



Thoughts, notices and reminders
June 10 2018

May there be
within this day
quiet moments,
when I can rest
in your presence,
sit for a while
at your feet,
be still, and
simply listen.



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THE PRAYER PAGE

Saint's Day	Prayer in the parish	Prayer in the diocese
Sunday Trinity 2	Bishop Grosseteste University Staff and students Residents of: Glynn Road, Glynn View, Greenholme Close, Greyling Close	FOR THOSE AUTHORISED BY THE BISHOP FOR THE MINISTRY OF DELIVERANCE
Monday St Barnabas Apostle	St Francis School Ann Hoffmann (head), staff, pupils and governors Residents of: Greyling View, Hackthorn Place, Hardwick Place, Harmston Close	THE WALTHAM GROUP Revd Kimberley Bohan
Tuesday	Ermine Primary Academy Jenna Richards (acting head), staff, pupils and governors Residents of: Harpswell Road, Hatcliffe Gardens, Hawkshead Grove, Haydor Avenue	THE MEETING OF THE ASSETS COMMITTEE AND THE WOLDS GATEWAY GROUP Fr Philip Stevens
Wednesday	Ermine West Methodist Church Residents of: Ingleby Crescent, Jesmond View, Keddington Avenue, Kershaw View	THE HOLLAND DEANERY Fr Paul Noble (Rural Dean)
Thursday Richard Baxter Puritan divine	Ruckland Court; Lincoln Cathedral Quarry workers Residents of: Langdale Close, Langton Close, Laughton Crescent, Laughton Way	THE PARISH OF BOSTON Revd Alyson Buxton
Friday Evelyn Underhill Writer	Ermine Community Action Group Residents of: Laughton Way North, Lenton Gardens, Manton Road, Mason Close, Midville Close	THE BROTHERTOFT GROUP
Saturday St Richard Bishop of Chichester	Housebound communicants Residents of: Millbeck Road, Minting Close, Moorby Close, Natal View	FISHTOFT Fr Marc Cooper

Give thanks for:	The work of local voluntary organisations
Special prayers this week for:	Victims of the volcanic eruption in Guatemala The Transition group meeting on Thursday
People in need:	Doug Bradley, Fr John Clark, Gill Clayton-Hewson, Dick Moore, Joan Pratt, Joseph Skehell, Tony Swain, Gerrard
Rest in peace:	

Coming up this week:

Sunday 10	10:00am 2:30pm	Family Eucharist (St Barnabas) Ruckland Court Songs of Praise
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Monday 11	7:30pm	St John's Singers
Tuesday 12	1:30pm	Lincoln Castle Academy in the Mary and Martha room
Wednesday 13	9:30am 10:30am 2:00pm	Eucharist Choir practice Mothers Union Eucharist and strawberry tea
Thursday 14	2:00pm 7:00pm	Transition group meeting Ermine Voices
Saturday 16	12:00pm	OHP tertiaries in church
Sunday 17	10:00am 6:00pm	Eucharist Benediction

Coming up soon:

Tuesday 19	1:30pm 7:00pm	Lincoln Castle Academy in the Mary and Martha room Archive meeting
Wednesday 20	9:30am 12:00pm	Eucharist Lunch club in the hall
Thursday 21	9:00am 2:45pm 7:00pm	Philippa taking assembly at St Francis school Fr Stephen taking assembly at Ermine Primary Ermine Voices
Friday 22	2:00pm	EASA conference at St John's
Saturday 23	10:00am	Coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Care
Sunday 24	10:00am 12:00pm	Patronal Festival Eucharist Standing committee meeting
Tuesday 26	1:30pm	Lincoln Castle Academy in the Mary and Martha room
Wednesday 27	9:30am 10:30am 4:00pm	Eucharist with prayer for healing Choir practice Staff meeting
Thursday 28	9:00am 7:00pm	Fr Stephen taking assembly at St Francis school Ermine Voices
Sunday 1 NB 10K fun taking place	10:00am 12:00pm 6:00pm	Eucharist Baptisms Celtic Mass
Wednesday 4	9:30am 10:30am 11:15am 12:00pm	Eucharist (St Thomas) Ruckland Court Eucharist Ermine House Eucharist Lunch club in the hall
Thursday 5	7:00pm	Ermine Voices
Saturday 7	10:00am	Diocesan Franciscans meeting in church

IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

As previously reported, Philippa's last Sunday with us will be on Sunday July 22nd, when she will celebrate and preach at the Eucharist. Following the service, there will be a shared lunch in the hall from midday. Please do make a note of this date in your diaries – there will be a list to sign up on closer to the date – it would be really good for everyone to be present to celebrate Philippa's time with us and to wish her and the family well for the future.

