

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Ermine, Lincoln

Thoughts, notices and reminders

4 July 2010

God is love.

We are made to his image and likeness.
We are all that we are to be, to the extent that
we are love, lovers, sharing in the love of God
become human in his Son.

The greatest act of creation is
the greatest act of love in creation,
that act whereby the Son offered
the Father the greatest thing in creation:
his human life.

Greater love than this no man has
than to lay down his life.

All our love has its meaning and fullness only
to the extent it participates in his supreme act of
love.

From "A place apart" by Basil Pennington

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THE PRAYER PAGE

Saint's Day	Prayer in the parish	Prayer in the diocese
Sunday TRINITY 5	Ermine House Residents of: Brattleby Gardens, Bassingham Crescent, Bilsby Close, Blankney Crescent	Those to be ordained Priest in the Cathedral and ordained Deacon in St Denys Parish Church Sleaford.
Monday	Our parish visitors; parent and toddler group Residents of: Burwell Close, Cabourne Avenue, Carlton Grove, Carlton Walk	Lincoln St Swithin Revd David Edgar Barry Flodman Madeline Martin
Tuesday	Prayer group, tape ministry and flower arrangers Residents of: Chatterton Avenue, Clarendon Gardens, Clarendon View, David Avenue	Boultham, Lincoln Revd David Osbourne Revd Mike Rose Celia Howes
Wednesday	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	Retired Clergy in Christianity Deanery Bishop's Advisory Group for Prayer and Spirituality Diocesan Synod
Thursday	Guides and Brownies Residents of: Edlington Close, Epworth View, Ermine Close, Escombe View	St Giles, Lincoln Revd Mary O'Connell
Friday	Our charity for this year St Anne's hospital in Liuli; Eve House Residents of: Fiskerton Drive, Garfield Close, Garfield View, Gayton Close	St John the Evangelist, Bracebridge Heath Revd Hugh Middleton Revd John Furst General Synod, York
Saturday	Bishop Grossteste College Dr Muriel Robinson (principal), Carolyn James (chaplain), staff and students Residents of: Glynn Road, Glynn View, Greenholme Close, Greyling Close	St Faith and St Martin w St Peter-at-Arches Revd Canon Angela Pavey Kath Coldbeck

Give thanks for:	Our parish and people and all who have served God here at St.John's
Special prayers this week for:	Our armed forces and their chaplains in Afghanistan; our decision as we select a charity to support, those preparing for ordination.
People in need:	Emma Evans, Ann Gray, Colin Gray, Alison Greig, Beryl Grout, Jan Hunter, Elizabeth Nixon, Jean Stanney.
Rest in peace:	Margaret Coates, John Pryke, Shaun Rossington, Reginald Cluitt.

Coming up this week:

Sunday 4 Mass setting: Rizza	10:00am 12:00pm 7:00pm	Eucharist (St Thomas) Baptisms Foundation Course
Tuesday 6	1:30pm 7.00pm	Fr Stephen at Ermine Primary Sch – World of Work week Intercessors meeting
Wednesday 7	9:30am 10:00am 10:30am	Eucharist Fr Stephen talking to Bishops Advisory Group on Prayer and Spirituality about his research Ruckland Court Eucharist
Thursday 8	2:00pm	Mothers Union
Friday 9	3:30pm 6:00pm	Standing Committee Pathfinders

Coming up soon:

Sunday 11 Mass setting: Murray	10:00am 7.00pm	Family Eucharist Foundation Course
Monday 12	9:00am 4.00pm 7:00pm	Fr Stephen taking assembly at Ermine Primary School Archive Meeting Hospitality Group – Christmas fair planning meeting
Wednesday 14	9:30am 10:00am 7:30pm	Eucharist Coffee Morning at Chris Priestley's Choir Practice
Thursday 15	10:30am 1:30pm	Fr Stephen attending police liaison meeting Bingo and coffee in church hall
Friday 16	11:00am 6:00pm 7:00pm	Archdeacon of Lincoln visit to St.John's Pathfinders Eucharist
Sunday 18 Mass setting: Rizza	10:00am 7:00pm	Eucharist Foundation Course
Tuesday 20	7:00pm	Eucharist and PCC Meeting
Wednesday 21	9:30am 10:30am 12:00pm 7:30pm	Eucharist with prayer for healing (St Mary Magdelene) Eucharist at Ermine House Lunch Club in the hall Choir Practice
Friday 23	7:00pm	Parish Meal at The Poacher
Saturday 24	2:30pm	Wedding in Church
Sunday 25 Mass setting: Rizza	10:00am	Eucharist
Tuesday 27	4:00pm	Staff Group Meeting
Wednesday 28	9:30am	Eucharist
Thursday 29	6:30pm	Healing Prayer Group

The Prayer Chain



Some of you may remember that a couple of years ago my nephew Bradley was involved in a car accident on his way home from school. Bradley thankfully survived but when I received the news I was desperately scared. I rang Father Stephen and a couple of others to ask for their prayer. That prayer support was so important to me and to my family.

