

# ST PETER AT GOWTS CHURCH

JANUARY 20TH 2019

EPIPHANY 3

10AM SUNG EUCHARIST

## Readings

First reading; Isaiah ch 62 v 1-5

Second Reading; 1 Corinthians ch 12 v 1-11

Gospel; John ch2 v –11

## Hymns

Introit; **EH 366**  
God of mercy

Gradual; **EH 257**  
This is the day

Offertory; **NH 49**  
The Saviour will come

Communion; **NH 27**  
Bind us together, Lord

Post Communion **EH 56 omit v3,4**  
Song of thankfulness and praise

## Collect

Almighty God,  
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Please pray for;

**the sick;** Dan Bishop, Fred Bowskill, Martin Cotteril, Pam Goodman, Elizabeth Graham, Joy Gray, Mandy North, Mary Rose, Stuart Rose, Tim Wheeldon.

## Years Mind;

21 Joan Reeson  
23 Ralph Denman, Hilda Fountain  
Margaret Lacy  
24 Vic Wilkinson  
25 Len Kirby

- The discussions and decisions of the PCC (22nd)
- For all who experience conversion to Christianity (St Paul 25th)
- Companions and helpers in the mission field ( Timothy and Titus 26th)
- All members of parliament in both houses
- A way forward in the Brexit negotiations.

## Priest in charge:

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## Hall bookings & baptisms

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### Events this week

|      |           |      |                      |             |
|------|-----------|------|----------------------|-------------|
| 22nd | Tuesday   | 10am | Women's social group | church hall |
| 23rd | Wednesday | 10am | Keep fit             | church hall |

**20th Sunday 10am Sung Eucharist church**

### Regular monthly events

|              |      |                    |             |
|--------------|------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1st Thursday | 2pm  | Women's Fellowship | church hall |
| 1st Saturday | 10am | Coffee Morning     | church hall |

### REMINDERS

#### NO CAMEO MEETINGS UNTIL MARCH

|              |          |        |                |             |
|--------------|----------|--------|----------------|-------------|
| 22nd         | Tuesday  | 7.30pm | PCC            | church hall |
| 2nd February | Saturday | 10-12  | Coffee morning | church hall |

As you may know I made a speech in the House of Lords on Monday 14 January regarding the decision made by parliament that the United Kingdom should leave the European Community (EU) at the end of March 2019. The text of the speech and a video can be seen on the diocesan website at [www.lincoln.anglican.org](http://www.lincoln.anglican.org).

The speech sought to reflect something of the reasons, as I understand them, that (of those voting) 66% of the people who live in the diocese of Lincoln voted to leave the EU. It called for respect for those views; indeed respect for the views of people on both sides of this bitter argument. I suggested that we now need to work together for the common good.

The most important thing Christians can do now is to support our members of parliament as they grapple with this difficult situation. One of the ways we can do that is through prayer.

Churches Together for Britain and Ireland especially asks that churches, and everyone of faith, to join together over the coming week, beginning this Sunday, in praying for our politicians and political institutions.

In a statement the archbishops of Canterbury and York are quoted as saying: We echo the call of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland to Christians and all those of faith and goodwill to give time for prayer beginning this Sunday in their local churches or as they choose: praying for wisdom, courage, integrity and compassion for our political leaders and all MPs; for reconciliation; and for fresh and uniting vision for all in our country.

Independent of this initiative, one of the peers who sit in the House of Lords from Lincolnshire suggested that I should share the prayers said routinely in the House of Commons and House of Lords with those who will be leading public worship during this time.

The bishops of Grimsby and Grantham and I hope that these prayers (or the sentiments reflected in them) might be used in public worship, in some way that is appropriate for the particular act of worship, beginning on Sunday.

Bishop of Lincoln.