

<b>Tuesday 24th</b> Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva, Teacher of the Faith, 1622	<b>The Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lincoln</b> <i>Dean: the Very Revd Christine Wilson. Subdean: the Revd Canon John Patrick. Chancellor: the Revd Canon Dr Mark Hocknull. Succentor: the Revd Philippa White. Lay Canons: Judith Lockwood, Rachel Ford, Paul Robinson. Member of Chapter: the Revd Canon Nick Buck.</i> Pray for the Dean and Chapter in their discernment of the strategic vision to develop the outward-facing mission of the Cathedral. Give thanks for the work of the Chapter office, the volunteers, vergers and staff.
<b>Wednesday 25th</b> The Conversion of Paul	<b>Graffoe Deanery</b> Pray for the deanery and the ongoing work taking place. Pray for Nigel Dickin, the lay chair, and for the Ven. Geoff Arrand, acting rural dean.
<b>Thursday 26th</b> Timothy and Titus, Companions of St Paul	<b>Pray for the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC), which meets today, and all of the parishes that the committee will consider.</b>
<b>Friday 27th</b> Holocaust Memorial Day	<b>United Benefice of Graffoe (Boothby Graffoe, Navenby, Wellingore, Skinnand, Temple Bruer, Coleby and Harmston)</b> <i>Clergy: the Revd Michelle Godbold. Retired clergy: the Revd Susan Williams, the Revd Cliff Knowles, the Revd Alan Nugent. Reader: Mike Turner. Authorised lay minister: Glo Reed.</i> Pray for the benefice as we enter a new chapter in our mission and ministry under the leadership of a new rector, that we may be able to discern and follow God's will for us.
<b>Saturday 28th</b> Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith, 1274	<b>The Withamside United Parish (Aubourn, Bassingham, Thurlby, Norton Disney, Carlton le Moorland and Stapleford)</b> <i>Clergy: the Revd Dee Freeman, the Revd Jeff Parr, the Revd Jim Smith (retired). Reader: Maureen Kendall.</i> We give thanks for the faithful tradition and witness and service within each church, but we pray also for our continued growth together as a united parish. We pray for creative and relevant ways to reach out to families within our villages and within Witham St Hughs.
<b>Sunday 29th</b> 4th of Epiphany; Robert Sanderson, Bishop of Lincoln, 1663 (FH, pg. 12)	<b>Bishop Grosseteste University</b> <i>Chaplain: the Revd Dr Peter Green.</i> Pray for the work of the chaplaincy team and the regular patterns of worship and events that take place. Pray for the students and staff and the conversations that take place.
<b>Monday 30th</b> Charles, King and Martyr, 1649	<b>St Lawrence's, Skellingthorpe and St Peter, Doddington</b> <i>Clergy: the Revd Richard Billinghurst and the Revd Frances Clarke.</i> Pray for the mission of the parish and preparations for the retirement of the rector in 2017.
<b>Tuesday 31st</b> John Bosco, Priest, Founder of the Salesian Teaching Order, 1888	<b>St Michael's, Waddington</b> <i>Clergy: the Revd Annabel Barber. Reader Emeritus: Derek Wood, Churchwardens: Jo Duffield and Peter Carlsson.</i> Give thanks for all who give time and talents to help the church develop ministry, discipleship and community, particularly in the 'downhill' area of our parish. Please pray for our work with families, for our 'Fish, Chips and Fellowship' initiative, and for our Creative Spirit afternoons. Pray for the way ahead, and for a new churchwarden!

**Queries relating to the Prayer Diary may be directed to Simon Dean by calling 01522 50 40 50 or at [simon.dean@lincoln.anglican.org](mailto:simon.dean@lincoln.anglican.org) The Anglican Cycle of Prayer will be included from February.**



