

All Saints

NETTLEHAM PARISH CHURCH

St. Mary's

RISEHOLME PARISH CHURCH

The Good News from Nettleham

Sunday 1 March 2020

Lent 1

No 138

Father Richard writes....

This time of Lent is an occasion for fasting, deeper prayerfulness, acts of sacrifice and generosity, and “spring cleaning” our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. It always is, and this year it somehow seems even more timely. How our world needs the new life of the resurrection, how it needs to understand and confront for the agony of the crucifixion, how it needs us to be disciples who take up the cross to follow the Lord!

Clergy and licensed readers have had a lengthy letter from our two bishops, Bishop David and Bishop Nicholas, commending to us a greater emphasis on prayerfulness, sacrifice, cleansing, re-committing, openness to the light of Christ, both as searchlight in our dark corners and as guide to a better future. They refer to the awful burden of our history as a diocese that is progressively being revealed. They talk of the challenge of a year with our Diocesan Bishop and our Cathedral Dean stepped back from ministry. They talk of the challenge to the very future of our diocese and its churches from declining numbers, and from a yawning gap in our finances. This latter is now so urgent – you may have seen it has made it onto the BBC and the Lincolnite – that we no longer have a do-nothing option.

It isn't all about money. The church across the county is losing members quite fast, and with the average age being pretty high, especially in rural areas, we are sitting on a demographic time-bomb. The church across the county is struggling with its immense inheritance of beautiful, historic churches, the majority of which are a burden on an exhausted few, in need of repair, unsuitable for a modern way of being church or for welcoming a wider cross-section of the community, and many of which are in the wrong places. The church across the county struggles to find ministers – the recent plan to increase stipendiary clergy to try and drive a recovery has failed, not for lack of money, but for lack of good or indeed often any candidates for jobs.

The diocese has to think fast and act decisively. We cannot go on raiding the family silver – selling land or assets reduces income. We are increasingly realise that major change is needed. Change not just to save money, but to care for existing congregations, build new ones, and develop a vibrant and sustainable church. This change will need to be radical, far reaching, imaginative and bold. It will be painful to many as we cannot sustain current patterns of ministry, patterns of who does what in churches, indeed of models of what church is actually like. Everything has to be up for question – the role of ordained clergy leading churches, the role of lay ministers, the sharing of admin and buildings management responsibilities, how many of the 630 churches we can actually support. Groups are looking at central diocesan costs, ways of increasing giving, ways of growing churches and ways of getting more out of our

investments and assets. I am on the fifth group, looking at how we might be able to redeploy our clergy and lay ministry assets, and our buildings, not just to save money, but to grow churches and bring the gospel to more people.

The bishops ask us to spend this Lent in real sacrifice, deep prayer, and a search for ways of dealing with our challenges; as individuals, as church communities, as deaneries and as a diocese.

I don't intend to interfere too much in this. The church in Nettleham and in Riseholme is more than a building, and this flawed priest is not the answer to every problem. You are the people of God here, the chosen disciples. If you can, and if you will, please get together to share your Lent of sacrifice, to share in prayer, and to ask God's guidance for yourself, our two churches and the diocese. I don't want feedback unless you think it would be useful. I just want everyone, as our bishops have asked, to fast and pray as though your church depended on it. Because it does. You, and our community here, will get the church you pray for; the church you work to build; the church you work for. Could existing groups, new groups, and a huge number from the 220 people who read this GNFN and are in some way part of this church, please get on with this Lenten work! Ask, of course, if you want help with this, or if you want to put anything in GNFN. Let's mobilise!

Fr Richard Crossland, Rector

Prayer of the week....

Holy God,
our lives are laid open before you:
rescue us from the chaos of sin
and through the death of your Son
bring us healing and make us whole
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Quote of the week....

And God held in his hand
A small globe. Look he said.
The son looked. Far off,
As through water, he saw
A scorched land of fierce
Colour. The light burned
There; crusted buildings
Cast their shadows: a bright
Serpent, a river
Uncoiled itself, radiant
With slime.

On a bare
Hill a bare tree saddened
The sky. Many People
Held out their thin arms
To it, as though waiting
For a vanished April
To return to its crossed
Boughs. The son watched
Them. Let me go there, he said.

R.S.Thomas 1913-2000

RIP....

We give thanks for the lives, pray for the souls and ask comfort for the relatives and friends of Peter Turner, Dave Vincent and Jack Snowden.

In need of prayer....

