

All Saints

NETTLEHAM PARISH CHURCH

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The Good News from Nettleham

Sunday 16 February 2020 2 Before Lent

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Father Richard writes....

We have some challenges on the horizon, and the horizon is getting closer. At the meeting of the Church of England's General Synod last week, a paper and proposal from the Environment Working Group that the whole church, including parishes and education institutions, should be set a target of reducing carbon emissions to net zero by 2045, was amended, and the target was changed to 2030. In the next ten years we are all expected to change to reduce our carbon footprint in a very radical way. Ten years is suddenly not "sometime in the future" but pretty much "on our watch". This is not a target for individual church members, though there will be a great deal of pressure to see Christians in the forefront of the sacrifice and creative change on a personal level. God's handing of the stewardship of all creation to humankind, as set out in the book of Genesis leads to this pretty inescapable conclusion. The Church of England subscribes to the Five Marks of Mission, and the fifth of these is "*To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth*".

What does this mean? We have to start planning and acting now. It will affect our use of energy in and in connection with the church – heating, lighting, travel, etc. How we heat it, how much, when, and with what controls, and with what insulation and what alternatives. How much of the church we light and with what level of efficiency. It will affect our use of paper, print, plastics, food-stuffs, containers, packaging, dietary balance for what we serve and use in connection with church. It will affect whether and how we travel between churches. It will affect how much we do face to face and how much we do digitally. It will affect clergy housing. It will shape our building development project, making it imperative that our new facilities use renewable and recyclable materials, and ensuring that they are able to be used with much greater energy efficiency. It will affect the planting and other environmental projects around the world that we encourage and support.

The All Saints PCC is onto this already. It voted last year to work to become an Eco Parish (and for Lawres to become an Eco Deanery. We will need to identify a project team to work on this and challenge us as a matter of urgency. There can't be much doubt about the urgency, as we face our second weekend of exceptional weather.

Covid19

The Church of England and its medical advisors have given advice about responding to the risk of wider spreading of the new viral threat which leads to very serious lung infection, rather in the manner of an influenza epidemic. The risk of a major medical emergency in the UK remains only moderate, but it is creating increasing anxiety. The virus is yet to be fully understood, but seems to have a lower death rate than previous infections, but a greater tendency to spread. The advice will become clearer and stronger over the coming weeks if locally acquired illness increases in the UK. So far,

clergy at All Saints and at St Mary's have only added the use of antiseptic gels before handling the elements at Holy Communion. The advice received yesterday from the central church of England is that anyone who feels they may have a respiratory infection should avoid touching others at the Peace, and should receive communion in the one kind – just the bread. The advice says that dipping the bread in the chalice increases rather than decreases the risk of spreading infection. The Archbishops say clearly that receiving just the bread is full communion. Should the situation become more worrying, we will probably have to make non-contact and universal use of bread alone the norm – we aren't yet at that point. I've put the CofE guidance later in GNFN.

Prayer of the week....

Creator God, this earth is miraculous and beautiful.

Forgive our confusion and inaction as we confront the challenges of climate change. In the light of your truth, seen so clearly in the life and teaching of Jesus, help us to re-examine ourselves and our lifestyle choices and see clearly the implications of how we live on all that sustains life on this earth. May we follow your lead in caring for every aspect of this precious world, which you made, and love.

We pray for world leaders to find new, just and radical agreements that will protect our fragile world for future generations.

Throughout history you have moved people to do amazing things for the sake of their neighbours.

Inspire us now to work together, as your people, to change priorities in the way we live, so that we build a fair and safe world for all your creation; a world where your will is done as it is in heaven. Amen.

Adapted from Churches Together in Britain and Ireland

Quote of the week....

"Reducing the causes of climate change is essential to the life of faith. It is a way to love our neighbour and to steward the gift of creation." *Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury*

RIP....

We give thanks for the life, pray for the soul and ask comfort for the relatives and friends of Jack Snowden.

Special prayers....

We pray for Rosie (one of our Ducklings) who is being baptised this afternoon at All Saints Church. We pray also for her family and friends.

In need of prayer....

Jan Cleveland, James Vincent, Sandra Lawley, Dave Vincent, Etienne Salt, Arielle Salt, Barry Crum, Heather Haynes, Chris Wooster, Julian Ellin, Harriet Rich and Ben Comins.