ERMINE VOICES SUMMER CONCERT

The summer concert will be on Friday 13th July in the evening at Lincoln Castle Academy. Please do make a date for this in your diaries, and do come along to support the work of Ermine Music during the project's 5th anniversary year.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL DISPLAY

There is a display at the back of church featuring the new Amnesty International campaign "I welcome refugees". On their website, Amnesty International say: *Everyday family life is full of wonderful moments.*

Imagine fleeing conflict, to arrive in the UK alone. You're safe, but you're separated from your mum, dad, sisters and brothers. Because of the UK government's strict and unfair rules, many are forced to make an impossible choice – family or safety. But change is possible. On March 16, 129 MPs supported the Refugee Family Reunion Bill in Parliament to help make the wonder of family life a reality for refugees – thanks to thousands of people like you.

The display will be in church for the next couple of weeks, so please do take some time to have a look at it.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN (SPUC)

'We Care About Women' Campaign Tour Meeting. Learn how we can protect both women and unborn children from new moves in the U.K. Parliament to further liberalise the law on abortion. Discover how we can help to turn the tide in favour of life. **7.30-9.00pm, Thursday 21st June at Our Lady of Lincoln Church Parish Centre, Laughton Way, Lincoln, LN2 2HE.** For further information contact Julie Rogers on 07465 440171.

CHRISTIAN AID

We would like to thank everyone who sponsored us for our walk over the Humber Bridge in May. Once all the pledged donations are in, we will have raised £204 for Christian Aid. We have yet to get together with the URC to count all the money raised from the coffee morning and the envelopes, but we certainly between us have raised over £300.

Fr Stephen and Sheila

FAMILY FUN DAY

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Family Fun Day two weeks ago. We were busy throughout the day, and all the people who had booked tables (including the Brownies and Guides, Ermine House, Ermine Voices, the URC, dog rescue) reported that they each raised around £100 for their causes. The large bouncy castles, circus skills tent and birds of prey exhibition attracted a lot of interest and the weather was, for once, extremely kind to us throughout the day. Ermine Voices (with guest md Sam Sommerfeld) sang twice (a number of people said it was the best they had ever heard the choir sing!). The three church stalls, including refreshments raised £260, which will help to offset the costs of putting on the day. This is an important day in our year at which we open up who we are a church to the whole community and it is great to see such a positive response.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

On Saturday 23 June there will be a coffee morning in church to raise money for this

**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**

year's charity Macmillan cancer support. Beth, a representative from The Bodyshop, will also be there selling Bodyshop products. She will be donating a percentage of sales she makes to our fundraising. Please add this date to your diary and for more information speak to Rachel Fleshbourne.

Serving people on our streets at night

Lincoln's streets are busy on weekends
Street Pastors bring God's light into the middle of it



Praying in peace to every situation



Making a difference, a smile at a time



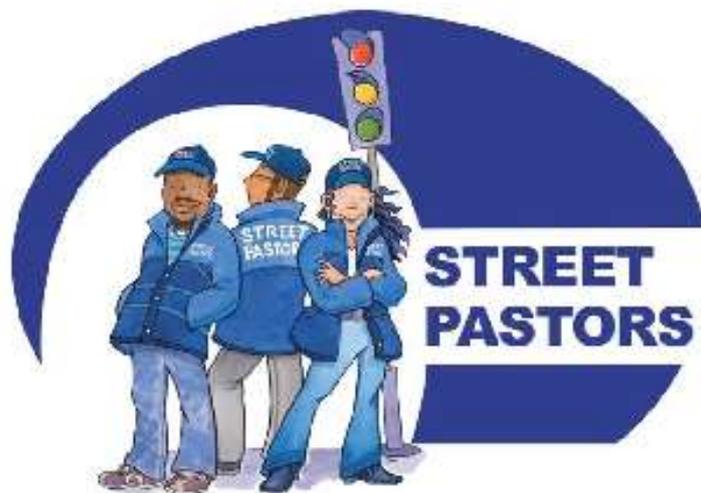
Being quick to listen eases hearts



Helping vulnerable people be safe

**Free
buffet
Find out**

Riley's Snooker Bar
Silver Street (LN2 1EH)
2nd July 7 for 7:30 pm
Teena: 07504 511 119