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

Year's Mind

Oliver Thornton	(1992)	Jane Goodliffe	(2008)
Norman Scott	(2012)	Joan Edwards	(1974)
Kathleen Grainger	(2009)	Anthony Howgego	(2015)
Joan Jones	(2018)	Margaret Standen	(2008)
Betty O'Donoghue	(2018)		

Week commencing 1 March...

Sunday **Lent 1 and St David's Day**

8.00am Said Eucharist
9.30am Sung Eucharist
4.00pm Worship@4
7.15pm Saints Alive in the Parish Centre

Monday *Chad, bishop, missionary, 672*

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

Wednesday *Ember Day*
7.15pm Nettleham PCC Meeting in the Parish Centre

Thursday *Feria*
9.30am CW Eucharist
10.15am Lent Course in the Parish Centre
11.00am Quarter peal

Friday *Ember Day*
12.00pm CW Eucharist

Saturday *Perpetua, Felicity and companions, martyrs, 203*
2.30pm Crazy Bag VWhist in the Old School

Sunday 8th **Lent 2**
8.00am Said Eucharist
9.30am Sung Eucharist
11.15am BCP HC St Mary's Riseholme
4.00pm Worship@4

Weekday Morning and Evening Prayer – 9.00am and 6.00pm

Readings Sunday 8 March – Second Sunday of Lent
Genesis 12.1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4.1-5, 13-17 John 3.1-17

Try Spring Harvest ...

For the last few years we have arranged a deal with Spring Harvest at Skegness so that leaders from our Diocese have been able to attend for a day as a taster free of charge. Once again this year Spring Harvest are keen to extend this invitation, for Wednesday April 15th, which is the Wednesday during Easter Week.

The day will involve experiencing the programme on offer from Spring Harvest including worship, Bible studies, seminars and entertainment. You can see the programme, and get an idea of how the day looks, [here](#). The organisers of Spring Harvest have given us a space that we can use as a base for coffee at the start of the day, and the Diocese of Lincoln will provide lunch for you. Evening dinner will involve choosing from the variety of eateries on the Butlin's site, or bringing food with you.

In addition we have agreed a 20% discount for family members who may wish to join you on the day.

Youth Groups can also attend at a special discount – please e-mail charlotte.bloom@lincoln.anglican.org for details.

... or go as a Volunteer

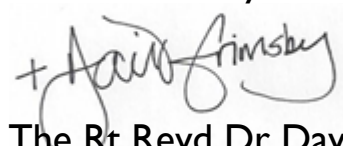
Spring Harvest happens because of the large number of people who volunteer to serve during the week. Spring Harvest would be interested in local people from the county helping for the week. This is an opportunity for the Diocese of Lincoln to serve Spring Harvest. Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

- Stewarding
- Prayer ministry after the evening worship in the Big Top
- Working in the children's or youth venues (non-residential or already booked to stay only, and would need to be everyday)
- Counselling (This would need to be someone who is trained in this area)

If this is something that you or members of your congregation(s) would be interested in you can view a role description and complete the volunteer application form from the Spring Harvest website (www.springharvest.org/partnership/volunteer, then click on 'Enquiry' near the bottom). Please write Diocese of Lincoln on top of the form so that they know that you are part of the Diocese.

If you would like to attend the leader's day on Wednesday April 15th rsvp to Marie Isaac by email (marie.isaac@lincoln.anglican.org) or call John Leach on 01522 50 40 49 **by Monday 30th March**. An email will then be sent to you nearer the time with the pass which will let you onto the site and final details of the leaders' day.

Yours Sincerely



The Rt Revd Dr David Court
Bishop of Grimsby

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*

Future dates...

Saturday 7 March at 2.30pm Crazy Bag Whist in The Old School Rooms. See posters. Tickets available NOW.

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. Tickets available NOW.

Crazy Bag Whist...

Saturday 7th March, 2.30pm to 5.00pm with afternoon tea £10 per ticket. Look out for posters and tickets available NOW. 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.

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, Lynne Combes or me.

All proceeds are for the Church Tower Fund. Thank you. *Mary Perridge*

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. Please place your orders by Friday 6 March at the very latest. *Lynne*

Prayer Diary....