Year's Mind

Madge Lill	(2014)
Thomas Hopkins	(2016)
Marion Jean Kay	(2008)
Alan Rand	(1958)
Roy Owen	(2009)
Lawrence Lowthorpe	(2017)

Eileen Pritchard	(1994)
Robert Rawlings	(2019)
Marjorie Dickinson	(2017)
Ron Harrison	(2007)
John Spencer	(2006)

Week commencing 16 February...

Sunday 2 Before Lent

8.00am Said Eucharist
9.30am Sung Eucharist
2.00pm Baptism of Rosie Wyld
4.00pm Worship@4
6.00pm Healing and Wholeness

Monday *Janani Luwum, archbishop, martyr, 1977*

Tuesday Feria

9.30am Ducklings
2.00pm Craft and Natter in the Parish Centre

Wednesday Feria

12.00pm BCP Holy Communion

Thursday Feria

9.30am CW Eucharist

Friday Feria

12.00pm CW Eucharist
1.30pm Funeral of Jack Snowden

Saturday

Sunday 23rd Sunday next before Lent

8.00am Said Eucharist
9.30am Sung Eucharist
11.15am BCP MP at St Mary's Riseholme
4.00pm Worship@4

Weekday Morning and Evening Prayer – 9.00am and 6.00pm

Readings Sunday 23 February – Sunday next before Lent

Exodus 24.12-18 Psalm 2 2 Peter 1.16-21 Matthew 17.1-9

Getting on the roll....

Just like every Parish in the land, each of our churches has an electoral roll – a list of those eligible to have a vote on the election of church officials for the parish and deanery. It costs you nothing, it costs the church nothing, but it affects our representation and it gives you a bit of a sense of belonging. You can be on the roll if you are an adult and either live in the parish or regularly attend the churches – including Ducklings and weekday services. Do pick up a form and get yourself on the list before the votes and parish meetings in April. About 220 people come to services at All Saints but only 150 are currently on the roll.

We choose churchwardens and PCC members, but this year it is particularly important that we choose Deanery Synod Representatives. We have three – and they get to vote on the lay representatives from this diocese to General Synod. There is a make-or-break agenda for General Synod this year and it is vital we have people on this powerful body that represent our views as a church and a community.

Future dates...

Wednesday 26 February. Ash Wednesday (the Beginning of Lent)

12.00 – Service of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes

7.30 pm - Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

Friday 28 February at 1.00pm after the midday Eucharist service. Free lunchtime recital by Wendy Leonard and Jonathan Nowell. Lasts 45 minutes. Bring sandwiches if you wish.

Friday 13 March at 5.15pm. Piano and electronic recital by Simon Vincent based on Psalm 23. Followed by evening prayer.

Saturday 21 March, 10.00am to 4.00pm St John the Evangelist Church, Brigg, DN20 8JE. Training session for Eco Church. Please talk to Fr Richard if you are interested in attending.

Save the day! Saturday 28 March at 9.00am. The churchwardens cordially invite you to dig out your dusters and other cleaning materials for a church cleaning session. Further details will follow closer to the date. *Lynne and Andy*

Saturday 4 April at 7.00pm. Flute and piano recital by Joanna Reveley and Simon Gilliver.

Reports for the APCM...

The 2020 Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held on Sunday 3 May, starting at 11.15am. Can all those who prepare reports on behalf of our various in-church groups for consideration at the APCM please submit their reports for 2019-2020 to Shirley Keyes (admin@asn.church) no later than the **20 March** to enable us to put everything together at least two weeks before the 3 May (and there is Easter in between.) *Andy and Lynne*

Crazy Bag Whist...

Saturday 7th March, 2.30pm to 5.00pm with afternoon tea £10 per ticket. Look out for posters and tickets will be available soon. Three small prizes of a value 50p/£1.00/£2.00 would be greatly appreciated. *Lynne*

School Governors....

Our close links with Nettleham Junior School include the right to nominate just over 50% of the governors. This is one of the ways we show our commitment to maintain the Christian ethos of that school.

There are currently two further vacancies for the Foundation Governor positions. If you or someone you know would like to be considered for this important work, please let Fr Richard or the Churchwardens know.

Archdeacon's Inspection....

Last week our two churches were inspected by Revd Cliff Kay, the Acting Assistant Archdeacon of Stow and Lindsey. The inspection covered all our paperwork, our goods, registers, church property and buildings. Thanks to all who maintain these and who got them into sparkling order for the day. It went very well.

Prayer Diary....

