

# All Saints

NETTLEHAM PARISH CHURCH

# St. Mary's

RISEHOLME PARISH CHURCH

## The Good News from Nettleham

*Sunday 15 March 2020*

*Lent 3*

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*Father Richard writes....*

We are living in a strange world of growing fear and anticipation as the Covid-19 infection spreads. No-one is now in doubt that many people will become ill with this virus. For many, especially the young it will mostly be an uncomfortable inconvenience. But for others, especially the elderly and those who are already unwell in other ways, it will be very serious indeed. We feel strangely connected with the biblical world of plagues. Today's reading, about the woman at the well, is a picture of abundant grace, and we all stand in need of that at times like this.

We have taken further steps to try to keep safe around church, on the advice of the Church of England and of the government's Medical Adviser. We are now not sharing the cup in the Eucharist. The priest will offer you, after cleansing her or himself, just the bread into your hand. Wine will be blessed, but consumed only by the President. For many this will be a considerable sacrifice, but the bishops have stressed that the church believes that receiving either the bread or the wine alone is full communion. Similarly we are now asking all people to refrain from any hand contact at the peace. The collection plate will not be handed around, so please place your gift in the plate before going to your place at the beginning of the service. Afterwards, we have debated about whether to provide refreshments at all, but have agreed for this week at least to offer tea or coffee in disposable cups. Those serving have taken precautions with washing and gloves. Could you please avoid touching milk jugs or other cups yourself.

Like all organisations and businesses we have begun, as requested by the Church of England, to draw up a Recovery Plan – a plan for what happens when the situation becomes worse, or when key people become ill. I am confident we will have to take even more drastic measures over the coming weeks – maybe days. If we are asked or required to stop all gathering for worship, we will do our best to support you. We will try to get a newsletter and other information to you at home, even if you are self isolating. Please let us know if you are ill, and we will pray for you, and our pastoral care team will be in touch by telephone. Our ministry team will be around to fetch and support. We may try to stream or provide video of specific worship, teaching and especially prayer in our church that you can watch on your computer or phone and feel part of the continuing worship of All Saints. Who knows how deep this will bite or for how long it may continue.

Be strong, stay well, don't be afraid, pray for yourselves and for others, support each other and those around who are alone or in need by contact and action that helps them but keeps you safe. We will keep everything going that we can. God bless.

*Fr Richard*

## Prayer of the week....

Thanks be to you, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits which you have given us,  
for all the pains and insults which you have borne for us.  
Most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,  
may we know you more clearly,  
love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly,  
day by day. Amen.

*Prayer of St Richard Bishop of Chichester*

## Quote of the week....

The true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members. *Mahatma Gandhi*

## 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.

## RIP....

We give thanks for the lives, pray for the souls and ask comfort for the relatives and friends of Muriel Aulich, Peter Turner, Alan Roger Parker and Dave Vincent.

## Year's Mind

Alwyn Toogood  
Mollie (Doreen) Smith

(2015)  
(2018)

Jack Shenton (2009)  
Joan Byrne (2008)

## Caveat on all dates....

Please keep an eye out for possible changes to dates at quite short notice. The advice from the Church of England and from the Government changes on a daily basis. It may be necessary to cancel activities, services, and so on, and to change venue or details. Use the parish website – [www.asn.church](http://www.asn.church) – the News Page and the opening banner should give you urgent information.

## Future dates...

**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.**

## Week commencing 15 March...

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Lent 3</b>
8.00am	Said Eucharist
9.30am	Sung Eucharist
3.00pm	Cuppa Time
4.00pm	Worship@4
6.00pm	Healing and Wholeness - Cancelled
<b>Monday</b>	<i>Feria</i>
2.15pm	Church Women's Fellowship in <i>The Old School</i>
7.00pm	Men's Curry Night at <i>Thai No 1, Bailgate</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Patrick, bishop, missionary, patron of Ireland, c460</i>
9.30am	Ducklings
2.00pm	Craft and Natter in the <i>Parish Centre</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>Cyril, bishop, teacher of the faith, 386</i>
1.00pm	Ladies who Lunch at <i>The Stag's Head on Newport</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>Joseph of Nazareth</i>
9.30am	CW Eucharist
10.15am	Lent Course in the <i>Parish Centre</i>
7.00pm	Deanery Synod in <i>All saints Church</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<i>Cuthbert, bishop, missionary, 687</i>
12.00pm	CW Eucharist
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>Thomas Cranmer, archbishop, Reformation martyr, 1556</i>
10.00am	Eco-Church Training in <i>Brigg</i> (see <i>Fr Richard's</i> note)
10.00am	Silent bell ringing training in <i>All Saints Tower</i>
<b>Sunday 22nd</b>	<b>Mothering Sunday/Lent 4</b>
8.00am	Said Eucharist with distribution of flowers
9.30am	Sung Eucharist with distribution of flowers
11.15am	BCP MP at <i>St Mary's Riseholme</i>
3.00pm	Cuppa Time
4.00pm	Worship@4

