

Wednesday 28th Wednesday of Holy Week	Gosberton: The Revd Ian Walters Gosberton Clough, Gosberton, and Quadring “Please pray for the Revd Ian Walters, priest; the Revd Paul Hardingham, retired priest; Jane Iszatt and Janet Young, Readers; the Messy Church Team; Jacob’s Well Healing Ministry; and the ongoing work in three local primary schools.” <i>Bukuru – (Jos, Nigeria): The Rt Revd Jwan Zhumbes</i>
Thursday 29th Maundy Thursday	Please pray for those who serve others in various ways, showing them the transforming love of Jesus. <i>Bunbury – (Western Australia, Australia): The Rt Revd Alan Ewing</i>
Friday 30th Good Friday	Please pray for the services taking place around the diocese today. <i>Bungoma – (Kenya): The Revd George Mechumo</i>
Saturday 31st Easter Eve John Donne, Priest, Poet, 1631	Please pray for God’s peace for all who will spend today in waiting and watching. <i>Bunyoro-Kitara – (Uganda) The Rt Revd Samuel Kahuma</i> <i>Busoga – (Uganda): The Rt Revd Paul Moses Samson Naimanhye</i>

As we pray for our parishes, benefices and people each day, the congregation of Lincoln Cathedral will also be sharing in prayer during Evensong. You are warmly invited to join them.

Parish clergy who wish to attend and robe for a service on the day on which their parish/benefice is prayed for should contact the cathedral’s vergers via vergersvestry@lincolncathedral.com

Choral Evensong is held at 3.45pm on Sundays and at 5.30pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Evening Prayer is on Wednesdays at 5.30pm (there is no robing at this service).

The Eucharist is celebrated each weekday at 12.30pm in Edward King House, and those mentioned in the diocesan prayer diary on a particular day are prayed for during this service. If you are at, or near, Edward King House at this time you will be most welcome to share in this celebration.

Queries relating to the Prayer Diary may be directed to John Leach by calling 01522 50 40 50 or via email at john.leach@lincoln.anglican.org

Copies of *Furthering Holiness* (the diocesan supplement to *Common Worship*, commemorating the saints of the Diocese of Lincoln) are available upon request by contacting John.

Information for Lent – a reminder: as last year, as a diocese we are again suggesting that people might consider using the materials prepared by USPG for further reading and study during Lent. The course for 2018, *All Things Are Possible*, looks at five themes of Prosperity, People, Planet, Peace and Partnership. The content also includes case studies and Bible studies, plus prayerful contemplative exercises. Further details, including download links, ordering information for printed copies and associated resources, may be found on the USPG website at www.uspg.org.uk

In addition, the Church of England is also offering resources for parishes. *#LiveLent – Let Your Light Shine* is described as a Lent journey through the Gospel of John, offering a short daily reading, a pause for reflection and prayer and a challenge to act.

It is said that the aim here is to be as joined up as possible and to encourage people to journey from Lent and Easter into Pentecost and *Thy Kingdom Come 2018* (10th – 20th May 2018).

