

All Saints

NETTLEHAM PARISH CHURCH

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The Good News from Nettleham

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Trinity 3

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Father Richard writes...

Emerging from lockdown is showing itself as much trickier than getting into it. This is true for government, society and business, and for ourselves and our families, and, inevitably, for churches. It is not helped, let it be said, by optimistic and headline-grabbing announcements from Downing Street, with huge subsequent delay in providing the promised guidance. Re-opening churches for private prayer was trailed three weeks ago, announced two weeks ago with 24 hours before it came into effect, and partial guidance after the event, still not clear in many dimensions. Reopening for services was announced last Tuesday for 4th July, but as of today, there is no guidance whatsoever. It includes Sunday worship, funerals in church, and, unexpectedly, weddings. From next Sunday people have been told we will marry them but not how (Banns etc are suspended) or how many— and couples are ringing to book at a week's notice! There are hints the guidance will allow baptisms as well, and confirmations. It is not clear whether communion will be allowed and how. As well as the relaxed conditions and whatever the government eventually says, it will have to be made practical and binding by the Church of England, then localised by our diocese, then considered and implemented by me as incumbent, taking the advice of PCC and wardens. My own position is that it would be wrong and irresponsible to be LESS cautious in our plans than what is published, but we have the right to be MORE cautious. For some of us the church is our place of work, and covered in terms of precautions in that respect. For all of us it is a public space, and covered in terms of precautions in that respect. Our church is larger, more flexible, more used to being open, and more comprehensively staffed by laity and ministers than most, certainly than any others in the deanery. I am positive about All Saints being open earlier and for more than most others.

Opening for prayer

We are now opening the church daily for private prayer from 2.00 to 4.00pm. You will find it lovely but a bit bare. We have placed a few chairs so you can sit and think, and listen, and pray. There will always be two people in charge. The door will be left open so you don't have to touch anything. There is a place to light candles as a symbol of the prayer we make (please have a £1 or maybe more to cover costs and contribute to church finances). If you have a smartphone with QR reading software (most do) you will be able to click at various points and get some useful prayers on your phone without contact. The loos will be closed, as the required cleaning after each use is onerous and there is none of the suggested ventilation. The Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the Ambry with the little light burning, and, if that helps you understand the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ among us, please use it in your devotions. You will need to sign in, ideally with your own pen, in case there is a need to share information with the Test

and Trace system – Coronavirus is a notifiable disease and allows us to use data in strictly controlled ways. You will be asked to use alcohol based gel on arrival and departure, to avoid unnecessary contact with surfaces (except seats, of course), and to maintain social distancing of at least 2 metres. Please respect the safety of others, and especially the volunteers. We are determined that a church visit should be as safe as we can make it, but also that it should be a helpful spiritual experience. Do please come, if you feel safe to do so, as often as you like. If you want focus or discipline for your prayer, please bring your own materials as we cannot safely share. Maybe put 20 beads on a cord, or tie twenty knots in it, bring it a long, and quietly say the Jesus Prayer as you hold each. “Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me a sinner”.

Opening for worship

We are hoping that we shall begin to worship in church from Sunday 5th July, though what we do will be subject to guidance not yet received. We aren't sure how many will be allowed, and what, by way of Holy Communion, may be possible. We don't expect to have singing or refreshments and chat afterwards. The daily prayer online (some Facebook Live, some Zoom) will continue at 9.00 for the time being. If those leading wish to stream from church they may after consultation with me, strict rules on what to touch and how to clean afterwards, and with no congregation allowed in. On 5th we shall offer the **Holy Eucharist at 10.00am** – more or less as it has been online. There may be scope for someone to read and someone to lead intercession, but we are working out how to do it safely. And audibly as we will continue to stream. It will be short. Whatever number we have, and it may be 30, that will include ministers and welcomers. We will have to be very strict – this isn't Bournemouth beach! We beg your understanding if we have to say no admittance. We are not sure whether to have a booking system yet, or how many “sittings”. If we do more, these are not a sort of 8.00 and a sort of 9.30. They are two or three versions of a Eucharist Lite in Time of Covid. Staffing them, and serious sanitization between sittings are a big issue. For many, continuing to worship as part of the caring and vibrant All Saints community online will be our main way of sharing with each other and the Lord. Details of arrangements once guidance is published will be on the website, so check there before coming along. Weekday Eucharists might suit you better – we shall be doing weekday Eucharists - **Thursday and Friday at 10.00**, the latter Book of Common Prayer, in church with a very distanced congregation, and streamed live.