**Weekday Morning and Evening Prayer – 9.00am and 6.00pm**

### **Readings Sunday 22 March – Fourth Sunday of Lent**

## 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](mailto: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*

## Electoral Roll...

Please make sure you have registered on the Electoral Roll. It entitles you to vote on parish, deanery and diocesan matters. It will also provide contact data for you if you agree so that we can contact you if any arrangements have to change.

## 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*

## Shoebox Appeal Coffee Morning...

A great big THANK YOU to all who supported the Shoebox Coffee Morning held in the Methodist Church Hall on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> February. The charity was given the grand sum of £205.00 as we all enjoyed a morning of fun and fellowship whilst looking at the photos of the shoeboxes being delivered last year.

Thank you so much for your support and generosity. *Joyce*

## Ladies who lunch....

Our next lunch will be on Wednesday 18th March at 1.00pm at The Stag's Head on Newport. See you there! *Lynne*

## 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 curry night will be tomorrow night, Monday 16th March, at Thai No 1 on Bailgate, Lincoln at 7.00pm.**

Please give your name to Bobby Hipgrave in person, or by email at

bobby.hipgrave@btinternet.com, or ring Shirley, our Parish Administrator on 01522 931076 (weekdays 9.30-12.30).

## Church Women's Fellowship...

Church Women's Fellowship will meet in the small room at the Old School at 2.15 p.m. on Monday March 16th.

The Rt. Revd. Dr Nigel Peyton will lead our Lent Meeting. *Barbara*

## Joke of the week....

*We have to keep smiling.*

Visitor      You have a lovely church, Vicar

Vicar        It's Norman

Visitor      Sorry. You have a lovely church, Norman.