Further information may be found at www.churchofengland.org/lent



Sharing in Prayer March 2018

Thursday 1st David, Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales, c. 601	Corringham Deanery: The Revd Philip Wain, Rural Dean; Susan Sharpe, Lay Chair. Please pray for the life of the deanery, and for those in leadership. <i>ACP: Belize – (West Indies): The Rt Revd Philip Wright</i>
Friday 2nd Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672	Women’s World Day of Prayer – please pray for the events taking place today. Please pray too for the meeting of the Diocesan Advisory Committee – please pray for all who care for our buildings, and for their use as centres of mission. <i>Bendigo – (Victoria, Australia): The Rt Revd Matt Brain</i>
Saturday 3rd	The Church of England Schools in Corringham Deanery: Blyton cum Laughton, Corringham, Gainsborough Parish, Gainsborough St George’s, Lea Frances Olive Anderson, Newton-on-Trent, and Saxilby. <i>Benin – (Bendel, Nigeria): The Rt Revd Peter Imasuen</i>
Sunday 4th Third of Lent	Please pray for an end to the exploitation of people by others, and for all who are working towards equality and justice. <i>Pray for Province de L’Eglise Anglicane Du Congo – The Most Revd Zacharie Masimango Katanda, Archbishop of the Congo & Bishop of Kindu</i>
Monday 5th	The licensing of Anna Sorensen as Rector (Designate) of North Beltisloe Please pray for Anna as she is licensed this evening. The Saxilby and Stow Groups: The Revd Nicola Penn-Allison and all who share in the ministry offered there. Kettlethorpe, Newton-on-Trent, Saxilby and Coates, Stow, Sturton, Torksey, and Willingham-by-Stow “Please pray for growth in our mission and ministry, and that we may see God raise up new leaders and helpers for our work.” <i>Bethlehem – (Ill, The Episcopal Church): The Rt Revd Sean Rowe</i>
Tuesday 6th	The Lea Group: The Revd Philip Wain Corringham, Gate Burton, Heapham, Knaith, Lea, Marton, Pilham, Springthorpe, and Upton. “Lord God, our Father, grant to your church today the faith of the apostles and to know the love of Jesus Christ in their lives.” The meeting of the Transformation Fund Panel Please pray for those parishes seeking to invest in new mission initiatives, and wisdom for the panel in evaluating applications submitted by projects. <i>Bhopal – (North India): The Rt Revd Robert Ali</i>
Wednesday 7th Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 203	The Trentcliffe Group: The Revd Mark Briscoe Blyborough, Blyton, East Stockwith, Glentworth, Harpswell, Hemswell, Laughton, and Willoughton <i>Bida – (Abuja, Nigeria): The Rt Revd Jonah Kolo</i>
Thursday 8th Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln, 1910. International Women’s Day.	Elloe East Deanery: The Revd Rosamund Seal, Rural Dean; Michael Taylor, Chair <i>Birmingham – (Canterbury, England): The Rt Revd David Urquhart</i> <i>Birmingham – Aston: The Rt Revd Anne Hollinghurst</i> <i>Blackburn – (York, England): The Rt Revd Julian Henderson</i> <i>Blackburn – Burnley: The Rt Revd Philip North</i> <i>Blackburn – Lancaster: vacant</i>

Friday 9th	The Elloe Stone Parishes: The Revd Gareth Atha Holbeach Fen, Moulton, and Whaplode “Please pray for us as we work together to discover God’s plan for the benefice and the parishes. Pray for our churchwardens, especially those who have had to take on extra responsibilities, and for candidates to come forward for election at our Annual Parochial Church Meetings.” <i>Bo (Sierra Leone) – (West Africa, West Africa): The Rt Revd Emmanuel Tucker</i>
Saturday 10th	The Elloe Fen Group: in vacancy. Gedney Hill, Sutton, and Whaplode Drove Please pray for all those maintaining mission and ministry during the vacancy, and for the process of finding a new priest. <i>Boga – (Congo): The Rt Revd Mugenyi William Bahemuka</i>
Sunday 11th Fourth of Lent. Mothering Sunday	Please pray for all who know the joy and the responsibility of parenthood, and also for those for whom, for various reasons, today will be a difficult day. <i>Pray for The Church of England – The Most Revd and Rt Hon. Justin Welby</i>
Monday 12th	Holbeach, All Saints: The Revd Rosamund Seal “Please pray for our Junior Choir and young people; the Community Larder and Café, the soon-to-be-launched Charity Bookshop, and for the worship and service we offer week by week, that it may enrich us all.” <i>Bolivia – (South America): The Rt Revd Raphael Samuel</i>
Tuesday 13th	Long Sutton: The Revd Jonathan Sibley Gedney Drove End, Long Sutton, and Lutton “Please pray for our sense of mission exercised through the occasional offices; for the 56th Flower Festival; our church improvement plans; for the preparations for our 850th church anniversary celebrations in 2020; for single-parent families and those with mental health issues within the benefice; and for the work of the Agape Food Bank.” <i>Bondo – (Kenya): The Rt Revd David Kodia</i>
Wednesday 14th	Sutton Bridge: in vacancy. Sutton Bridge, Tydd St Mary Please pray for all those maintaining mission and ministry during the vacancy, and for the process of finding a new priest. <i>Bor – (Upper Nile, South Sudan): The Rt Revd Ruben Akurid Ngong</i>
Thursday 15th	The Church of England Schools in Elloe East Deanery: Gedney Hill, William Stukeley, Holbeach St Mark’s, Tydd St Mary, and Whaplode. <i>Botswana – (Central Africa): The Rt Revd Methhayothe Rawlings Belemi</i>
Friday 16th	The Archdeacon of Boston, The Ven. Dr Justine Allain-Chapman Please pray for Justine and her ministry in our diocese. <i>Brandon – (Rupert’s Land, Canada): The Rt Revd William Cliff</i> <i>Brazzaville – (Congo): The Rt Revd Molanga Jean Botola</i>
Saturday 17th Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland, c. 460	Elloe West Deanery: The Revd Canon Philip Brent, Rural Dean; Sue Slater, Lay Chair. Please pray for the work of the deanery in promoting the ministry offered by the churches in the local area. <i>Brasilia – (Brazil): The Rt Revd Maurício Jose Araujo De Andrade</i>
Sunday 18th Fifth of Lent. Passiontide begins	Please pray for the defeat in our world of all that is evil, destructive and oppressive, and for the light and love of Jesus Christ to break through. <i>Pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui – The Most Revd Paul Kwong, Archbishop of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui & Bishop of Hong Kong Island</i>

