

Tuesday 21st	Pray for the Church of England Schools in Lafford Deanery Billinghay, Digby, Heckington St Andrew's, Horbling Browns, Kirkby-la-Thorpe, Leasingham St Andrew's, Martin Mrs Mary King's (Controlled), Quarrington St Botolph's, Ruskington Chestnut Street, Pointon St Gilbert of Sempringham, Sleaford William Alvey. <i>Maine – (I, The Episcopal Church): The Rt Revd Stephen Lane</i>
Wednesday 22nd	Pray for Bishop's Council as it meets today <i>The Most Revd Martin Nyaboho, Archbishop of Burundi & Bishop of Makamba</i>
Thursday 23rd Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, c. 155. Meeting of Rural Deans.	Benefice of the Digby Group and Silk Willoughby (Ashby de la Launde, Bloxholme, Digby, Rowston, Dorrington, Scopwick, Kirkby Green and Silk Willoughby) We ask for your blessing in our search for a new priest to lead us forward on our faith journeys. We ask for your love to support both Revd David and Anne as they leave our ministry team for pastures new, to help them both find a new church. <i>Makueni – (Kenya): The Rt Revd Joseph Kanuku</i>
Friday 24th St Matthias the Apostle (BCP).	Pray for the Lincoln Diocesan Trust and Board of Finance as they meet today <i>Malaita – (Melanesia): The Rt Revd Samuel Sahu</i> <i>Assistant Bishop of Malaita – (Melanesia): The Rt Revd Alfred Hou</i>
Saturday 25th	Beltisloe Deanery Pray for the deanery and the ongoing work taking place. Pray for the Rural Dean, Fr Chris Atkinson, and the Lay Chair, Vincent Hedley-Lewis. <i>Malakal – (Upper Nile, Sudan): The Rt Revd Hilary Garang Deng; (Upper Nile, Sudan): The Rt Revd Peter Gatbel Kunen; Bentiu Area (Upper Nile, Sudan): The Rt Revd John Gettek; Pariang Area (Upper Nile, Sudan): The Rt Revd David Kiir Mayath</i>
Sunday 26th Church Action on Poverty Sunday. Next before Lent.	Fairtrade Fortnight (27th February – 12th March) We are asking churches everywhere to show their support for the farmers and workers who grow our food. The Fairtrade movement stands for equity and justice, offering an alternative model of trade, which puts poverty alleviation, sustainable development, environmental protection and social justice at the heart of international trade. <i>Malek – (Upper Nile, Sudan): The Rt Revd Peter Joh Mayom</i>
Monday 27th George Herbert, Priest, Poet, 1633. Fairtrade Fortnight begins.	Bourne Abbey <i>Clergy: Fr Chris Atkinson, Fr Peter Lister. Retired clergy: the Revd Canon David Staples, Fr Douglas Clarke. Clergy with PTO: the Revd Rachel Thompson. Reader: Derek Page. Mandated minister: Judy Smith.</i> Pray for the successful outcome of our faculty application process to provide much-needed enhanced facilities for the church family and for the parish. Ask God for his wisdom and patience as we seek to play our part in building up his Church and doing his will. <i>Malindi – (Kenya): The Rt Revd Lawrence Dena</i>
Tuesday 28th	St Stephen Careby, St James Castle Bytham, St Peter Creton, St Medard Little Bytham, St Mary North Witham & St John the Baptist South Witham. <i>Clergy: the Revd Graham Buckle. ALMs: Anne Garbutt, Isobel Hill, Chris Medcalf, Sheila Robinson.</i> Pray for the beginning of a new service schedule for the six parishes, and for the introduction of family orientated worship. We give thanks for the tireless work of the PCCs and congregations in maintaining the buildings and worship patterns whilst in vacancy. <i>Manchester – The Rt Revd David Walker; Bolton – The Rt Revd Mark Ashcroft; Middleton – The Rt Revd Mark Davies</i>



Sharing in Prayer February 2017