Other services

Weddings and funerals are now possible, with strict limitations and safety procedures, so do call Shirley. Maybe baptisms, even confirmations. Watch this space.

The Healing Service will be a monthly fixture on Zoom only – there is one this weekend at 6.00pm. **Ducklings** will sadly continue to be on hold for the foreseeable future as indoor play is specifically banned. We are looking at a social gathering after toddler bedtime for Ducklings mums and dads and grandparents. **Worship@4** will continue as an online resource and then rest for August. We hope to have an outdoor social event or two in August and the relaunch in September, maybe in church.

In the midst of all this we welcome Teena Twelves to our team. She will be licensed as a full time Licensed Lay Worker at 10.30am on Saturday 4th July. No spectator tickets I'm afraid. Please pray for her, for her ministry with us, and for her family. A move into the house in Kingsway will follow in late July, and soon thereafter, we pray, ordination.

Prayer of the week...

A collect for Embertide, when we pray for vocations and new ministries. Please hold Teena in your prayers, as well as Kath and Michelle as they take up new roles as ministers in God's church. It reminds us that, as well as those called to licensed ministry, we all have vocations.

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Quote of the week...

Alongside the pictures of the beaches and the rush for things to resume there have also been warning voices. These voices are a good reminder to us and to those who are expecting us to make decisions at the moment. The virus is still very active and for some considerable time yet to come we must learn to co-exist with it as part of everyday life: in our decision making, our praying, our serving of others, our worshipping. In our nation, no community or city is free of the virus and our decision making needs to reflect this. It is therefore entirely to be expected that it may take longer to make decisions, and then to implement them, than in the past, or than many would like now. *Bishop David and Bishop Nicholas*

In need of prayer....

Bryan Holt, David Herbert, Annette Lane, Rita McCauley, Mavis Kirton, Jan Cleveland, Arielle Salt, Barry Crum, Heather Haynes, Chris Wooster, Julian Ellin, Harriet Rich, and Ben Comins.

Please pray for all in our community who work in health services, caring professions or essential public services.

RIP....

We give thanks for the lives, pray for the souls and ask comfort for the relatives and friends of Joan Westwood and Janet Finch.

Year's Mind

28 June

Linde Miechowski (2008)

Trevor Colmer (2019)

3 July

Dorothy Joyce Adams (2007)

Baby Jessica Grace Burley (2012)

Emily Evison (2015)

Today's Readings – Trinity 3

Jeremiah 28.5-9

Psalms 13

Romans 6.12-end

Matthew 10.40-end

This week's services...

Sunday	Trinity 3
10.00am	Facebook Live – Holy Communion (uploaded to the ASN website later)
4.00pm	Informal service of worship – follow it on the website www.asn.church/worship/worship@4 online
6.00pm	Healing and Wholeness Service on Zoom. Please contact Jane Hanson (janehanson3@googlemail.com) for a meeting ID and passcode.
Monday	
9.00am	Morning Prayer on Facebook Live with Martin Farmer
10.00am	Bible Reflection on Zoom with Shirley Keyes. Email Shirley (admin@asn.church) for a meeting ID and passcode please.
Tuesday	
9.00am	Morning Prayer on Facebook Live with Jean Carter
Wednesday	
9.00am	Morning Prayer on Facebook Live.
Thursday	
9.00am	Morning Prayer on Zoom with Sandy and Andy. Email Andy (allsaintscw@btinternet.com) to receive a meeting ID and passcode.
10.00am	Holy Communion on Facebook Live at the All Saints Nettleham page
Friday	
9.00am	Morning Prayer on Zoom with Judy and other members of the ministry team. Email Judy (judeshaw.shaw3@gmail.com) for a meeting ID and passcode please.
10.00am	Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer on the Facebook Live All Saints Nettleham page
Saturday	
9.00am	Morning Prayer on Facebook Live.