Monday 19th Joseph of Nazareth	The Bishop of Grantham, The Rt Revd Dr Nicholas Chamberlain Please pray that priests may be called to fill vacancies, and for Bishop Nicholas’ work with colleagues to strengthen ministry in our diocese, lay and ordained. <i>Brechin – (Scotland): vacant</i>
Tuesday 20th Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687	The meeting of the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel Please pray for all those involved in safeguarding in our diocese. <i>Brisbane – (Southern Queensland, Australia): The Most Revd Dr Phillip Aspinall Executive Director of Ministry Education Commission and Principal of St Francis’ Theological College: The Rt Revd Dr Jonathan Holland</i> <i>Northern Region – The Rt Revd Jeremy Greaves</i> <i>Southern Region – The Rt Revd Alison Taylor</i> <i>Western Region – The Rt Revd Cameron Venables</i>
Wednesday 21st Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation Martyr, 1556	The Armed Forces Please pray for all service personnel in our diocese and those posted overseas. <i>Bristol – (Canterbury, England): The Rt Revd Michael Hill</i> <i>Bristol – Swindon – The Rt Revd Dr Lee Rayfield</i>
Thursday 22nd	Crowland: The Revd Charles Brown “Please pray for all those involved in the mission and ministry of our parishes.” <i>British Columbia – (British Columbia & the Yukon, Canada): The Rt Revd Logan McMenamie</i>
Friday 23rd	Deeping St James: The Revd Susan Paterson “Please pray for us as we enter vacancy after Easter; for the Revd Sonia Marshall, our non-stipendiary minister, and the churchwardens; for the ministry of music and to young families; and for Sue in her new role on the Isle of Wight.” <i>Buhiga – (Burundi): The Rt Revd Evariste Nijimbere</i>
Saturday 24th Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, Martyr, 1980	The meeting of Diocesan Synod Please pray for the meeting and deliberations of Synod and for the life and mission of the churches of our diocese. <i>Bujumbura – (Burundi): The Rt Revd Eraste Bigirimana</i>
Sunday 25th Palm Sunday [The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary]	UN International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery “Please pray for the peace of Jerusalem.” <i>The Most Revd Suheil Dawani, Archbishop of Jerusalem & the Middle East & Archbishop in Jerusalem</i>
Monday 26th Monday of Holy Week. Harriet Monsell, Founder of the Community of St John the Baptist, 1883	The Glen Group: The Revd David Sweeting Pinchbeck, Surfleet, West Pinchbeck “Please pray for co-operation and effective ministry across the benefice.” <i>Bukavu – (Congo): The Rt Revd Sylvestre Bahati</i>
Tuesday 27th Tuesday of Holy Week	The Chrism Mass and Renewal of Ordination Vows in Lincoln Cathedral Please pray for our bishops, priests and deacons, who will be renewing their vows and their commitment to Christ together in Lincoln Cathedral this morning. <i>Bukedi – (Uganda): The Rt Revd Samuel Egesa</i>