

All Saints

NETTLEHAM PARISH CHURCH

St. Mary's

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The Good News from Nettleham

Sunday 11 October 2020

Trinity 18

No 170

Father Richard writes...

Revd Teena has landed!



Many thanks to all who helped to make this a great event in the life of our church. Prayers and blessings on Teena for her ministry with us and her future serving God, the church and the people of Lincolnshire.

Catholic Practitioners Network....

The diocese is working with Church of England head office on a package of activity to promote church growth and mission, with a large £2.7m grant from the Strategic Development Fund. The thought is to go back for additional funds to help implement the overall reshaping of the diocese in order to tackle a massive, growing and un-survivable deficit of £5.5m a year (that is £340 a year for each of the diocese's churchgoing population), dwindling congregations, failure to engage younger generations and inability to shape the life of the county. Eight of us from this benefice have just had the first meeting with our sisters and brothers from all the churches in West Lindsey to begin to think how we might consolidate and strengthen our resources, sharply

reducing the bill for stipendiary clergy. This process will occupy us for the next six months as the planning proceeds, and will radically alter our life as a church over coming years. It is exciting as well as scary. All Saints, perceived as a strong church bucking the trend of decline, will not just be a survivor in this process, it will be expected to lead the charge and provide dynamism, strength, growth and spiritual heart for a wider catchment. Jesus might say to our church “your faith has saved you” but, as with all salvation, it comes with serious strings attached!

The Strategic Development Fund project will be part of the regeneration of the church across the diocese. The first two, and the largest, of the three strands are the strengthening of St Swithin’s, Lincoln (part of the HTB/Alpha network), and St George’s, Stamford (a large, well-resourced and eclectic evangelical church – the largest in the diocese). They are expected to show significant targeted growth themselves, cover in their giving the full cost of ministry, and plant or revitalise 4-5 new churches which will show similar growth by 2025. The third strand is running a little behind – it was just starting under the leadership of the Dean of Lincoln, when she and the cathedral entered a very difficult period. The national church wanted to see the initiative balanced by a similar plan to develop, grow, resource and plant or revitalise other churches in the catholic tradition of the Church of England. This is now being spearheaded by St Wulfram’s, Grantham and their parish priest Fr Stuart Craddock. That large church has seen a big turnaround, very much in the catholic tradition, at the heart of civic life, with exceptional music, beautiful liturgy, some significant physical improvements, and a succession of attractive events for the whole community.

Fr Stuart has been in dialogue with us and a number of other churches, and is now formalising a Catholic Practitioners’ Network of which All Saints is invited to be a member. The first meeting, led by Fr Stuart and Bishop Nicholas, is this coming week, so I ask you to hold us in your prayers. We are expected to be part of a resource for training curates to be missionaries in church growth and planting in the tradition, and to be proposers, promoters and activists for a flourishing of churches in Lincolnshire.

Russ pointed me to an archived copy of the job description when the diocese was seeking a new bishop in 2010/11. The first bullet point of the Person Specification expects the man (it was 2010) appointed to be able to work with the handful of ultra-traditional Anglo-Catholic parishes (not us!) and large evangelical churches (clearly not us either!), as well as, it says, “to our predominantly Liberal and Catholic majority”. There is a sense, of course, in which such labels are unhelpful. Some may question whether that sense of a majority is true today, indeed whether it was true ten years ago. Some of what we do, say and believe at All Saints is typical of that supposed normality, though it is not widely typical of most of our neighbouring parishes.

I am sometimes asked what I mean by catholic, though we all say it habitually in both of the church’s creeds. The sense of the church being the people of God, the body of Christ, gathered at his table is central, as is the duty of the church to offer regular prayer and worship – not just for the enrichment of the lives of the worshippers (though it does do that), but as a duty and a joy. Something about drawing on the experience of the church and maintaining the inherited patterns. Something about the church as a vehicle for God’s grace, especially through the sacraments, and not just a club or a seminar for the faithful. Something about the unique gift of priests, bishops and deacons. Something about faith being collective – “we believe...”. Something about sacrifice – our own in our faith-based life, and Christ’s re-offered in the Eucharistic offering. Something about our connectedness, not just to God through Jesus, but to all who have died in faith, the saints, christians around the world. Something about commitment to a way of life, and about using our reason, our discernment, our

creativity to explore doubt and faith, to understand and communicate scripture, to see our role as a church to bless the world in which we are placed. Something about risk. Something about unequivocal hospitality and welcome. All this, reimagined for a Covid world. All this driving growth by the attractiveness of the worship and of the spiritually energetic life of the church, by the justice and mercy-driven lifestyle of its people.