If anyone needs “pre meeting familiarisation” with new technology, please talk to Fr Richard, Russ or Andy.

- Zoom only requires you to download an application (app) on to your smartphone, tablet or PC if you want to originate a video call, a meeting or a service. You can connect with a meeting or service to which you have been invited simply by using your browser. The meeting host needs to send you an invitation so that you can join in. Please make sure that you allow access to video and audio on your phone/tablet/PC.
- To be able to live stream the services on Facebook you need to join Facebook and download the app on to your phone/tablet/PC.
- You can watch a service later without joining Facebook, if you receive the link by email or from the website

San Damiano is reopening to day guests...



If you haven't had enough time on your own, or if you would like to spend time in a different space, and if you are not self-isolating because of having been in touch with someone with Covid-19 or yourself have symptoms of Covid-19, you are welcome to come for the day.

You will need to wash your hands as soon as you come into the house, or use the hand sanitizer which will be on the table near the tea trolley.

Only one person per day will be able to come, more if you are in the same household 'bubble'. The hermitage and/or library will be available. You will be welcome to walk anywhere in the grounds, or in the village, as before.

I will continue to provide teas and coffees, and biscuits (not so many in a box, but I'm not wanting to ration you!) You will need to bring your own lunch, and we will not be able to engage in conversation much, and we will need to maintain 2 metres between us. We can pray together in the chapel, if you wish, as there is plenty of space to be socially distanced.



There may be coverings on the armchairs, to facilitate cleaning, especially if another guest will be using the room within the next 72 hours. At the end of the day, I will clean the hard surfaces in the areas where you have been - not that I don't trust you, but it will reassure others. As the viruses are invisible, so we need to comply with the guidelines to reduce their infectiousness and help one another.

The suggested donation for coming for the day will remain at £12 per person, and I will continue to maintain the closed days on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Please feel free to ask if you have any more questions.

The Lord give you peace.

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Prayer Diary....

Day	Diocese, wider church	Parish
Sunday 28 th 3 rd after Trinity	From the Gospel reading: Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. (Matt 10:40) <i>Pray for the united Church of North India</i> <i>The Most Revd Dr Prem Chand Singh - Moderator of CNI & Bishop of Jabalpur</i>	God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power, hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.
Monday 29 th Peter and Paul, Apostles	For our Assistant Bishops working across the Diocese <i>North Dakota (USA) The Rt Revd Michael Smith; Athabasca (Canada) The Rt Revd Fraser Lawton; Juba (South Sudan) The Most Revd Justin Badi Arama</i>	Our clergy, Reader and Administrator. <i>Pray for Fr Richard, Revd Judy. Bishop Nigel, Jane Hanson and Teena Twelves.</i> We pray for all shops, businesses and pubs
Tuesday 30 th	For all working in the tourism industry across the Diocese <i>North East India (North India) The Rt Revd Michael Herenz; Atlanta (USA) The Rt Revd Robert Wright; Kabba (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Steven Akobe</i>	Our choir and organists <i>Pray for choir members, for our Choir Mistress, and our organists</i> We pray for village amenities: Mulsanne Park, Village Hall, the Old School, the Community Hub and the Scout and Guide HQ.
Wednesday 1 st Henry, John, and Henry Venn the younger, Priests, Evangelical Divines, 1797, 1813 and 1873	The Deanery of Louthesk. – Rural Dean: The Revd Canon Nick Brown, Lay Chair: Dr Paul Hill Bishop's Council of Diocesan Trustees <i>North Eastern Caribbean & Aruba (West Indies) The Rt Revd L. Errol Brooks; Attooch (South Sudan) The Rt Revd Moses Anur Ayom</i>	Our churchwardens, sidespeople, readers and intercessors. We pray for the residents of All Saints Lane, The Rowans and The Chestnuts
Thursday 2 nd	Church Schools in the Louthesk Deanery <i>North Karamoja (Uganda) The Rt Revd James Nasak; Auckland (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Rt Revd Ross Bay; Magwi (South Sudan) The Rt Revd Ogeno Charles Opoka</i>	Charities we support and the FiSH project We pray for the residents of Deepdale Lane, The Dene and Scothern Road.
Friday 3 rd Thomas the Apostle	The Binbrook Group –Revd Patrick McEune <i>North Kigezi (Uganda) The Rt Revd Benon Magezi; Aweil (South Sudan) The Rt Revd Abraham Yel Nhial</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 Cotton Smith Way, Herrington Avenue, Lechler Close, Cooper Close and Aima Court.
Saturday 4 th	The Fotherby Group: – In Vacancy For all ordinands who will today be licensed as Lay Workers pending a service of ordination at a later date: <i>North Mbale (Uganda) The Rt Revd Samuel Gidudu; Awerial (South Sudan) The Rt Revd David Akau Kuol Mayom; Kadugli & Nuba Mountains (Sudan) The Rt Revd Andudu Adam Elnail</i>	Our Family Church, Cuppa Time, Ducklings and their leaders whilst not meeting We pray for the residents of Shaw Way, Heath Road, Monsford Close and East Street.