After speaking to others with similar experiences we discussed the idea of having a prayer chain at the staff meeting. Sue Brennan and I agreed to set this up, and we now have a network of people who are committed to pray and faithfully intercede on the behalf of others in times of urgent need, and are also committed to make this a priority.

So how does it work?

If you have an urgent request for prayer (and you have permission from those involved) ring the prayer chain ministry coordinator with the details.

Pam Beattie is the co-ordinator and you can contact her on 01673 683408

She will then pass the request on to the next person in the chain.

They will contact the next person on the chain and so on, until everyone on the prayer chain receives the request. Fr Stephen will also be informed.

They will all hold the person or situation in their prayer until an update is received or until they are informed that the need for prayer no longer exists.

We will take care to protect your privacy and the confidentiality of your prayer requests by only passing on necessary information.

The prayer chain does not replace requests for inclusion on our intercessions list on Sundays, but does enable us to respond quickly to specific requests for prayer

If you feel you would like to be part of the prayer chain or you would like any more information, please speak to

Pam Beattie.
01673 863408

DAY TRIP TO WHITBY

Gary Hewson is organising a day trip to Whitby and has places available on the coach for anyone interested. It takes place on Thursday 29th July and the cost is £15. Pick up points are at the Grand Hotel and Bracebridge Community Centre. For more information have a word with Gill or Gary 803793

ANNUAL MEAL OUT

At The Poacher, Bunkers Hill on Friday 23 July 6.45 for 7.00pm. If you are interested then please put your name on the list at the back of church. The list will close on Monday 19th July.



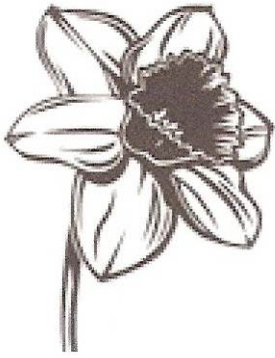
PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make last week's patronal festival such a successful and enjoyable day. We were delighted that Fr John and Jean Hodgkinson were able to be with us, and Fr John regaled us with some very special memories of his time at St Johns in the early 1960s as part of his sermon. There was a huge amount of interest in his book, which we also launched, with several people coming especially to meet him and

to buy copies (all personally signed). We sold 60 copies (including 20 to Ermine Primary School) on the day and several during the week to people who were unable to be with us on Sunday. Dave Bussey of BBC Lincolnshire interviewed Fr John as part of a project for the Primary School. Fr John and Jean were delighted to see the church in good heart and were interested to be shown around the vicarage, much changed from the time in which they lived there! In the afternoon around 60 people formed the audience for St Johns Singers and friends performance of "The Song of Caedmon", a complex short oratorio involving choir, recorder, piano, bells, solo singers, actor and narration. It was a lovely occasion much enjoyed by the audience and followed by a terrific strawberry tea in the hall with 46 people (some direct from watching the football!) enjoying a very happy meal together. Many thanks to all who helped to prepare this. The photograph shows Jim Gregory talking to Fr John with Nigel Rose to the left - Nigel used to play the piano for services in the church hall before our current church was built - with our own Fr John getting ready to pay for his copy!

INTERCESSORS MEETING

Our annual meeting for people who lead our intercessions is on Tuesday in the Mary and Martha room at 7:00pm. This meeting is a chance for those who lead our prayers to compare and contrast ideas and to reflect a little on the ministry they offer to the church.



June 19th Quiet day Southall

Father Stephen through the Lords Prayer led us on a quiet day at Southall.

The theme '**Lord teach us to pray**' and an expansion of the Lords prayer by St Francis was a focal point.

"Our Father" – Our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter was only just the beginning of a journey of peace, quiet and fellowship. Not totally structured, no rules to totally adhere to just suggestions so that we were able to let the Holy Spirit guide us in our prayer.