We are quite a way down this path. Daily prayer, online and in person led and well patronised by the people of the church. Rediscovery of liturgical practice and music. Moving towards a daily offering of the Eucharist. Care for our community and the world. Desire to share the good news. A love of going deeper into tough questions.

Collaborative ministry....

One of the key strands of the plan to revive the diocese and resource sustainable churches, is that all ministry should be collaborative, expressing the differing skills of the body of Christ as described by Paul, and drawing on the richness of diverse skill and experience to meet the needs of flourishing churches. **We are experiencing** in our curate, albeit *en passant*, the blessing to the church of deacons. Maybe there are others who would like to serve the church as a deacon permanently, drawing people into the life and sacraments of the church, caring for their needs, baptising and burying, guiding and accompanying them along the path of life. **We have been experiencing** in our Associate Priest the blessing to the church of Self-supporting ministers and priests. Maybe there are others who are being called by God to this priestly ministry, empowered by the church to bless in God's name, to preside at the Eucharist for the glory of God and the nourishment of the people, and offering God's forgiveness to the penitent, and being a sign of Christ amongst us. **We have had the experience** and will in due course have it again, of the blessing to the church of licensed Readers. Maybe there are others God is calling to this ministry, as community theologians, as teachers of the faith, as leaders of prayer and spiritual growth, maybe as leaders of instructive ministry to the young or the un-churched. **We have the experience** amongst many wonderful lay people of the ministry of Authorised Lay Ministers. Maybe some of them are being called to diversify their ministry, and maybe others are being called by God to serve in this church or elsewhere as pastoral carers, as committed links between people and their church community, as leaders of prayer and worship, and as agents of mission, spiritual or practical.

Pray for yourselves and each other that God would show you how you might use your skills and learn new ones to be his ministers in the church and the community. Ask God's blessing on those already answering that call. It is never too late to explore, discern, train and take on work for the Kingdom.

Talk to Fr Richard or Revd Judy or Revd Teena.

Prayer of the week...

Heavenly Father, open our hearts to feel and reflect your love,
open our ears to perceive your calling,
open our eyes to the needs of your church and our community,
open our mouths to sing your praise and to express our desire to serve,
open our hands to grasp what you are offering us and to act for justice and mercy.
Amen.

Today's Readings – Trinity 18 at 8.30am & 10.00am

Isaiah 25.1-9 Psalm 23 Philippians 4.1-9 Matthew 22.1-14

Next Sunday's Readings –

Isaiah 45.1-7 Psalm 96.1-9 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10 Matthew 22.15-22

In need of prayer...

Heather Haynes, Sue Young, Christine Crum, Jim Vincent, Carolyn Robbins, Annette Lane, John Perry and Mel Deacon.

RIP....

We give thanks for the lives, pray for the souls and ask comfort for the relatives and friends of Audrey Edward and Carol Smith.

Year's Mind...

11 October	Gladys Baxter (2016)
12 October	Frances Carlisle (2015)
13 October	Shirley Cheves (2009)
14 October	Stephen Waite (2014)
	Nick McAndrew (2014)
	George Pixley (2015)
15 October	Bert Suthrell (2008)
17 October	Doreen Cruiks (2019)

Morning Prayer on Zoom...housegroup fellowship

Morning Prayer on Wednesday has already moved from Facebook Live to Zoom and now offers a time of prayer and also an extended time for fellowship afterwards – so everyone is encouraged to bring a coffee and some cake! It's a really good chance to pray together and to just have a good old natter about all things All Saints.