## Prayer Diary January 2017

<b>Sunday 1st</b> The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus	<b>The Rt Revd Christopher Lowson, Bishop of Lincoln</b> Pray for Bishop Christopher as he leads the diocese in achieving our vision of transforming lives in greater Lincolnshire. Pray, too, for Susan as she supports him in his ministry.
<b>Monday 2nd</b> Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishops	<b>Christianity Deanery</b> Pray for the deanery and the ongoing work taking place. Pray for Charles Shaw, the lay chair, and the Revd Dr Hugh Jones as he begins his new role as rural dean.
<b>Tuesday 3rd</b>	<b>Lincoln, All Saints</b> <i>Clergy: in vacancy. Reader: Ken Preston. Reader in training: Andrew Wilson. Churchwardens: Doreen Wood, Marjorie Smith.</i> Pray for the appointment of a priest to lead our Anglo-Catholic traditions at All Saints into 2017. Pray for our small congregation who keep the church open and welcoming to all, and for the leaders of a new Rainbow group meeting in church along with Brownies. Pray for visiting priests who keep worship ongoing week by week.
<b>Wednesday 4th</b>	<b>Lincoln, St Swithin's</b> <i>Clergy: the Revd Jim Prestwood. Staff: Matt Rodgers, Dave Black, Beth Harris, Claire Hornsby, Bethan Speirs-Davies, Tom Larken, Emily Clarke. Reader: Simon Dean.</i> Pray for the Alpha Course taking place in the Wildwood restaurant/cinema, outreach to students and the clothing bank and hub cafe.
<b>Thursday 5th</b>	<b>Boultham Holy Cross &amp; St Helen's, Lincoln</b> <i>Clergy: the Revd Canon David Osbourne. Reader in training: Alex Borman.</i> Pray for our new work with staff and students of the University of Lincoln, whose halls of residence are largely situated in this parish, and for David, who as Anglican Chaplain supports Subash Chellaiah in his ministry as University Chaplain.
<b>Friday 6th</b> The Epiphany	<b>St John the Baptist, Ermine</b> <i>Clergy: Canon Fr Stephen Hoy, the Revd Philippa White. Reader: Jackie Howell. Authorised lay ministers: Hazel Barrett, Gill Clayton-Hewson, Sue Fleshbourne, Sheila Hoy, Christine Priestley. Churchwardens: David Fleshbourne and David Rudeforth. Ermine Music project: Wil Jones.</i> Please hold us in prayer as we mark Holocaust Memorial Day on 27th January in partnership with CCJ; in the development of our new Community Larder outreach project; in the developing progress with our action plan and in our community music project, Ermine Music.
<b>Saturday 7th</b>	<b>All Saints, Bracebridge</b> <i>Clergy: the Revd Andrew Jackson-Parr. Authorised lay ministers: June Austin, Rose Grantham. Churchwardens: Joyce Wells, Richard Seale.</i> Pray for the parish as we discover God's plan for our community at the beginning of the next stage in the life of the Church in this place, particularly as we engage with the wider community and seek to make Christ known. Pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ at St Columba's and for the schools in our parish as we seek to build links.
<b>Sunday 8th</b> The Baptism of Christ; 1st after Epiphany; Plough Sunday	<b>University of Lincoln</b> <i>Chaplain: Subash Chellaiah.</i> Pray for the work of the chaplaincy team and the regular patterns of worship and events that take place. Pray for the students and staff and the conversations that take place.

<b>Monday 9th</b>	<b>Pray for the Church of England schools in Christianity Deanery</b> Bishop King, St Faith & St Martin Infant and Junior schools, St Peter at Gowts and St Peter-in-Eastgate Infants
<b>Tuesday 10th</b> William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645	<b>St Giles, Lincoln</b> <i>Clergy: the Revd Canon Nick Buck, the Revd Pam Beattie. Reader: Sally Buck. Churchwardens: Jenny Yearwood, Correna Sharp.</i> We give thanks for recent growth and for the development of the Community Garden. Pray that we might be effective in sharing the good news of Jesus, for the building up of the resourcefulness of the church community, and for wisdom as we consider how best to develop our church building for mission while addressing major roof repairs. Pray too for Alistair Ward, a diocesan ordinand placed with us, and for Rachel Beck, who is preparing to join us as curate in the summer.
<b>Wednesday 11th</b> Mary Slessor, Missionary in West Africa	<b>The licensing and installation of the Revd Stuart Hadley as Rector of The South Cliff Villages Group.</b> The service is being led by Bishop Nicholas at St Vincent's Church, Caythorpe. Please pray for Stuart and for the group.
<b>Thursday 12th</b> Aelred of Hexham, Abbot of Rievaulx and Revesby ( <i>Furthering Holiness</i> , pg. 6)	<b>St John the Evangelist, Bracebridge Heath</b> <i>Clergy: the Revd Jacqueline Bell. Reader: Lynne Drew. Churchwardens: John Robinson, Sue Shaw.</i> Pray that we may be guided through our time of transition as Jacqueline begins as vicar. That regular worshippers will grow in number and discipleship, and that those who worshipped over Christmas will find room for the Christ-child in their hearts. Please also pray for our new All-age Service.
<b>Friday 13th</b> Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, 367	<b>St Peter in Eastgate, Lincoln</b> <i>Clergy: the Revd Edward Bowes-Smith, the Revd James Radcliffe, the Revd Sam Durant. Retired clergy: the Revd David Lomas, Canon Marvin Bamforth. Readers: Ian Hyde, Margaret Ford (Emeritus).</i> Please pray for us as we prepare to launch the new parish of St Peter in Carlton this April, and as we encourage lifelong discipleship through three new courses: the Bible Course, the Marriage Course and Life Explored.
<b>Saturday 14th</b>	<b>St Mary le Wigford w St Benedict and St Mark, Lincoln</b> <i>Clergy: the Revd Jeremy Cullimore. Churchwarden: Councillor Jackie Kirk.</i> Pray for our community and ministry as Lincoln's Civic Church, with the University of Lincoln, and our ministry of hospitality to all who work in the centre of Lincoln and visit our city. Pray for all involved or affected by the works around the city centre, and for our role in the Bricks and Bones Community Project in Park Ward in partnership with the other High Street parishes.
<b>Sunday 15th</b> 2nd of Epiphany	<b>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Crossing Barriers</b> The material for 2017 has been prepared by the churches in Germany and based around the verses of 2 Corinthians 5:14–20. See <a href="https://ctbi.org.uk/">https://ctbi.org.uk/</a>
<b>Monday 16th</b>	<b>St Faith and St Martin w St Peter-at-Arches</b> <i>Clergy: the Revd Julie Wearing. Reader: Janet Whitehead. Authorised lay ministers: Rita Arthur, Charles Shaw. Churchwarden: Yvonne Codrington. Supporting Clergy: the Revd Neil Burgess, the Revd Paul Payton.</i> Pray for the implementation of our Community Church Plan following the Diocesan Discipleship Programme, for resources for this, and the health of the church community as we seek to serve the local community and build relationships.
<b>Tuesday 17th</b> Antony of Egypt, Hermit, Abbot	<b>St Nicholas w St John, Newport, Lincoln</b> <i>Clergy: the Revd Dr Hugh Jones, the Revd Cameron Watt. Retired clergy: the Ven. Geoff Arrand, the Revd Gervase Babbington, the Revd Canon Brian Barnes,</i>