Lincoln Street Pastors

WE NEED YOUR HELP

As reported in our piece on our PCC discussions the other week, we still need people to help to lead some aspects of our church life These are listed below with a brief outline of what each role entails. If you are interested, please have a word with the churchwardens.

Christian Aid contact

This involves:

Receiving information about Christian Aid throughout the year and ensuring people are aware of it in church.

Ordering resources for Christian Aid Week

Planning and running events for Christian Aid Week with people from Ermine URC

Ensuring all donations for Christian Aid are collected and paid in.

Women's World Day of Prayer contact

This involves:

Attending the annual local conference in October each year to learn about the theme for the following year and ordering resources for our local service when held every third year at our church.

Working with Ermine URC representatives and Our Lady of Lincoln representatives to set up, rehearse and implement the WWDoP service each year – this works on a three year rota with 2019's service being held at Our Lady of Lincoln.

Ensuring people from St John's are involved in the service, and taking the lead when the service is held at St John's

Ensuring all donations made at the service for WWDoP are collected and paid in.

Ermine Community Action Group

This involves:

Regularly attending meetings of the group to represent the church (meetings are around every 6 weeks)

Ensuring the PCC is informed of developments with the group

Supporting any initiatives from the group and co-ordinating the church responses

A WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER FOR UPHILL LINCOLN CHURCHES

7th – 14th July 2018

WHAT IS A WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER?

A WGP provides an opportunity to reflect on our individual relationship with God, and how the call of Christ is at work in our daily life. It is an invitation to explore new ways

of praying and to be supported by a guide who is experienced in this ministry. It is a time for encouragement and renewal, for learning and exploring. The Holy Spirit is the guide for all that happens and all those taking part, guides and participants, find themselves bound together in a mutual awareness of the Spirit, who is 'the source of our lives' directing our course.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

In the week to take place at St Giles, St John the Baptist and St Nicholas the 'week' will be a period of five days (Monday to Friday). Each participant makes a commitment to a half hour's prayer a day – as discussed with their prayer guide at a daily meeting, which is scheduled to last no longer than forty minutes. The week will begin and end with a gathering for all those involved. This initial get together on the Saturday will introduce the pattern for the week and participants will be 'paired up'. The daily meeting with the prayer guide is crucial – allowing the retreatant to share with their guide their experience in prayer and to discern the next step on the journey through the week. The prayer guides will arrange to meet at a time that is convenient for you. The final meeting reviews the past week and provides an opportunity to look forward, providing material and advice for a continuing walk with Christ.

WHO IS IT FOR?

The week is for anyone from St Giles, St John the Baptist, St Mary Magdalene, or St Nicholas parish churches

WHEN WILL IT HAPPEN?

We will start with the introduction session on Saturday 7th July at St Giles at 11:00am and the week will finish on the following Saturday, again at St Giles with a closing session at 11:00am

Saturday 11:00am Introduction, prayer and gathering for those wishing to take part -
Venue: St Giles parish church

Monday – Friday daily 40 minute meeting with your prayer guide at a time and venue appropriate to you within your working day. Venues: St Giles, St John the Baptist, St Nicholas

Saturday 11:00am Gathering of all involved, prayer, thanks and looking forward.
Venue – St Giles parish church.

WHAT IS MY COMMITMENT?

A daily 40 minute meeting with your prayer guide and a 30 minute personal time of prayer during each day.

WHO IS LEADING THE WEEK?

Canon Fr Stephen Hoy, Diocesan Spirituality Adviser, is leading the week with the support of a team of experienced prayer guides. Please sign up at the back of church if you would like to take part in the Week of Guided Prayer.