# Prayer Diary....

Day	Diocese, wider church	Parish
<b>Sunday 15th</b> <b>The Third</b> <b>Sunday of Lent</b>	Please pray for all those gifted and called to be evangelists, and for the witness of all God's people to what they have seen and heard in Jesus. <i>The Church of England – The Most Revd and Right Hon. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury.</i>	<b>Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</b>
<b>Monday 16th</b>	<b>Branston w. Nocton and Potterhanworth:</b> The Revd Lorna Brabin-Smith. <i>Maseno North (Kenya): The Right Revd Charles Kaskan Asilutwa; Utah (USA): The Right Revd Scott Hayashi</i> <i>Honduras (USA): The Right Revd Lloyd Allen</i>	<b>Our clergy, Reader and Administrator.</b> <i>Pray for Fr Richard, Revd Judy. Bishop Nigel, Jane Hanson and Kath Pickering</i> We pray for the residents of Greetwell Lane, Beech Avenue and Cherry Tree Lane.
<b>Tuesday 17th</b> Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland, c. 460	<b>The Deanery of Graffoe:</b> The Revd Annabel Barber, Rural Dean; Richard Bayes, Lay Chair. <i>Maseno South (Kenya): The Right Revd Charles Ong'injo; Uyo (Nigeria): The Right Revd Prince Asukwo Antai; Hong Kong Island: The Most Revd Paul Kwong (Primate)</i>	<b>Our choir and organists</b> <i>Pray for choir members, for our Choir Mistress, and our organists</i> We pray for the residents of Manor Court, Sutton Close, Dalderby Crescent and Cliff Avenue.
<b>Wednesday 18th</b> Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, Teacher of the Faith, 386	<b>Bishop's Staff Meeting. Church schools in Graffoe Deanery.</b> <i>Maseno West (Kenya): The Right Revd Joseph Wasonga; Valparaiso (Chile): The Right Revd Samuel Morrison.</i>	<b>Our churchwardens, sidespeople, readers and intercessors.</b> We pray for the residents of Kingsway and Washdyke Lane.
<b>Thursday 19th</b> <b>Joseph of Nazareth</b>	<b>Metheringham w. Blankney and Dunston.</b> Please pray for the parishes at a time of transition. <i>Masindi-Kitara (Uganda): The Right Revd George Kasangaki; Vanuatu (Melanesia): The Revd James Tama; Vermont (USA): The Right Revd Thomas Ely</i>	<b>Charities we support and the FiSH project</b> We pray for the residents of Hall Lane and Lincoln Road.
<b>Friday 20th</b> Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687	<b>Skellingthorpe w. Doddington:</b> The Revd Sam Durant. <i>Massachusetts (USA): The Right Revd Alan McIntosh Gates; Victoria Nyanza (Tanzania): Vacant</i>	<b>The Sacristy team and Servers.</b> We pray for the whole team and their ministry for us We pray for the residents of Nettleham Heath.
<b>Saturday 21st</b> Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation Martyr, 1556	<b>The Swinderby Group.</b> The Revd Canon Andrew Vaughan. "Please pray that we might follow our mission statement that leads to our vision of being a people who encourage belonging, connecting and flourishing." <i>Masvingo (Central Africa): The Right Revd Godfrey Tawonezwi; Virgin Islands (The Episcopal Church): The Right Revd Ambrose Gumbs; Hpa-an (Myanmar): The Right Revd Saw Mark Maung Doe</i>	<b>Our Family Church, Cuppa Time, Ducklings and their leaders.</b> We pray for the residents of North Greetwell: Westfield Avenue, Westfield Drive and Westfield Approach, Lawley Close, Greetwell Close and Wragby Road East.
<b>Sunday 22nd</b> <b>The Fourth</b> <b>Sunday of Lent.</b> <b>Mothering</b> <b>Sunday</b>	Today we give thanks for family life, and pray for all those for whom this is a difficult and poignant day. <i>The Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui – The Most Revd Paul Kwong Archbishop of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui &amp; Bishop of Hong Kong Island</i>	<b>God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</b>

# All Saints Bells... news from the Tower Captain

If you walked past the church on the morning of Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>, you may have heard some strange noises? A low resonance, a sort of hum? DONT PANIC!! The tower is not being haunted and the jackdaws are not having a strange gathering in the eaves. What you can hear are the bells being rung (really!) but in a rather different sort of way. The tower is now home to a brand new ringing centre and the bells are 'muffled' so we can practice without disturbing the village! The new centre has been named 'The Margaret Parker Ringing Centre, Lincoln' in honour of our very long term previous Tower Captain, who was awarded the MBE for services to ringing and taught many, many people how to handle a bell. She was also made an Honorary Member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and moved to Durham a couple of years ago. She is very well, happy and settled and still ringing.

In recent years, technology has been developed which allows the bells to be rung 'normally' but the sound is made by a computer programme. This means that we can practice methods (tunes) and concepts without worrying what it sounds like outside if it all goes wrong! The clappers in the bells are 'wrapped' in a rubber muffle (actually a bit of old motorbike tyre), so you hear a slight, haunting 'bong' sound only if you are standing in the churchyard.

There has been a ringing centre at Wragby for some time, but the technology there was getting tired, the ringing room is very small and the bells are difficult to access to silence (it's also a bit of a way out of town!) So the decision was made to move the facility to Nettleham and re-launch it with the full support of the Association of Ringing Teachers (ART), The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers (CCCCR) and the Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers (LDGCBR). This will hopefully attract not only the local ringers and those in the immediate vicinity of Lincoln, but also those in the wider Guild and specific, bespoke courses run by ART and the CCCCCR. It's not about making money, any donations/fees for the use of the facility will, initially at least, be put back into the project to improve and enhance the facilities; the aim is to improve and teach those already ringing and to teach and educate those who may be interested in taking it up as a 'new' pastime (it's definitely different!)

