'everlasting' flower with daisy-like blooms. Xeranthemum annum.
- Y Doris Day Film 1954. Young at Heart.
- Z Garden Cinderella, originally from Mexico. Zinnia.

Lent Course

For the third session of our Lent Course, Fr David McCormick spoke about the Passion of Christ according to Luke. His talk was Jesus's concern for the marginalized characters, the people on the outside of the fringes of society. The healing stories reveal insights of salvation - lepers, the lame and the blind. David reflected on the parable of the talents. The spiritual gifts that God has given for the good of his kingdom. Jesus tells the story of the Passion as he stands before the world, confronting the religious authorities. He breaks the cycle of power, prestige and privilege. We learn today to hear the Passion of Christ in unexpected places and situations through the people we meet in our daily lives. This was a very interesting and thought provoking talk. The remaining two sessions start at 7.30pm in the church hall. 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.

Stephen Crosby.

Singing Technique Course

Sue Young, Christine Priestley and I attended the singing technique course organised by Rosemary Field, Musical Development Officer for the Diocese.

At the beginning of the first session Rosemary said she could only enhance the voice that God had given us. For myself I found everything very helpful. We learnt a great deal such as breathing technique, sitting properly for singing and also recognising head and middle voice which should help a great deal as a member of any choir. Rosemary the tutor was very patient and helpful with us, if we didn't know how or what to do Rosemary helped us as best she could.

I will definitely be attending any future courses that Rosemary will be organising. I will be encouraging the rest of the choir to do so as well.

Zoe Clayton

A QUIZ FOR THE SEASON OF LENT - Circle the answer that is most correct

- 1) These two appeared with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration
A. Abraham & Noah B. Abraham & Adam C. Elijah & Elisha D. Moses & Elijah
- 2) These three went with Jesus to the Mountain...
A. Peter, James & John B. Matthew, Mark & Luke C. Matthew, Luke & John D. None of the Above
- 3) What did Luke say the two O.T. Saints were discussing with Jesus?
A. Their time in heaven B. He didn't say C. His departure in Jerusalem D. The end of the world
- 4) What did the Father call Jesus on the Mountain?
A. the greatest prophet ever B. the Son of Man C. His beloved Son D. the Word made flesh
- 5) What did Jesus tell the disciples to do on the way down from the Mountain?
A. Don't tell anyone until later B. Don't tell my mother! C. Tell everyone about it! D. Don't tell the authorities!
- 6) Gethsemane means...
A. a quiet garden B. The Olive Press C. The Olive Garden D. In the shadow of the olive trees
- 7) The enemies of Jesus were looking for...
A. an out of the way place to arrest Jesus B. Jesus' sleeping place C. Jesus 'hideout D. a disciple on the take
- 8) When Judas betrayed Jesus, Jesus called him...
A. a turncoat B. Benedict Arnold C. a hypocrite D. friend
- 9) Jesus chided those arresting him for arresting him in the Garden when he had taught openly in the ...
A. garden B. streets C. Temple D. synagogues
- 10) The song about Jesus not using His power was called...
A. Ten Thousand Angels B. He could've but He didn't C. I'll see you later D. Wait till Dad hears about this...
- 11) The High Priest that year was ...
A. Annas B. Gamaliel C. Hillel D. Caiaphas
- 12) How many men sat on the Sanhedrin?
A. 25 B. 50 C. 70 D.100

- 13) The Romans got involved with the case because...
 A. The Jewish authorities couldn't execute B. They didn't agree with Jewish justice C. They were the Conquering army D. They were particular about such things
- 14) This Rulers Wife told her husband to butt out of the Jesus case...
 A. Annas B. Caiaphas C. Herod D. Pilate
- 15) Barabbas was under a death sentence for...
 A. insulting the Emperor B. robbery C. for saying the Governors wife wore army sandals D. rebellion & murder
- 16) When Pilate wanted to let Jesus go, the Jewish authorities said he would be
 A. no friend of Caesar B. out of some bribe money C. in trouble with his wife D. looking for work
- 17) Herod wanted to see Jesus because
 A. He wanted to apologize for his Dad's bad temper B. His wife was nagging him C. He wanted to see a miracle D. He wanted to become a disciple
- 18) The title above Jesus' head was written in
 A. Roman, Babylonian, & Persian B. calligraphy C. Caesar's name D. Latin, Hebrew & Greek
- 19) Pontius Pilate later...
 A. got fired B. went to Spain C. killed himself D. all of the above
- 20) The cause of death listed for a crucified man would be...
 A. asphyxiation B. shock C. loss of blood D. heart attack
- 21) The nails were driven through...
 A. the feet separately B. the wrists C. unknown D. the palms
- 22) When Jesus called for His Father's help, His enemies said he was calling for...
 A. help from a higher power B. water C. Elijah D. His disciples
- 23) When Jesus died...
 A. the temple veil was split B. O.T. saints arose C. O.T. saints made house calls on Easter D. tombs broke open E. all of the above
- 24) The total number of witnesses who saw Jesus alive was about ...
 A. 500+ B. 100 C. 25 D. 12
- 25) Jesus stayed with them ...
 A. for 40 days B. to answer all of their questions C. until Pentecost D. to take reservations

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ANSWERS:
 (1) D (2) A (3) C (4) C (5) A (6) B (7) A (8) D (9) C (10) A (11) D (12) C (13) A (14) D (15) D (16) A (17) C
 (18) D (19) D (20) A (21) B (22) C (23) E (24) A (25) A