Wednesday 1st Brigid, Abbess of Kildare, c. 525.	Benefice of Metherringham w Blankney and Dunston The benefice would value prayers for active members joining the PCC and, as we begin to think about AGMs and the election of churchwardens, we would also ask for prayers for suitable candidates. This is in the light of the death of one of the churchwardens from Metherringham and the failure to appoint a second churchwarden in Dunston. Prayers of thanks are offered for those willing volunteers who keep so much running, connecting church with community. <i>ACP: Litoral Ecuador – (XI, The Episcopal Church): The Rt Revd Alfredo Morante</i>
Thursday 2nd The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas). Purification of the Virgin Mary (BCP).	Benefice of Branston w Nocton and Potterhanworth <i>Clergy: the Revd Lorna Brabin-Smith. Retired clergy: the Revd Susan Spencer, the Revd Les Whitfield. Reader: Nigel Dickin. Churchwardens: Janet Barraclough and Nigel Dickin, Dr Liz Murray, Pam Garner and Mark Suthern.</i> Pray for our parishes as we step out on our 'To be a pilgrim' journey, taking us from Candlemas to Easter, with book and study groups – 'Journeys with Jesus', 'Just looking' meals, reflective walks, Lent courses, the 'The whole of the Old Testament in an hour and three-quarters' and a final pilgrimage walk to the cathedral on Easter Eve. <i>Liverpool – The Rt Revd Paul Bayes; Warrington – The Rt Revd Richard Blackburn</i>
Friday 3rd Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary in Denmark and Sweden, 865.	Benefice of Hykeham (All Saints, St Hugh, St Michael & All Angels) <i>Clergy: the Revd Peter Collins, the Revd Canon Andrew Vaughan, the Revd Jo Reid. The ministry and administration team.</i> Pray for the benefice as it seeks God's will going forward in its ministry. Pray for the large number of occasional offices that take place and the opportunities for mission and pastoral care that result. Please also pray for the Revd Canon Andrew Vaughan as he is licensed today. <i>The Most Revd Dr Barry Morgan, Archbishop of Wales & Bishop of Llandaff Assistant Bishop of Llandaff – (Wales): The Rt Revd David Wilbourne</i>
Saturday 4th Gilbert of Sempringham (Furthering Holiness, page 15).	Pray for the Church of England schools in Graffoe Deanery Branston Infants, Dunston St Peter's, Coleby (Controlled), Navenby, North Hykeham All Saints, Potterhanworth, Skellingthorpe St Lawrence, Swinderby All Saints, Thorpe on the Hill St Michael's <i>Lokoja – (Lokoja, Nigeria): The Most Revd Emmanuel Sokowamju Egbunu</i>
Sunday 5th Fourth before Lent.	The NHS, primary healthcare trusts, hospices and the healthcare sector Pray for all staff and their health and wellbeing as they serve in this sector; for those who make decisions in trying to provide a healthcare system while under pressure, particularly financially, and for all those who give pastoral and spiritual care. Pray for all those who are Christians, witnessing in this sector. <i>Lomega – (Loryko, Sudan): The Rt Revd Paul Yugusuk</i>
Monday 6th The Martyrs of Japan, 1597.	Benefice of Washingborough w Heighington and Canwick <i>Clergy: the Revd George Goalby. London – The Rt Revd & Rt Hon. Richard Chartres; Edmonton – The Rt Revd Robert Wickham; Fulham – The Rt Revd Jonathan Baker; Islington – The Rt Revd Ric Thorpe; Kensington – The Rt Revd Graham Tomlin; Stepney – The Rt Revd Adrian Newman; Willesden – The Rt Revd Peter Broadbent</i>
Tuesday 7th	Community of St Francis, San Damiano, Metherringham <i>Sisters: Judith Ann, Liz and Maureen.</i> Pray for the sisters in their ministries of spiritual direction and hospitality, quiet days and retreats. <i>(Continued overleaf.)</i>