Some thoughts we were given to ponder:-

Our response and Gods will, being community, knowing we are fed both physically and spiritually as we come to the Lords table, and there is plenty to spare, serving our community and not being tempted by worldly values and expectations, with everything we need to survive, provided by the Lord our God we walk this Pilgrim journey together.

When we pray the Lords Prayer he hears us and through praying it then it changes us.

I thank Father Stephen for putting together this day for us.

It was a refreshing for me personally and I felt submerged in Gods holy presence, and undisturbed by the world around us.

I feel privileged to continue this journey on which we are travelling, with you all as brothers and sisters in Christ on the journey ahead.

May the Lords prayer continue to inspire and challenge us and 'Our Father' meet us through it and hear us and change us.

A very inspiring prayer by Thomas Merton was printed on our sheet so I pass it to you for your reading.

Pam Beattie



Thomas Merton's Prayer

MY LORD GOD, I have no idea where I am going.

I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know for certain where it will end.

Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you.

And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.

I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.

I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

- Thomas Merton, "Thoughts in Solitude"

SINGING COURSE

Rosemary Field, Musical Development Officer for the Diocese, approached me regarding a third part to the Singing Course being held at St. John's Church. Great thanks to Fr Stephen as this took place recently. It was well attended, and we acquired skills on making the best use and sound of our voice. Thanks also for Olive and Tina for organizing the refreshments. Sue Young

MOTHERS UNION

The MU will be holding their summer Eucharist next Thursday afternoon in church at 2:00pm. Everyone is welcome to come along, and refreshments will be served after the service.

AFTERNOON TEA AT THE VICARAGE

Fr Stephen and Sheila would like to invite everyone to join them for afternoon tea at the Vicarage (no cucumber sandwiches!) on Thursday 26th August at any time from 2:00pm to 6:00pm. Please make a note of this date in your diaries (NB it replaces the open morning previously advertised for July 17th).

**CHRISTIANITY'S COURIER
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Thursday, 8th July 7.30-9pm at 4, Union Road, Lincoln. **Uphill Prayer Group.** An opportunity, for anyone interested, to pray for and with the churches and the communities they serve in Uphill Lincoln. Coffee/tea available on arrival.

Wed. 14th July 7 p.m. St Giles **Deanery Synod.**

Wed. 14th July: St. Faith's Junior School presents: **The Community Music Celebration.** Come and sing, play or bring a band. Details from john.noden@sfm.lincs.sch.uk

Monday July 19th: Concert in St. Faith's church by Lincoln Concert Orchestra. Strawberry supper and refreshments. Admission £5. Tickets available from Helen Tomlinson on 889189

Tues. July 27th 7:00pm St John's Ermine Mothers Union: **talk on the work of Victims of Crime support**

Sat. 31st July: Quiet Half-Day in St. Faith's Church 10am till 1pm. All welcome. Ring Kath on 871297 for details.

Saturday 14th August 7.30 p.m., St Giles Church Lamb Gardens, **Peter Godden Organ Recital, with Alison Godden, soprano. Light refreshments follow.** Donations to Church Funds invited.

Sun. Aug. 22nd: Eucharist and Healing Service in St. Faith's church at 9.30am.
Thursday, 9th September at probably 4, Union Road Lincoln (venue to be confirmed). **Uphill Prayer Group.** An opportunity, for anyone interested, to pray for and with the churches and the communities they serve in Uphill Lincoln. Coffee/tea available on arrival.

Thursday September 9th 2:00pm St John's Ermine Mothers Union: **talk on the work of the Children's Society**

Saturday 11th Sept. Lincolnshire Old Churches Trust **Ride and Stride – *walks and bike rides between churches in aid of this useful church repairs charity.***

Wed. September 15th: 7:00pm St John's Ermine **Mothers Union Deanery Service**

Regular Events

Every Saturday from 3rd July to 11th September, St Nicholas, Newport, **open for coffee.** We open all day, with refreshments available for the Old Churches Ride and Stride on 11th September, and there is now a bike shop (with repair facilities) directly opposite the church - which may be a life saver for those who ride rather than stride.

First Saturday in the month – Coffee Morning 10 a.m. -11.30 a.m. St Peter at Gowts Church Hall.

First Saturday in the month 10am-12noon St Mary Magdalene Church, Bailgate,
Christian Aid Coffee Morning

4th Sunday of the month, 6pm. St Mary Magdalene **Taize Service**.