Day	Diocese, wider church	Parish
Sunday 1st The First Sunday of Lent David, Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales, c. 601	Please pray for all those who struggle with temptation, whether to seek their own power and glory, or to misuse power to manipulate others. <i>The Iglesia Anglicana de Chile – The Most Revd Héctor (Tito) Zavala Muñoz Bishop of Santiago & Primate</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.
Monday 2nd Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672 (See <i>Furthering Holiness</i> , pg. 19)	The Deanery of Grimsby and Cleethorpes: The Revd Canon Andrew Dodd, Area Dean; Mrs Kate Hutchinson, Lay Chair. <i>Mandalay (Myanmar): The Right Revd David Nyi Nyi Naing; Toronto (Canada): The Most Revd Colin Robert Johnson</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 All Saints Lane, The Rowans, The Chestnuts, Deepdale Lane, The Dene and Scothern Road.
Tuesday 3rd	Church schools in Grimsby and Cleethorpes Deanery: <i>Manicaland (Central Africa): The Right Revd Erick Ruwona; Toungoo (Myanmar): The Right Revd Saw John Wilme; Hawaii (USA): The Right Revd Robert Fitzpatrick</i>	Our choir and organists <i>Pray for choir members, for our Choir Mistress, and our organists</i> We pray for the residents of Cotton Smith Way, Herrington Avenue, Lechler Close, Cooper Close and Aima Court.
Wednesday 4th	Old Clee Holy Trinity, Christchurch and St Aidan's: The Revd Nick Nawrocki. "Please pray for our growing relationship with other churches; <i>Maper (South Sudan): The Right Revd William Madding Machar; Trichy-Tanjore (South India): The Right Revd Gnanamuthu Paul Vasanthakumar</i>	Our churchwardens, sidespeople, readers and intercessors. We pray for the residents of Shaw Way, Heath Road, Monsford Close and East Street.
Thursday 5th	Cleethorpes, St Peter's: The Revd Paul Hunter. "Please pray for us as we seek to be a beacon to the local community, reflecting the light of Christ as a place of welcome, prayer and healing." <i>Mara (Tanzania): The Right Revd George Okoth; Trinidad & Tobago (West Indies): The Right Revd Claude Berkley; Truro (England): The Right Revd Philip Mounstephen</i>	Charities we support and the FiSH project We pray for the residents of The Croft, The Crescent, Jubilee Court, Orchard Way, Kerrison View and Highfields.
Friday 6th	The meeting of the Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches. <i>Maralal (Kenya): The Right Revd Jacob Lesuuda; Tuam, Killala & Achonry (Ireland): The Right Revd Patrick William Rooke</i>	The Sacristy team and Servers. <i>We pray for the whole team and their ministry for us</i> We pray for the residents of The Steepers, Wold View and High Leas.
Sunday 8th The Second Sunday of Lent Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln, 1910 (<i>FH</i> pg. 23)	Please pray for all who exercise a teaching ministry, that they may clearly see and understand who Jesus is, and proclaim him to others. <i>The Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo – The Most Revd Zacharie Masimango Katanda Archbishop of the Congo & Bishop of Kindu</i>	Our Family Church, Cuppa Time, Ducklings and their leaders. We pray for the residents of Ashtree Avenue, Ridgeway, Willowfield, The Green, The Barn flats and bungalows and the Co-op flats.

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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

Lent Courses....

Our Lent courses started last Thursday 27 February at 10.30 in the Parish Centre. Please join us this Thursday. We are 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.

Tower Cook Book...

As part of our efforts to raise funds for repairs to the tower we have decided to produce a series of cookbooks. We want your help; we need you to share your favourite family recipes with us! We know that there are lots of excellent cooks in the village so please mention this to your friends as well especially as they may not read GNFN. We want everyone to send their recipes to Shirley and Myfanwy who are going to collate them for the first collection which is going to be based on main courses. You can either hand write your recipes and give them to Shirley or Myfanwy or send them electronically to admin@asn.church. You can use imperial, metric measurements or cups (we will provide conversion charts) but ideally don't mix them in the same recipe. Oven temperatures in centigrade only. If you want to add any notes about why this is your favourite curry or hot pot recipe for example or if it has been handed down to you through the generations then we would really like to have this information too!

We hope that everyone who reads the cookbook will find in it a new dish to enjoy and have the satisfaction that they have helped to restore the All Saints tower in a memorable way.

Joke of the week...

Last night my girlfriend and I watched three DVDs back to back. Luckily I was the one facing the television.

World Day of Prayer 2020...

Praying with Zimbabwe
Friday 6 March at 2.00pm
Nettleham Methodist Church

A united service with friends from churches in Nettleham, Scothern, Welton and Dunholme

Come and join us
All are welcome to this service for everyone

Rise! Take your Mat and Walk

Zimbabwe has gone through many changes - notably the ousting of Robert Mugabe. But the new dawn that so many had hoped and prayed for has not happened. In fact, life for ordinary Zimbabweans is harder than ever. Please continue to pray for Zimbabwe.

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.

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