	<i>Long Island – The Rt Revd Lawrence Provenzano; Los Angeles – The Rt Revd Jon Bruno; 1. Suffragan bishop of Los Angeles – The Rt Revd Mary Glasspool; 2. Suffragan bishop of Los Angeles – The Rt Revd Diane Jardine Bruce</i>
Wednesday 8th Day of Prayer & Awareness Against Human Trafficking.	Benefice of Swinderby (Thorpe on the Hill, Eagle, North Scarle, Swinderby) Pray for the benefice in seeking God’s will going forwards in mission and ministry in serving the communities, and for Andrew Vaughan as the new priest-in-charge. <i>Louisiana – (IV, The Episcopal Church): The Rt Revd Morris Thompson</i> <i>Western Louisiana – (VII, The Episcopal Church): The Rt Revd Jacob W. Owensby</i>
Thursday 9th	Lafford Deanery Pray for the deanery as they focus on the future to go forwards with hope; for the Rural Dean, the Revd Canon Christine Pennock, and Lay Chair, Audrey Wayman. <i>Luapula – (Central Africa): The Rt Revd Robert Mumbi</i>
Friday 10th Scholastica, sister of Benedict, Abbess of Plombariola, c. 543.	Carr Dyke Group (Billinghay, Walcott, Martin, Timberland, North Kyme & South Kyme) <i>Clergy: the Revd Michael Rose, the Revd Beth Weston. Reader: Audrey Wayman.</i> <i>ALMs: Wendy Dorrell, Tina Clark. Churchwardens: Gwen Tonge, Jean Morris, Mike Cass, Paul Waterson, Dennis Sleaford, Diane Byard, Antony Crouch.</i> Pray for our parishes as we seek to do the Lord’s will, and for the ministry team, churchwardens and the PCCs as we engage in our communities and minister to their needs. <i>Lucknow – (North India): The Rt Revd Peter Baldev</i>
Saturday 11th World Day of the Sick.	The Heckington and Helpringham Group of Parishes (Asgarby, Burton Pedwardine, Hale Magna with Hale Parva, Heckington with Howell, Helpringham, Screddington and Swaton) <i>Rector: the Revd Capt. Chris Harrington. Retired clergy: the Revd Stephen Huckle, the Revd Peter Faulkner, the Revd David Woods. ALMs: Andrew, Anne, Christine, Jane, John, Karen, Lynne, Margaret, Martin, Pauline and Wendy.</i> Pray for good fruit from our good neighbour scheme called ‘Community Spirit’, which has recently started; our fortnightly outreach to the bereaved and lonely called ‘Forget-me-not Teas’; and our weekly Singing for the Brain Group at Greenacres Care Home. Please also pray for our ecumenical links with the Methodist & Wesleyan Chapels in Heckington, and our ministry to local primary schools at Heckington and Helpringham. <i>Lui – (Central, Sudan): The Rt Revd Stephen Dokolo Ismail</i>
Sunday 12th Racial Justice Sunday. Third before Lent.	The Armed Forces Pray for all those connected with the armed forces: troops, officers, chaplains, families and friends. Pray for those at home and those deployed abroad; for safety, courage and peace. <i>Lusaka – (Central Africa): The Rt Revd David Njovu</i>
Monday 13th	General Synod, which begins today at Church House, Westminster Pray for our representatives: The Rt Revd Christopher Lawson, the Ven. Gavin Kirk, the Ven. Justine Allain Chapman, the Revd Canon Martyn Taylor, the Revd Aly Buxton, Mr Nigel Bacon, Prof. Muriel Robinson OBE DL, Mrs Sue Slater & Mr Carl Fender. <i>Luwero – (Uganda): The Rt Revd Eridard Kironde Nsubuga</i>
Tuesday 14th Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries to the Slavs, 869 and 885.	St Denys, Kirkby La Thorpe and St Andrew’s, Ewerby Give thanks for the growth of the congregations in the churches, and for the ongoing work with local schools and young people. Pray for those who go to Spring Harvest and for continued blessing. <i>Lweru – (Tanzania): The Rt Revd Jackton Jeremiah Lugumira</i>