Every Wed. morning: 9.15 am St. Faith's Church, Eucharist and coffee afterwards.

Every Thursday morning: 9.30 a.m. St Giles, Holy Communion. Coffee and conversation follow.

Every Friday in term time - From 7pm till 8.30pm at St. Faith's: **Rock Solid Youth Group** for boys and girls aged 10-12. 50p per week. Contact 532230.

First Saturday of the month, 10.30am till 1.30pm. in St Faith's Church Hall **Green Café with Fairtrade goods, stalls, raffle and light lunches**.

Wednesdays from 9.30 am to 11.30 am. at St Botolph's, High Street, Lincoln, **Coffee Morning**. *Everyone is welcome for refreshment and fellowship.*

3rd Wednesday of each month 1.15pm at Lincoln **University** in a seminar room on the 1st Floor of the Main Building a **Eucharist which is open to anyone**.

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. 10.00 a.m. to 2.30p.m St. Benedict's The Mothers' Union Centre, **open for rest and refreshment**, Fairtrade coffee and tea, cards and books (you can bring your own food, too.) The Centre, behind the War Memorial in High Street, between BHS and M&S is usually open, for Access to High Street via Swanpool. It is staffed by volunteers from across the Diocese. Branch members and supporters from Christianity Deanery supporting the work of Mothers' Union locally and worldwide will be on duty.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reports from the Parishes

News from the High Street Parishes, Liz Jackson will be ordained Deacon on 4th July at St Denys', Sleaford and be joining us as Assistant Curate. She is well known to us already through her youth work in the diocese and BeAttitude at St Mary le Wigford and we ask for prayers as she begins this new phase of her ministry.

St Mary Magdalene Church, Bailgate

This year we will be combining our Patronal Festival with a celebration of the completion of the Bailgate street works. There will be an exhibition in the church from 17th July to the end of August celebrating the life of the Bailgate area. On Sunday 18th July we will be joining with Bailgate Methodist Church for a dedication of the 'new' Bailgate followed by a Songs of Praise in the Cathedral at 6pm. Members of all uphill churches are invited to join us for this. Further details will be available in next month's Deanery Newsletter and on the church notice boards nearer the time.

NEWS FROM THE CATHEDRAL

Saturday 11 September, Heritage Open Day, free admission to the Cathedral, 10 to 4.

A free children's calligraphy workshop by the Lindsey Scribes will be in the Library. Roof and tower tours for the over-14s are £3 each. To mark the Bishop Edward King centenary, Cathedral guides will lead tours from Bishop King's statue in the Cathedral to his chapel in the Old Palace. This is an opportunity to see the roundel in memory of Bishop King, dedicated by the Archbishop of Canterbury in March, which is now mounted on the chapel wall. **Photographs, books and objects connected with Bishop King will be on display in the Cathedral Library.**

Friday 17 September at 7.30 p.m. in the Wren Library

Rev'd Dr Peter Groves (Oxford University) on Edward King and Oxford

Edward King spent more than twenty-five years in Oxford, prior to becoming Bishop of Lincoln. During this time he was a key figure among those younger theologians who worked with Pusey, Liddon and others to continue and develop the catholic revival instigated a generation earlier by the Tractarians. This lecture will consider King's thought in its Oxford context, and his work as a pioneer of theological education.

Tickets £6 (including wine), by post from Lincoln Cathedral Library.

Friday 1 October is LINCOLNSHIRE DAY. Free entry to the Cathedral.

The Annual Bishop Grosseteste Lecture

Friday 8 October at 3 p.m. in the Cathedral Chapter House

Revd Dr John Polkinghorne KBE FRS

Some Light from Physics for Theology

John Polkinghorne was Professor of Mathematical Physics at Cambridge University from 1968 to 1979. He was ordained priest in 1982. He served as the president of Queen's College Cambridge from 1988 until 1996. Dr Polkinghorne is the author of five books on physics, and 26 on the relationship between science and religion. His publications include *The Quantum World* (1989); *Quantum Physics and Theology: An Unexpected Kinship* (2005); and *Exploring Reality: The Intertwining of Science and Religion* (2007). He was knighted in 1997 and in 2002 he was awarded the Templeton Prize, for exceptional contributions to affirming life's spiritual dimension.

