

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Ermine, Lincoln

Thoughts, notices and reminders

11 July 2010

The abbot of Igny
was commenting on the gospel passage
where the pious women
had gone to Jesus' tomb
to anoint him,
and found it empty.

As they returned along the garden path,
they came upon him.

The abbot reminded his monks
how it sometimes happened that
they seemed to seek the Lord in vain
as they pursued their sacred reading,
went to their daily prayers
and prayed at the tomb of the altar.

But as they went off down the path
toward their appointed work -
lo! there was the Lord.

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 6	St Francis School; Enterprise House Ann Hoffmann (head), staff, pupils and governors Residents of: Greyling View, Hackthorn Place, Hardwick Place, Harmston Close	Sea Sunday Details below
Monday	Ermine Primary School Sam Stewart (head), staff, pupils and governors Residents of: Harpswell Road, Hatcliffe Gardens, Hawkshead Grove, Haydor Avenue	Lincoln Minster Group of Parishes Revd Edward Bowes-Smith Very Revd David Leaning
Tuesday	Ermine West Methodist Church Residents of: Ingleby Crescent, Jesmond View, Keddington Avenue, Kershaw View	St Nicholas w St John Newport Revd David Yabbacombe Canon Gervase Babbington Canon Brian Barnes
Wednesday John Keble, Priest 1866	Ruckland Court Residents of: Langdale Close, Langton Close, Laughton Crescent, Laughton Way	St John the Baptist, Ermine Revd Fr Stephen Hoy Revd Melanie Jackson Revd Fr John Clark
Thursday St Swithun, Bishop of Winchester	The Centre Residents of: Laughton Way North, Lenton Gardens, Manton Road, Midville Close	St Botolph, St Peter-at-Gowts, St Andrew Revd Jeremy Cullimore Revd Dr Neil Burgess
Friday	Pam, Jackie, Stephen and Sue, our readers; Housebound communicants Residents of: Millbeck Road, Minting Close, Moorby Close, Natal View	St George Swallowbeck Revd Canon Ian Silk Revd Sandy Brown Revd Dee Freeman
Saturday	Health Care services on the estate; Social Workers Residents of: Nene Road, Nocton Drive, Pietermaritz Street, Pietermaritz View	St Luke and St Martin Birchwood Revd John Pavey Revd George Parrott

Give thanks for:	The ministry of chaplains to seafarers; all who make their living from or on the sea
Special prayers this week for:	People awaiting court appearances; students awaiting exam results; Priests and deacons ordained last weekend as they begin their new ministries.
People in need:	Ann Gray, Colin Gray, Alison Greig, Beryl Grout, Jan Hunter, Elizabeth Nixon.
Rest in peace:	Edna Hall.

Coming up this week:

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

Coming up soon:

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	Eucharist with prayer for healing (St Mary Magdelene) Eucharist at Ermine House Lunch Club in the hall
Thursday 22	7:00pm	Craft and Chatter
Friday 23	7:00pm	Parish Meal at The Poacher
Sunday 25 Mass setting: Rizza	10:00am	Eucharist
Tuesday 27	4:00pm	Staff Group Meeting
Wednesday 28	9:30am 7:30pm	Eucharist with prayer for healing Choir Practice
Thursday 29	6:30pm	Healing Prayer Group
Sunday 1 Mass Setting: Archer	10:00am 12:00pm 6:00pm	Eucharist Baptisms Service of prayers for healing
Wednesday 4	9:30am 10:30am	Eucharist Eucharist at Ruckland Court
Thursday 5	12:00pm	Lunch Club in the hall
Friday 6	7:00pm	Eucharist
Sunday 8 Mass Setting: Rizza	10:00am	Family Eucharist - Transfiguration
Wednesday 11	9:30am 7:30pm	Eucharist Choir Practice
Thursday 12	2:00pm	Mothers Union

BERYL GROUT

Beryl has spent the last couple of weeks at Linelands in Nettleham, but she was taken back into hospital on Monday last week. She is currently in Clayton ward and would appreciate any visitors. Please continue to keep Beryl in your prayers.

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. Menus are available from Cay. Please return your menu selections to Cay or Peter by Monday 19th July.

CHARITY VOTING

Many thanks to everyone who took the time to vote for our charity for the next 18 months. 54 votes have been received, which is an excellent response. Three charities topped the poll, and so we are going to ask you to vote again to choose from the final three which charity we will be supporting. There is information about the charities on the table at the back of church (under the cross). Please have a look at this to decide which charity you would like to vote for (one vote only please), then cast your vote on the slip below and leave it in the basket provided. Many thanks. All votes in by July 18th please.