Day	Diocese, wider church	Parish
Sunday 16th The Second Sunday before Lent	Please pray today for all those who are anxious about the future. <i>Pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa. The Most Revd Albert Chama – Archbishop of Central Africa & Bishop of Northern Zambia</i>	Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Monday 17th Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr, 1977	Sutton Bridge and Tydd St Mary: in vacancy. <i>Maine (USA): The Right Revd Stephen Lane; Texas (USA): The Right Revd Andrew Doyle</i>	Our clergy, Reader and Administrator. <i>Pray for Fr Richard, Revd Judy. Bishop Nigel, Jane Hanson and Kath Pickering</i> We pray for the residents of Manor Court, Sutton Close, Dalderby Crescent and Cliff Avenue.
Tuesday 18th	The Deanery of Elloe West: The Revd Michael Howard, Rural Dean; Sue Slater, Lay Chair. <i>Maiwut (South Sudan): The Right Revd Peter Gatbel Kunen Lual; The Arctic (Canada): The Right Revd David Parsons; Haiti (The Episcopal Church): The Right Revd Jean Zache Duracin</i>	Our choir and organists <i>Pray for choir members, for our Choir Mistress, and our organists</i> We pray for the residents of Kingsway and Washdyke Lane.
Wednesday 19th	Church schools in Elloe West Deanery. <i>Makamba (Burundi): The Most Revd Martin Blaise Nyaboho (Primate); The Episcopal Church in South Carolina (USA) – The Right Revd Gladstone Adams</i>	Our churchwardens, sidespeople, readers and intercessors. We pray for the residents of Hall Lane and Lincoln Road.
Thursday 20th World Day of Social Justice.	Cowbit (Cowbit w. Aubourn, Weston, Weston Hill): in vacancy. <i>Makueni (Kenya): The Right Revd Francis Mboya Matui; The Murray (Australia): The Right Revd Keith Dalby; The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (Spain): The Right Revd Carlos López-Lozano</i>	Charities we support and the FiSH project We pray for the residents of Nettleham Heath.
Friday 21st	Crowland: The Revd Charles Brown. <i>Makurdi (Nigeria): The Right Revd Nathan Nyitar Inyom; Thika (Kenya): The Right Revd Julius Njuguna Wanyoike</i>	The Sacristy team and Servers. We pray for the whole team and their ministry for us We pray for the residents of North Greetwell: Westfield Avenue, Westfield Approach, Westfield Drive.
Saturday 22nd	Deeping St James: in vacancy. <i>Malabar (South India): The Right Revd Royce Manoj Victor; Thoothukudi – Nazareth (South India): The Right Revd Samuel Devasahayam Ebenezer Clement; Hanuato'o (Melanesia): The Right Revd Alfred Karibongi</i>	Our Family Church, Cuppa Time, Ducklings and their leaders. We pray for the residents of North Greetwell: Lawley Close, Greetwell Close and Wragby Road East.
Sunday 23rd The Sunday next before Lent Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, c. 155	Church Action on Poverty Sunday. Please pray that as we enter Lent we will be granted a glimpse of who Jesus really is, and a new appreciation of his glory. <i>Pray for the Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America: The Right Revd Julio Murray Thompson – Primate of IARCA & Bishop of Panama</i>	Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Church Women's Fellowship...

Church Women's Fellowship will meet on Monday February 17th at 2.15 p.m. in the Old School, small room.

Sandy Gould is our speaker. We look forward to hearing her talk 'Walks through the Holy Land'.

Barbara

Men's Curry Night...

Our Men's Curry Night is a social occasion for current and prospective members of the church. There is no order of service, just a menu! **The next meeting will be on Monday 17th February at 7.00pm at the Castle View in Lincoln.** Please give your name to Bobby Hipgrave, in person, or by email at bobby.hipgrave@btinternet.com.

Bobby

Flute Recital...

My daughter will be giving a recital in All Saints Church, Nettleham, on Saturday, 4th April, at 7pm. Refreshments will be served during the interval, and there will be a raffle (donations welcome!).

Joanna Reveley and Simon Gilliver present an evening of enchanting music for flute and piano. Their programme will focus on some of the most beautiful flute works written by English composers.

Ticket, £10, from Beckside Newsagents, Jocelyne Pilbeam, Sally Bradley, Kath Ersser, or me.

All proceeds are for the Church Tower Fund.

Thank you. *Mary Perridge*

Snowdrop Sunday...

Sunday 16th February 2020
12 noon to 4.00pm

This event has been cancelled because the weather makes the gardens and the large trees unsafe.

Joke of the week...