Shrug off the instinct for safety....

Excerpts from an article in Church Times by Philip North, Bishop of Burnley

CRISES reveal truth. They lay bare weaknesses, they expose dysfunctionality, they magnify pre-existing problems, and they show up the holes in systems and structures. You cannot lie to a crisis, and you cannot hide away from it. So, what is the coronavirus crisis telling us?

First, it is revealing something about our national life, and any attempt to rethink the ministry of the Church of England must begin with an attentive listening to the culture that it is our task to transform in Christ. I believe that we are seeing the unpicking of the lie that people today are not interested in the gospel. We have, instead, a nation relearning how to pray, looking to us for answers to the big questions, and accessing church life through online means in a way that we could not have imagined possible six months ago. Some studies reckon that one in three of the population have attended online worship since lockdown began. One Sunday, the Christians crashed Zoom.

At the same time, we are called to serve a nation on the brink of the most serious economic catastrophe in peacetime. The hollowing out of local government and the voluntary sector through ten years of austerity gives churches a huge responsibility to serve the neediest.

We are at a point in history when the nation is crying out for the ministry of the Church. But are we ready? Are our patterns of ministry robust enough to grasp hold of the biggest evangelistic opportunity that any of us will ever know? Here, again, truth emerges under crisis. After the pandemic, some parishes and Fresh Expressions will go to the wall, never to be seen again. Others will flourish, and will emerge stronger and larger. The reason for this will not be wealth, context, or tradition, but the quality and agility of the lay and ordained ministry that has been offered in the past few months. Churches that have gone to sleep will stay asleep. Those that have risen to the task will be ready for service and proclamation.

SO, WHAT has been revealed by this crisis which may enable us to see the future shape of ministry? First, we are seeing the emergence of a new generation of lay leaders. Since we had to close church buildings, people have had to learn to pray at home, and, in many cases, have been well-resourced by their clergy to do so. When people start praying, God's call is heard. We cannot go back to how things were.

Second, we have seen the centrality of the parish as the core unit of mission. For decades, it has been fashionable to run down the parish and make out that it is all part of that furniture of "inherited church" which we need to ditch. This has damaged the morale of many parish clergy, who can feel undervalued and extraneous.