*the Revd David Mowbray, the Revd Russell Perry, the Revd Canon Andrew Stokes. Ordinand: Judy Shaw.* Pray for us as we develop our vision for the future repair and ordering of our main church building. Pray also for those preparing for confirmation, for our collaborative work alongside Bishop Grosseteste University, and for our continued growth in numbers and depth.

<b>Wednesday 18th</b> Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins; Prisca, Martyr at Rome	<b>St Mary Magdalene w St Paul in the Bail and St Michael on the Mount, Lincoln</b> <i>Clergy: the Revd Canon Alex Whitehead, the Revd Julia Hepburn. Readers: Clare Lindsay, Maggie Townend, Margaret Ford.</i> As the Church in Castle Square, we have an inclusive approach to visitors, involving much voluntary church sitting and hospitality. There is a strong musical tradition, good teamwork and a growing Sunday School. 2017 marks our 700th anniversary. Plans include conservation of panelling, lime-washing, and cleaning stonework. A mezzanine floor room and toilet facilities are also in preparation.
<b>Thursday 19th</b> Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095	<b>St Botolph by Bargate, St Peter at Gowts and St Andrew, Lincoln</b> <i>Clergy: the Revd Jeremy Cullimore. Churchwardens: David Boyd, Mary Rose and Margaret Simpson.</i> Please pray for our community and for St Peter at Gowts Primary School and for Bishop King Primary School as we serve the people and community groups within Park Ward at a time of rapid demographic change. For our role in the Bricks and Bones Community Project to build community cohesion in this part of Lincoln, ministry supporting community arts projects and for the Food in School Holidays project. Please also pray for the Greek Orthodox Parish of St Basil the Great and St Paisios, who share our ancient building.
<b>Friday 20th</b> Richard Rolle of Hampole, Spiritual Writer, 1349; Susanna Wesley, Mother of John and Charles, 1742 ( <i>Furthering Holiness</i> , pg. 9)	<b>St George's, Swallowbeck, Lincoln</b> <i>Clergy: the Revd James Gandon (curate). Reader: Dave Albans. Churchwardens: Delyth Gunter, Debby Jones.</i> At this time of interregnum please pray for the churchwardens and members of the PCC as they develop the Parish Profile, person specification and job advert along with the Archdeacon. We continue to give thanks for God's blessing at this time and pray for continued growth in number and in depth of discipleship. Please also pray as we continue to pursue our cafe extension project with a vision to reach into the local community.
<b>Saturday 21st</b> Agnes, Child-Martyr at Rome, 304	<b>HMP Lincoln, IRC Morton Hall and HMP North Sea Camp</b> We pray for the governors and all staff in each location. Pray for the multi-faith chaplaincy teams and volunteers, as they continue to learn to work together in building hope and in showing people the difference that faith can make in their lives.
<b>Sunday 22nd</b> 3rd of Epiphany	<b>Homeless Sunday</b> Through prayer and reflection, Homeless Sunday offers an opportunity to listen to what God has to say about homelessness, and to consider what action we are being called to take. See <a href="http://www.homeless-sunday.uk/">http://www.homeless-sunday.uk/</a>
<b>Monday 23rd</b>	<b>St Luke, Birchwood and Doddington Park</b> <i>Clergy: the Revd Linda Harris. Reader: John Chastell. Authorised lay ministers: Karen Bavin, Paul Bavin, Cherie Richards, Joan Townsend and Yvonne Turner. Churchwardens: Cherie Richards and Andy Townsend.</i> Thank God for His faithfulness as we set up a successful community choir, 'Birchwood Sings', funded initially from the Bishop's Social Justice Fund. Pray that these links in the community will bear fruit in His kingdom. Pray for the two Bible study groups at St Luke's – that they would continue to thrive as they open the Bible together.