Care for abused girls in Swaziland (Jacaranda)	
Hearing Dogs for deaf people	
Smile train – helping children with cleft palates	

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).

CHRISTMAS FAIR MEETING

Yes, it's July, so we have to start planning for the Christmas Fair! There's meeting on Monday evening (12th) at 7:00pm in church to do this, and it would be good to have people along to help with this and to start planning our programme for 2010. If you would like further information please ask. If you can't make it to the meeting but would still like to man a stall please have a word with Fr Stephen before Monday.

COFFEE MORNING



A coffee morning in aid of church funds will take place at Chris Priestley's house, 3 Harpswell Road on Wednesday 14 July starting at 10am. All welcome.

PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH

You may have noticed that our parish is featured in the prayer diary for the diocese on Wednesday this week. This means that everyone in the diocese will be praying for us here at St Johns on that day. If you go on to the diocesan website on Wednesday, you will see that our parish will be featured in the prayer "box" on the home page. Being held in prayer by so many people is very humbling and we need to add to this prayer by giving our own thanks for everything that God has done and will do with us on that day as well. I do hope that you use our prayer page regularly as there are daily suggestions for your prayer there - if you don't, why not get the habit now!!

FAIR TRADE

A fair trade stall will be open at the end of today's service. Please support this worthy cause. 5% of the proceeds also go to church funds.

THE BISHOP OF LINCOLN'S LETTER

"It's not on any map: true places never are"
(from Moby Dick)

Maps are marvellous. The current exhibition of maps at the British Library in London is attracting large crowds, and Mike Parker's Map Addict is proving to be a bit of a best-seller. Why? What is it about maps which we find so compelling? Well in part the answer lies in the stories they tell about how people past and present have seen their world. They highlight the things that mattered most to previous generations, and today they facilitate travel and communications in ever more sophisticated ways. But they remain artificial. They try to present in two dimensions what is essentially a

three-dimensional world. Fascinating though they are, they only work when we apply to them our three-dimensional experience of the world around us so as to see in our mind's eye the hills and valleys on the flat map as they really are. Adding a further dimension to what we see, hear, feel and touch day by day is what faith in God is all about. So many people lead two-dimensional lives with little sense of that something more which transfigures reality and transcends what is otherwise ordinary and everyday. Rudolph Otto, a famous theologian of the last century, used the word "numinous" to describe that idea of the Holy which we discern with the eye of faith. Living by faith is three-dimensional living. Why settle for a mere map when you can experience the real thing? Why settle for life in two dimensions when Jesus offers us life in all its fullness (John 10:10)?

ANGLICAN RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY MOVE TO THE COUNTY

A small group of Franciscan sisters from Compton Derville are moving into the vicarage at Metherringham. This is the first time for many years (if ever in living memory) that we will have had an active religious community in the diocese. This is a very good thing, indeed! We hope to be able to invite the sisters to St Johns at some point in the future, but we thought it might be a nice idea to send them a card from everyone here wishing them well in their new home. If you would like to sign the card, it is available at the back of church today.

A-Z FUNDRAISING QUIZ JUNE 'A SWARM OF BEES'

A big thank you to everyone who supported St Anne's Hospital, Liuli by entering the June quiz 'A Swarm of Bees'. The quiz raised £17.00 for the charity. The winner to be announced in church today! Here are the answers I was looking for:

- A. Who sang 'Sugar, O Honey, honey'? **The Archies**
- B. Amy Whitehouse hairstyle. **Beehive**
- C. A cherubic messenger boy, stung by a bee. **Cupid**
- D. Who wrote 'O, for a bee's experience of clovers, and of noon!?' **Emily Dickinson**
- E. Nectar provides bees with this. **Energy**
- F. Type of honey made from a pink-flowered perennial herb. **Fireweed**
- G. According to a popular worship song, who put the sting into the bee? **God**
- H. Who wrote 'When the dog bites, when the bee stings,?' **Hammerstein**
- I. To which class of the animal kingdom do bees belong? **Insects**
- J. Whose eyes became brighter when he ate honey from a honeycomb? **Jonathan**
- K. A winged predator that likes to eat bees. **Kingbird**
- L. What did John the Baptist eat with wild honey? **Locusts**
- M. He could sting like a bee. **Mohammed Ali**
- N. Where parliament meets in a beehive. **New Zealand**
- O. A brightly coloured bee with a metallic appearance. **Orchid Bee**
- P. This provides proteins and fats for a bee's diet. **Pollen**
- Q. This kind of bee involves fabrics and stitching. **Quilting**
- R. He described the bumble bee's flight. **Rimsky-Korsakov**