We'd like to see more of this 'extended' meeting for our Morning Prayer groups – now is an ideal time to move towards Zoom-based house-groups to pray with and for one another. So do reply if you get an invitation from one of our prayer leaders. If you are new to Zoom, or need instructions on how to use it, or would like to join us over the phone, please get in touch with Teena. We'd love to welcome you!

New technology....

We are working on upgrading our technology. Streaming and uploading worship has been incredibly popular over recent months, and even as we have introduced live worship, large numbers have continued to follow us and pray and worship with us online. If we go back into lockdown that may again be our lifeline. Even if we don't and after we have, online will continue to be vital to our community and our worship. So the church needs to be a better equipped and more skilled media organisation as well as a real-time live place of gathering. Permanently installed vision and sound equipment are essential. We are applying to the diocesan Transformation Fund for help.

This week's services...

Sunday	Trinity 18
8.30am	Church – BCP HC
10.00am	Church and Facebook Live – CW Eucharist (uploaded to the ASN website later)
4.00pm	AllTogether@AllSaints – Eucharist
Monday	
9.00am	Morning Prayer on Facebook Live with Martin Farmer.
1.00pm	Devotion with the sacramental presence of the Lord
Tuesday	
9.00am	Morning Prayer on Facebook Live with Jean Carter.
Wednesday	
9.00am	Morning Prayer and Fellowship on Zoom with Teena. Email Teena (teena@asn.church) for a meeting ID and passcode please.
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	CW Eucharist in church and on Facebook Live.
Friday	
9.00am	Morning Prayer on Zoom with Judy and other members of the ministry team. Email Judy (judy@asn.church) for a meeting ID and passcode please.
10.00am	BCP Communion in church and on Facebook Live.
Saturday	
9.00am	Morning Prayer on Facebook Live with Fr. Richard.
Sunday	Trinity 19
8.30am	Church – CW Eucharist
10.00am	Church and Facebook Live – CW Eucharist (uploaded to the ASN website later)
4.00pm	Church in the Porch – takeaway resources for children & families
4.00pm	Wholeness and Healing service in church.

Devotion....

Spending time quietly with God is always a good thing. We don't only hear him in the sound and movement of liturgy, let alone the earthquake, wind and fire, but so often in the still small voice of calm. And how are we called as Christians to approach God? Though the Lord Jesus. And how did Jesus tell his disciples they'd know he was with them? In the bread broken and blessed and offered.

The mystery of the moment at which, in the Eucharist, we become aware of the reality of the fulfilment of Christ's promise to be there with us is awesome. We can relive that awesome sense of his presence, that amazing reality, by extending the experience. The sacrament reserved at the Eucharist is placed reverently in front of us. We welcome the Lord with prayer and we sit and reflect. We show our devotion to Christ and our hunger for God's word to us. We wait on him. We end in gratitude as the altar is cleared and we go on our way. 30 minutes of a Monday at 1.00. Impact of a lifetime.

Prayer Diary....