There will be a retiring collection in aid of Lincoln Cathedral Library. Tea will be served after the lecture. Choral Evensong at 5.30 p.m. will mark the obit of Bishop Grosseteste. **Tickets are free, and can be obtained in person from the Cathedral Shop or by post from the Cathedral Library.**

ORDINATIONS

Please pray for all being ordained this Petertide:

Those to be ordained Priest in Lincoln Cathedral by the Bishop of Lincoln:

Carol Bason (OLM) South Lawres Group

Andi Chapman North Hykeham

Dee Freeman St George, Swallowbeck

Stephen Hearn Market Deeping

Michael Howard (OLM) Ness Group

Andrew Jablonski (NSM) Grantham, Harrowby w Londonthorpe

Anne Jablonski St Wulfram, Grantham

Jamie MacKay Walesby Group

Lynda Pugh Glen Group

Mike Rose Lincoln, Boultham

Matthew Rushton Nettleham

Adrian Smith Mablethorpe and Trusthorpe

Alan Steele (OLM) Billingborough

Mary Stonier (OLM) Crowle Group

Ellen Wakeham Frodingham

Bill Williams (OLM) Springline Parish

Those to be ordained Deacon in the Parish Church of All Saints, Gainsborough by the Bishop of Grimsby:

Gillian Barrow Gainsborough

Elizabeth Brown (NSM) Barton upon Humber

Julie Donn Skegness

Georgina Huysse-Smith West Grimsby

Jon Wright Horncastle

Those to be ordained Deacon in the Parish Church of St Denys, Sleaford by the Bishop of Grantham:

Erica Crust (NSM) Moulton

Elizabeth Jackson Lincoln, Below-Hill

Hugh Jones St Botolph, Boston

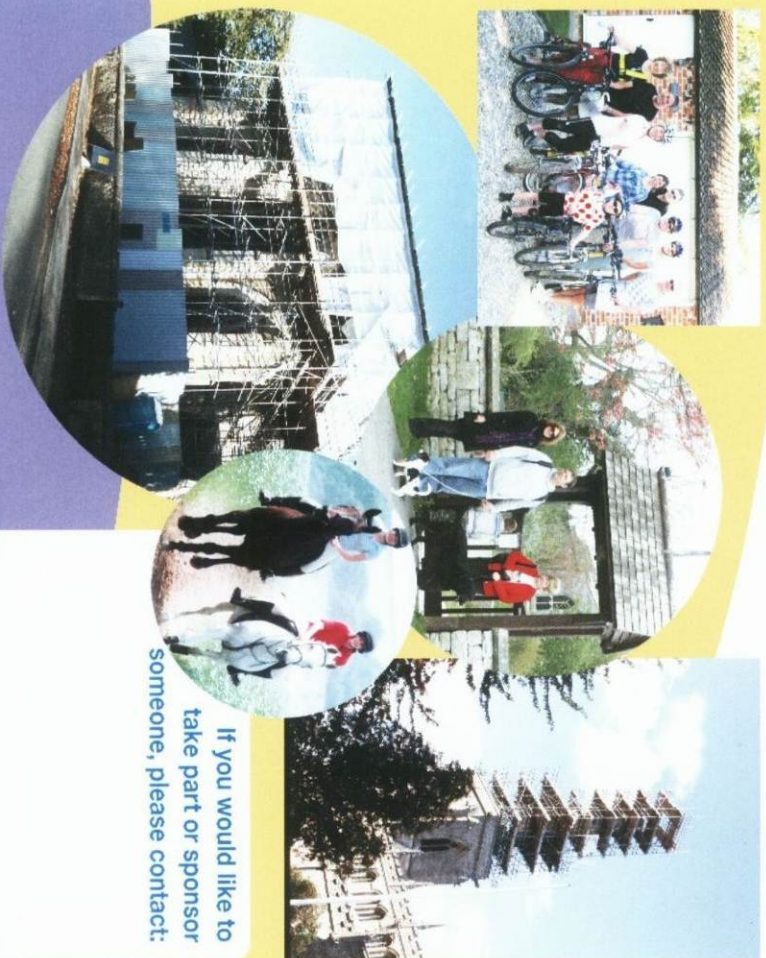
David Oxtoby St George, Stamford

Julie Timings (NSM) Sleaford

Please pray for them; for their families and their friends; for their colleagues and the parishes in which they will serve; for all God's people that we might each respond wholeheartedly and with courage to the call of God in our daily lives.

**Saturday 11
September 2010**

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