- S. Setting for 'A Taste of Honey'. **Salford**
- T. A costly light golden amber honey. **Tupelo**
- U. Which nation has been 'shaped by bees'? **USA**
- V. Who described the bee as 'the breath of life'? **Virgil**
- W. Who said 'I think the bees *suspect* something'? **Winnie the Pooh**
- X. 'x' ends a hive's contribution to candles. **Beeswax**
- Y. Author of the 'Happy Bees' book. **Arthur Yorinks.**
- Z. Ending a bee's sound. **Buzz**

This is the last Jackson family quiz for 2010, but due to popular demand we hope to compile some more for 2011.

Congratulations to Wendy Free who won the May 'Map of the World' Quiz.

WORLD CUP FEVER

Ahead of this afternoon's final a World Cup A-Z quiz has been compiled by Peter Sherlock. Entries cost 50p in aid of St Anne's Hospital, Liuli.

FROM THE DIARY

John Keble (1792 – 1866)

John Keble was an English Churchman becoming vicar of Coln St Aldwyns. He attended Corpus Christi college Oxford and became a Fellow of Oriel College. He was also a poet and in 1827 his work 'The Christian Year' was universally acclaimed and he was appointed Chair of Poetry at Oxford.

In 1833 his famous Assize Sermon on 'national apostasy' gave rise to the Oxford Movement also known as the Tractarian Movement. Keble college Oxford was founded in his name.

St Swithun

St Swithun became Bishop of Winchester until his death in 862. He performed many miracles best known being the restoration of a basket of eggs maliciously broken by some workmen.

At his own request he was buried outside the church 'in a veil and unworthy place'. Many miracles, occurring after his death have been linked to him.

Tradition has it that an attempt to move his remains indoors incurred his displeasure by bringing on a heavy shower. A poem was written thus

*St Swithun's day if thou dost rain
For forty days it will remain
St Swithun's day if thou be fair
For forty days 'twill rain no more*

SEA

SUNDAY

July 11 2010

PARISH MAGAZINE ARTICLE

WHEN a serious fire broke out on a cargo vessel in the port of Antwerp The Mission to Seafarers was on hand to arrange emergency accommodation and support for the sixteen-strong Syrian crew.

The 1974-built City of Berytus was in port unloading its cargo when, in the middle of the night, a fire broke out. The men on board immediately had to evacuate the vessel whilst the port authorities attempted to contain the blaze. The fire was so severe that it was left to burn for three days in a controlled fire, meaning the ship was only suitable for scrap.

"Because of the seriousness of the fire the crew left the vessel with only the clothes they were wearing," John says. "I took them to the Antwerp Seafarers' Centre where a store of second-hand clothing is kept and each of the crew members got kitted out in clean clothes. We also provided them with a Mission to Seafarers' telephone card so that each man could reassure his family at home that he was safe. Fortunately, none of the crew was injured in the fire."

Whilst some of the crew went back to the ship to see if they could salvage some personal documents, Mr Attenborough took the rest of the crew to a local laundrette to wash their smoky clothes and then to a nearby supermarket where the Mission purchased items such as toiletries for the men.

"All of the crew were very grateful for the help the Mission in Antwerp was able to provide," said John. "It was clearly a horrifying ordeal for the men to endure, but we have been able to support them emotionally and physically through it."

"Many of the crew were concerned that they would not receive their wages or compensation for the loss of personal items and asked me to speak with the local branch of the International Transport Workers' Federation. This I did and I was pleased to report back that they would be paid what was due to them and be repatriated home."

The Secretary General of The Mission to Seafarers, the Revd Tom Heffer, praised the work of the local Antwerp centre and commented that, whilst accidents at work happen, it is even more acute for seafarers.

"I am full of admiration for the efforts that John Attenborough and his team have gone to in supporting the crew of the City of Berytus. The work of the society is often quietly performed, but when emergencies happen, our chaplains are ready to step up and meet the need as required. Seafarers do not carry many personal belongings with them and so those items that have been lost in this fire will cause anxiety and heartache."

The Mission to Seafarers kept daily contact with the crew of the vessel until they were able to be flown home.



Caring for seafarers
around the world