The facilities so far include a computer and the specialist software to run it all, a wireless system of transmitters and receivers from the bells (using a light beam and reflective strip), a large TV with web cam on the bells and DVD for training films, We also have a digital projector and screen that allow us to use a facility on the computer known as 'virtual belfry' this puts the learner into the ringing with 5 'avatars' who 'ring' around them and teaches them how to hear their bell and ring it in the right place. We also have a library of books, DVDs and ringing music to 'borrow' and watch/read/learn at home and a new carpet, ropes, paintwork and improved seating. The facility has been funded by the existing tower funds, a grant from the Guild and very generous donations of a lot of the kit (the TV, the projector and screen, the computer and the soft furnishings and new rug!) The bells themselves have received a full service (whilst the repair work was being undertaken on the tower); the clappers have been refurbished with new bushes and bearings and 2 of the bell wheels have been replaced.

We will be running sessions with qualified ART tutors on the first and third Saturday of the month between 10 and 12. Light refreshments will be available and you are more than welcome to just come along and have a look or even have a go?! If you would like any further information, please contact the Tower Captain, Claire Holbrook on 07917 151060 or email [claire.holbrook79@gmail.com](mailto:claire.holbrook79@gmail.com). In the very near future, we will also have our own web site and I will post the link as soon as I can.

We look forward to welcoming you soon.

## House groups

Many of our congregation have been asking when they may be able to become part of a house group and I am pleased to announce that new house groups will be starting up after Easter. The format and styles of each house group will be different from our previous meetings but the overall purpose remains the same:-

*Developing and deepening our discipleship and become better followers of Christ*

The prayer for the week, by St Richard of Chichester 1197-1253, acknowledges that as Christians we don't become saints overnight! Instead there is a gradual, day by day, re-orientation of our lives into God's way. Being in fellowship in a house group enables us to encourage and support each other so that we may grow strong in our Christian faith and be a witness to others, wherever we are along our journey of faith. This can be through:-

- Bible study
- Prayer and worship
- Mutual support and ministry
- Theological reflection on events and decisions in life

The emphasis of the above can vary and each group will have its own style and may look at things in different ways, but all will give you a warm and caring welcome.

Next steps – If you would like to be involved in a house group please add your name to the list or contact me (Sandy) directly. If you would like to host or lead a group please let me know and be assured that training and continuous support will be provided to all group leaders.

Many Blessings, Sandy

01522 751087 or 07504 416530 [sandy.h.gould@btinternet.com](mailto:sandy.h.gould@btinternet.com)

## Eggstra Special Coffee Morning....

Saturday, 28th March in aid of Sight Savers in the Old School 10.00am – 12.00pm. Admission free. More details next week.

Joyce

## Cathedral News....

### **Dean Return**

The following is a joint statement from the Acting Bishop of Lincoln and the Dean of Lincoln

A complaint under the Clergy Discipline Measure against the Dean of Lincoln, the Very Revd Christine Wilson, made by the national director of safeguarding, regarding how a safeguarding allegation was reported, has been determined by the Bishop of Sheffield.

The majority of the complaint has been upheld and it was determined to be out of character and unlikely to be repeated. The dean has completed further safeguarding training and is now returning to ministry in the Cathedral and the Diocese.

Dean Christine Wilson says she has learnt important lessons in responding well to survivors and understands the importance of making apologies when the church gets things wrong. She is looking forward to resuming ministry in the Cathedral, serving the city and the county.

### **Visitation**

The Acting Bishop of Lincoln, the Right Reverend Dr David Court is aware of a range of issues that have been raised with him that are connected to the life of the Cathedral. Therefore, he is planning to initiate a Bishop's Visitation and will issue a fuller statement on this within the next week.



# Lambing Sunday

University of Lincoln, Riseholme Campus, LN2 2LG

**Join us to meet the newest additions to our flock!**

Lambing Sunday returns this year on Sunday 29th March 2020 at our Riseholme Park Farm. Between **11am – 4pm**, we invite you to join us at our Riseholme Campus to meet the lambs, and to visit our charity and educational stalls. Children can also complete our hand painted Nature Trail.



Lambing Service in St Mary's at 11.15am  
Blessing of new lambs afterwards in the Lambing Sheds.  
With Bishop Nigel. All welcome

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*To discuss a baptism, wedding or funeral, please call Administrator, Shirley Keyes.  
If you need to talk to a priest, please call Fr Richard or Reverend Judy.*