



Week beginning 5th December 2021
Second Sunday of Advent

St John the Baptist Church is an inclusive church.

Collect

Almighty God,
O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



This Sunday

Baruch 5
Canticle: Benedictus
Philippians 1: 3 – 11
Luke 3: 1 - 6

Next Sunday

Zephaniah 3: 14 – end
Canticle: Isaiah 12: 2 – end
Philippians 4: 4 – 7
Luke 3: 7 - 18

In church this week:

Sunday 5 th December ADVENT II	10.00	Parish Eucharist
Monday to Thursday	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
Monday	4 – 8pm	Night Light Café
Tuesday	9.00 am 9.30 am 10.15am	Morning Prayer Eucharist Crafty Coffee Morning
Sunday 12 th ADVENT III	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist

Recycling

Bring your **empty crisp packets** to church. We'll collect them and then pass them on so they can be recycled. Empty **toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes and toothbrush heads** can be recycled too.



Free Tea Friday!

Free Tea Friday is back! Every Friday 3.30 – 5 pm in the church hall. We are exploring some of the ways Jesus described himself. So far we have looked at 'The Light of the World', 'The bread of Life', 'The Good Shepherd', 'The Gate to the sheepfold', 'The Way, The Truth and The Life' and 'The True Vine'. Please keep FTF in your prayers and if you'd like to volunteer, let Revd Rachel know.

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Any items for this weekly sheet should be received by Revd. Rachel no later than Wednesday evening.

Lunch Club

If you'd like to come along or you know someone who you think would enjoy an opportunity to get out and meet some people, tell them to get in touch with Sue Fleshbourne or phone Revd Rachel on 07813617977. **The next Lunch Club will be Wednesday 15th December at 12.00 midday. £5.00 per head as it's the Christmas Dinner.**



Crafty Coffee 10 – 11.30 am every Tuesday after the weekday Eucharist in church. Bring your knitting, crochet, cross-stich, colouring or just yourself.



PRAYER THIS WEEK

Saint's Day	In the parishes	In diocese and wider Anglican Communion
Sunday 5 th December ADVENT II	Myle Cross Centre; Music Education across the county; Health Visitors Our parish visitors Residents of: Burwell Close, Cabourne Avenue, Carlton Grove, Carlton Walk Oval Approach, The Oval	John went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins – Luke 3: 3 <i>The Anglican Church of Burundi</i>
Monday Nicholas, bishop c. 326	Cherry Tree Lodge; The Laurels Neuro Rehab Centre – staff, residents and their families Flower arrangers, Community Larder Residents of: Chatterton Avenue, Clarendon Gardens, Clarendon View, David Avenue, Goldsmith Walk, Keats Close, Sheridan Close	Parish of Holbeach – In Vacancy Please pray for Revd. Sherine Angus as she prepares to join us in February Bishop's Council of Diocesan Trustees <i>The Diocese of Ihiala – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Niger Province)</i>
Tuesday Ambrose, bishop, teacher of the faith, 397	The MS Therapy Centre Staff and users of the church hall Paul Musson, Olive Musson, Liz Straw, Phil Betts, the hall committee and all hall users Residents of: Dunholme Court, Dunston Close, Edendale Gardens, Edendale View Coleridge Gardens, Outer Circle Drive, Green and Road	The Long Sutton Group – Revd Jonathan Sibley Pray for the prompting and guidance of the Holy Spirit as we offer our new Welcome Area for Mission and Witness. Pray too for the 'Follow the Star' Christmas Light show (17/12 - 19/12). <i>The Diocese of Ijebu – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Lagos Province)</i>

<p>Wednesday</p> <p>Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <p>Ember Day</p>	<p>St Giles and Nettleham Fields Neighbourhood Board Guides and Brownies, The lunch club Sue Fleshbourne and the team Residents of: Edlington Close, Epworth View, Ermine Close, Escombe View Swift Gardens and Green, Robert Tressell Walk, Cowper Drive</p>	<p>Sutton Bridge – Revd Paul Carey-Slater Pray for the discussions around Time to Change Together as we seek to identify the best way to be Church in this place. Bishop’s Staff <i>The Diocese of Ijebu - North – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Lagos Province)</i></p>
<p>Thursday</p>	<p>Social Services staff; the Family Contact Centre; St Giles Children’s Centre; Magical Moments Nursery Inclusive Church Residents of: Flavian Road, Fiskerton Drive, Garfield Close, Garfield View, Gayton Close Lamb Gardens, Marlowe Drive, Shelley Drive</p>	<p>The Agricultural Chaplaincy – (LRSN - Revd Alan Robson) Pray for the Associate Agricultural Chaplains as they begin a new thing, help them to be Comforter, Catalyst, Champion and Connector within the agricultural community. <i>The Diocese of Ijebu South West – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Lagos Province)</i></p>
<p>Friday</p> <p>Ember Day</p>	<p>Springwell Academy (headteachers, staff pupils and their families) Bishop Grosseteste University Staff and students Residents of: Glynn Road, Glynn View, Greenholme Close, Greyling Close Macaulay Drive, Kipling Close, Cottingham Drive</p>	<p>Modern Slavery – Revd. Kay Jones Modern slavery is an umbrella term for all forms of slavery, trafficking and exploitation. Pray for the work of the Clewer Initiative <i>The Diocese of Ijesa North East – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Ibadan Province)</i></p>
<p>Saturday</p> <p>Ember Day</p>	<p>Work of Lincoln City Council, Lincolnshire County Council, our Ward and County Councillors St Francis School Mrs J Davey (head), staff, pupils and governors Residents of: Greyling View, Hackthorn Place, Hardwick Place, Harmston Close Geneva Avenue, Dryden Avenue, Byron Avenue</p>	<p>Deaf Church – Revd Anne McCormick Pray for all members of the Lincolnshire Deaf Alliance, providing support for deaf people at times of pastoral need, and for all who benefit from worshipping in British Sign Language. <i>The Missionary Diocese of Ijesha North – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Ibadan Province)</i></p>

Give thanks for:	The return of the Christmas Market to Lincoln
Special prayers this week for:	Social workers and people working in child protection in light of the tragic death of Arthur Lbinjo Hughes
People in need:	Dave Notman, Dawn Wise, Laura Nuttall, Janet Howsam, Rosemary Rudeforth.
Rest in peace:	Cynthia Saker, Pat Taylor

Christmas at St John's



19th December 4 pm

Carols by Candlelight

with *The Quartet*

followed by mulled wine and mince pies



22nd December 4 pm

Pop-up Nativity

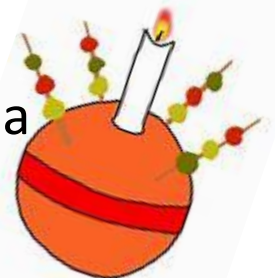
Come in a costume, be your favourite character from the Christmas story, human, animal, angelic or celestial.



24th December 4 pm

Christingle

A traditional service for children with a collection for *The Children's Society*



25th December 10 am

First Eucharist of Christmas