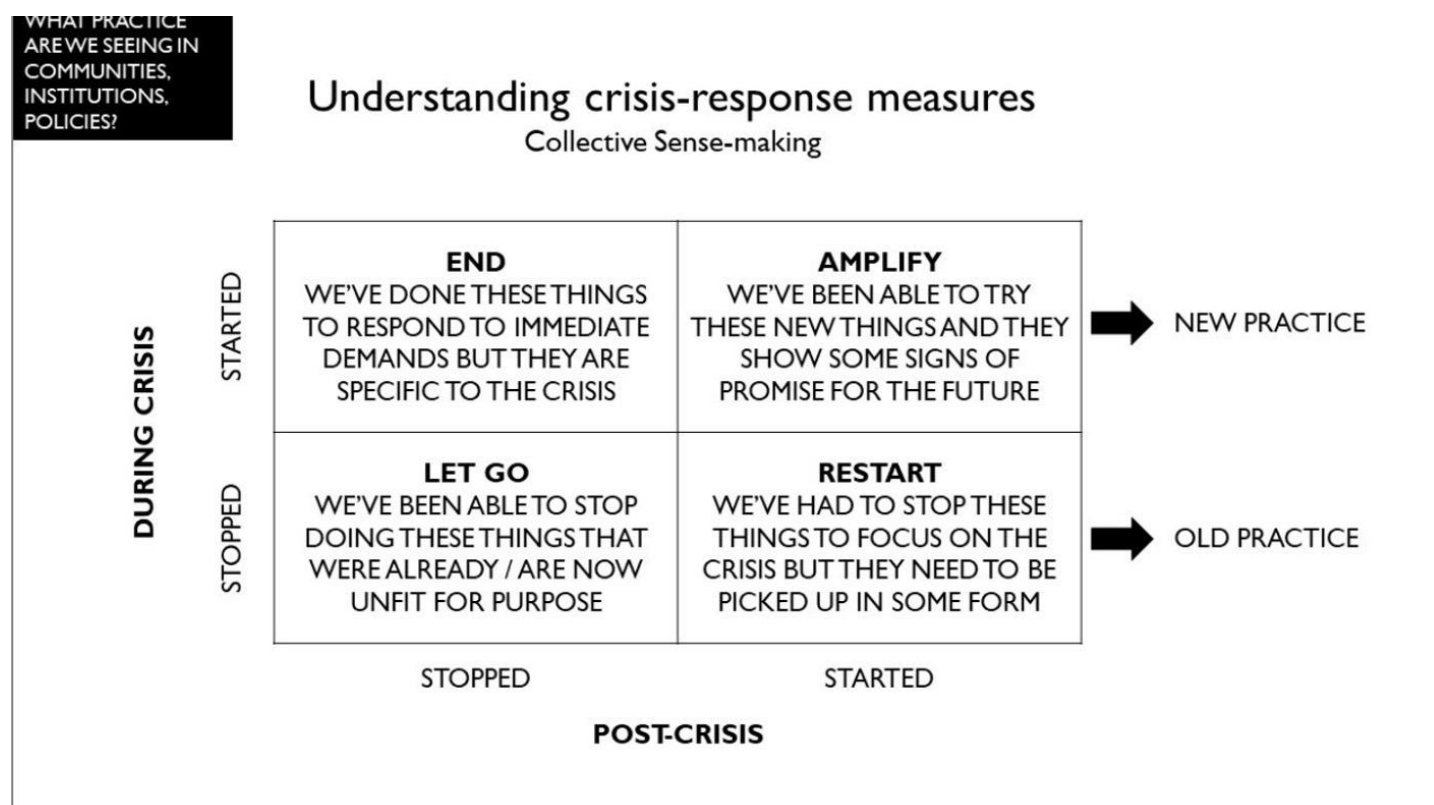
IF a nation is, indeed, turning again to its Church, now is not the time to withdraw and manage decline. This crisis is showing us patterns of ministry which can enable us to reconnect to the culture and recapture imaginations with the gospel. We need to shrug off the instinct for safety and be ready to risk everything — even our bank balances — in the mission that Christ calls us to share with him. But, then, since Jesus has already won the victory, what have we got to lose?

Priorities:

- to foster and encourage the new generation of lay leaders which crisis is forming.
- to trust the parish as the core unit of mission, and develop a generation of priests who are both agile in their practice and confident in their sacramental identity.
- to adopt leadership patterns in parishes and dioceses based on release, not control, shrink the centre, and return power and the responsibility that comes with it to the local church.

Discussion tool....

This useful tool has been prepared to help us think about our experience of church in Lockdown, what we have missed that we want to reinstate, what we have learnt that we want to keep, and what we might use to shape a new normal as we open up. It comes from the NHS. We will try it.



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