A man running a little behind schedule arrives at the cinema, goes in to watch the film that has already started, and as his eyes adjust to the darkness, he is surprised to see a dog sitting beside its master in the row ahead, intently watching the movie.

It even seemed to be enjoying the film: wagging its tail in the happy bits, drooping its ears at the sad bits, and hiding its eyes with its paws at the scary bits.

After the film has finished, the man approaches the dog's owner, "Wow, your dog really seemed to enjoy the movie. I'm amazed!"

"Yes, I can't believe it myself," came the reply. "He hated the book."

Summer course...

The Faraday Institute will be holding its annual Summer Course June 28th - July 3rd this year. This course is an opportunity to explore in more depth the ways in which Faith and Science speak to each other in contemporary society and to explore the theological and ethical issues which this dialogue raises.

The course will be held at Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge, and is entitled 'Telling a better story - why faith and science belong together'. Topics will include the nature of reality, origins, human identity and the environment. For more information, please see faraday.institute/summercourse2020

Ladies who lunch....

Our next lunch will be on Wednesday 18th March at 1.00pm at The Stag's Head on Newport. The sign-up sheet and menu will be available at the back of church today.
Lynne

Charity Donations 2019...

For a number of years, we have given 5% of the money that we receive from our planned giving (and its recovered tax) to 3 beneficiaries; a local charity, a UK national charity and an international charity. We are again looking for your help in deciding which charities should receive our 2019 donations – please enter your nominations on the forms in the folder at the back of church, along with a space for any additional supporting information you may like to give us..

You can nominate charities in as many categories as you'd like – the only stipulation is that the 3 charities that we supported in 2018 are not eligible for support in 2019, so this means that the Nomad Trust, Macmillan Cancer Support and Wateraid are excluded from this year's list.

Nominations will close next Sunday, **23 February**, so that we can make a final decision at the next PCC meeting on 4 March.

Thank you for your help. *Andy and Lynne*

Pastoral Care Team...

Our Pastoral Care Team visit the sick, lonely and bereaved in their own homes. We also visit those who are in residential homes or in hospital. We take out Holy Communion to the sick and housebound who can no longer attend church. Pastoral care is an expression of our Christian care and love for each other. If you know of anyone who would like pastoral support please inform a member of the team which includes Peter Broadley, Jean Carter, Lynne Combes, Myfanwy Denton, Martin Farmer, Jean Gledhill, Sandy Gould, and Katie Smalley.

Jean Gledhill, Coordinator - tel. 01522 751451.

Lent Courses....

Our Lent courses start on Thursday 27 February at 10.30 in the Parish Centre. We shall be following a series of short videos and materials on the Beatitudes which is part of the Pilgrim Course. In parallel Nettleham Methodist Church has invited us to join their Wednesday series of sessions exploring personal witness to the faith. We are also hoping to hold a few sessions, probably early on a Monday evening, supporting the Forty Days of Green Action proposed by the Church of England – watch this space.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance for parishes....

The threat posed by COVID-19 has been assessed by the Chief Medical Officer as 'moderate'. This permits the Government to plan for all eventualities. The risk to individuals remains low.

Current Government advice is that individuals should follow good hygiene practices including:

- carrying tissues and using them to catch coughs and sneezes, and binning the tissue;
- washing hands with soap and water (for 20 seconds) or using sanitiser gel to kill germs.

Advice has also been issued to travellers who have returned to the UK from a number of countries. Anyone who has returned to the UK from any of these areas in the last 14 days and develops symptoms of cough or fever or shortness of breath, should immediately:

- stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with the flu;
- call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the country.

Long-standing government advice has been that 'In a pandemic, it makes good sense to take precautions to limit the spread of disease by not sharing common vessels for food and drink.' COVID-19 has NOT been declared a pandemic.

Churches should already be following best-hygiene practices that include advising parishioners with coughs and sneezes to refrain from handshaking during The Peace and to receive Communion in one kind only.

At present, there is no Government advice that suggests the use of the Common Cup should be suspended. It is also best practice for churches to have hand-sanitisers available for parishioners to use.

In addition, priests presiding at the Eucharist, communion administrators and servers should wash their hands, preferably with an alcohol-based (minimum 60%) hand-sanitiser.

Intinction is not recommended (even by celebrants or communion-administrators) as this represents an infection transmission route.

Best hygiene practice should continue to be observed in all pastoral contacts.

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If you need to talk to a priest, please call Fr Richard or Reverend Judy.*