Day	Diocese, wider church	Parish
Sunday 11 th 18 th Sunday after Trinity	'Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.' <i>Pray for the Church of the Province of Uganda</i> <i>The Most Revd Stephen Samuel Kaziimba - Archbishop of Uganda & and Bishop of Kampala</i>	God our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Monday 12 th Wilfrid of Ripon, Bishop, Missionary, 709; Elizabeth Fry, Prison Reformer, 1845; Edith Cavell, Nurse, 1915	Judiciary/Police Pray for all involved in our national and local legal systems Mission and Ministry Committee <i>Port Sudan (Sudan) The Rt Revd Abdu Elnur Kodi; Colombo (Ceylon) The Rt Revd Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabay; Kondo (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Given Gaula</i>	Our clergy, Reader and Administrator. <i>Pray for Fr Richard, Revd Judy, Bp. Nigel, Revd Thomas & Revd Teena.</i> We pray for the residents of Lodge Lane, Larch Avenue, The Oaks and The Hawthorns.
Tuesday 13 th Edward the Confessor, King of England, 1066	Tourism Pray for all who minister among the holiday makers, particularly along the East Coast <i>Portsmouth (England) The Rt Revd Christopher Foster; Colorado (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Robert O'Neill; Kongor (South Sudan) The Rt Revd Gabriel Thuch Agot</i>	Our choir and organists <i>Pray for choir members, for our Choir Mistress, and our organists</i> We pray for the residents of , The Dales, Parkside, Eastway, Westway, Field Close and Greenfields.
Wednesday 14 th	The Bolingbroke Deanery – Rural Dean: Revd Canon Peter Coates, Lay Chair: Bill Rose Pray for the discussions at Deanery level around Resourcing Sustainable Church <i>Pretoria (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Allan John Kannemeyer; Concepcion (Chile) The Rt Revd Enrique Lago Zugadi</i>	Our churchwardens, welcomers, prayer supervisors, readers and intercessors. We pray for the residents of Poacher's Meadow, Lacey Close, Bramble Crescent and Squires Place.
Thursday 15 th Teresa of Avila, Teacher of the Faith, 1582	Church Schools in the Bolingbroke Deanery. DAC meeting <i>Puerto Rico (The Episcopal Church) The Revd Rafael Morales Maldonado</i> <i>Connecticut (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Ian Douglas; Connor (Ireland) The Rt Revd Alan Francis Abernethy</i>	Charities we support and the FiSH project We pray for the residents of All High Street, Beckside and Watermill Lane.
Friday 16 th Nicholas Ridley, Bishop of London, and Hugh Latimer, Bishop of Worcester, Reformation Martyrs, 1555	The Marden Hill Cluster – Revd Canon Peter Coates Pray for the members of the individual churches living out their faith in the local community <i>Pune (North India) The Rt Revd Sharad Yuvraj Gaikwad; Cork, Cloyne & Ross (Ireland) The Rt Revd William Paul Colton</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 Greetwell Lane, Cherry Tree Lane and Beech Avenue.
Saturday 17 th Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, Martyr, c.107	The Partney Cluster: Revd Teresa McLaughlin Pray that our faith in Christ will help us to continually focus on him; to look at the future, to see what lies beyond any problems we have. <i>Qu'Appelle (Canada) The Rt Revd Robert Hardwick; Costa Rica (Central America) The Revd Orlando Gomez; Kontagora (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Jonah Ibrahim</i>	Church in the Porch, our Family Church, Cuppa Time, Ducklings and their leaders whilst not meeting We pray for the residents of Manor Court, Sutton Close, Dalderby Crescent and Cliff Avenue.

Parish of **All Saints Nettleham**

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on the

21st day of October 2020 at 7.00pm.

on Zoom*

For election of parochial representatives of the laity as follows –

To the Deanery Synod - **2** representatives.

To the Parochial Church Council - **3** representatives.

For the appointment of the Independent Examiner or Auditor.

For the consideration of:

- (a) a report on changes to the Roll since the last annual parochial church meeting
OR a report on the numbers entered on the new Roll;
- (b) an Annual Report on the proceedings of the parochial church council and the activities of the parish generally;
- (c) the financial statements of the council for the year ending on the 31st December preceding the meeting;
- (d) the annual report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church or churches of the parish;
- (e) a report of the proceedings of the deanery synod; and
- (f) other matters of parochial or general Church interest.

In this Notice, 'parish' means an ecclesiastical parish.

Signed *Richard H Crossland, Rector*

Minister of the parish

**** This meeting will be held entirely on Zoom and a link will be sent to you in advance. If you wish to attend but are unable or unwilling to attend on Zoom, please notify one of the Churchwardens or the Parish Administrator, Shirley Keyes, by Friday 16 October 2020.***

Nomination forms can be emailed to you or collected from the church during opening hours or the Parish Office (Unit 2a, 22 The Green, Nettleham) between 10.00am and 1.00pm.

The APCM will be preceded by the election of churchwardens. Anyone who is resident in the parish can vote.

Ordination news...



Congratulations Revd Michelle Webb on her ordination to serve at St Giles, Lincoln.

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Parish & Deanery Virtual Office open weekdays 9.30am-12.30pm

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.