Wednesday 15th Sigfrid, Bishop, Apostle of Sweden, 1045. Thomas Bray, Priest, Founder of the SPCK and the SPG, 1730.	St Botolph’s, Quarrington <i>Clergy: the Revd Mark Thomson. Retired clergy: the Revd Heather Nesbitt.</i> <i>ALMs: Andrea Barker and Carole Shephard. Churchwardens: Tim Conning and Carole Shephard.</i> Pray for the whole church family at St Botolph’s and for all those who serve in the church. Pray for our work with St Botolph’s Primary School, the Toddler group, Tiddlywinks, the Ladies’ Group and the newly started Men’s Group. Pray that the new Pilgrim Course, scheduled to start in Lent, will be well attended. <i>Machakos – (Kenya): The Rt Revd Joseph Mutungi</i>
Thursday 16th	St Denys’, Sleaford <i>Clergy: the Revd Philip Johnson, the Revd Rhona Knight, the Revd David Boutle, the Revd Canon John Wickstead. Readers: David Hitchcock, Bernard Pope.</i> <i>ALMs: Helen Bristow, Douglas Hoare, Terry Regan, Beryl Risdell, Anne Smillie-Pearson, Joan Sommers. Churchwardens: Richard Clash, Philip Starks.</i> Pray for the forthcoming Lent course, the continued growth and development of Explorers’ Church (a fresh expression), the new Sunday@5 initiative and the work with the schools and youth organisations, particularly the Air Cadets. <i>Madhya Kerala – (South India): The Most Revd Thomas Kanjirappally Oommen</i>
Friday 17th Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr, 1977.	The Billingborough Group (Aslackby, Billingborough, Dowsby, Horbling, Sempringham w Pointon) <i>Clergy: the Revd Anna Sorensen, the Revd Alan Steele. Retired clergy: the Revd Christine Pocock and the Revd Jean Blanchard. ALMs: Keith & Patsy King, Lizzie Hallam and Janet Sumner.</i> Pray for the members of each of our churches as they seek to reach out to their communities in various ways. There are BCP services, Common Worship, Café Church, Taizé, Iona worship, prayer and praise services and all-age worship. There are also regular coffee mornings, bi-monthly lunches, after-school clubs and various social activities. <i>Madurai-Ramnad – (South India): The Rt Revd Marialouis Joseph</i>
Saturday 18th	The North Lafford Group (Cranwell, Leasingham, Ruskington, Anwick & Evedon) Continued prayer for the ministry team in the group and the ongoing mission of the churches and the communities they serve. <i>Madi & West Nile – (Uganda): The Rt Revd Joel Obetia</i>
Sunday 19th Second before Lent.	Press and media Pray for all those who work with the press and media, both locally and nationally. Pray for Will Harrison and Adrian Smith, as they engage with the media, and for all diocesan communications officers serving throughout the Church of England. <i>Mahajanga – (Indian Ocean): The Rt Revd Jean Claude Andrianjafimanana</i>
Monday 20th	Benefice of South Lafford (Folkingham, Pickworth, Walcot, Threkingham, Osbournby, Scott Willoughby, Aswarby, Swarby, Newton, Aunsby, Dembleby) <i>Clergy: the Revd Nick Munday. Retired clergy: Fr Graham Williams. Lay ministry team: Alan and Anne Cooper, Jenny Seddon, David Bramford (plus Ros Blythe and Eric Eve, in training).</i> Following the annual reflection with the Discipleship Team in January, pray for spiritual growth and the future development of our parish, particularly our work with children, young people and families, and our worship, including the South Lafford Choir under our new Director of Music. Pray for the challenges of maintaining 11 beautiful, historic churches. <i>Maiduguri – (Jos, Nigeria): The Rt Revd Emmanuel Kana Mani</i> <i>Makurdi – (Abuja, Nigeria): The Rt Revd Nathan Nyitar Inyom</i>