

All Saints

NETTLEHAM PARISH CHURCH

St. Mary's

RISEHOLME PARISH CHURCH

The Good News from Nettleham

Sunday 5 September 2021 Creationtide 1/Trinity 14 No 213

Father Richard writes....

Today we join with some of the Anglican Church in beginning a new season of Creationtide. "Why are we getting on all these bandwagons like climate change and race equality, and not focusing on telling people about Jesus and how to live good lives?", someone, not from here, said to me a few weeks ago. I fail to see how being concerned about things the Lord was concerned about and things which are intrinsic to the scriptures is **not** telling people about Jesus and how, in the light of all he said and did, to live a good life!

There are two strong reasons for the church at large and therefore the church here in Nettleham and Riseholme, to be energetic advocates of action on the environment. First, we believe that humanity has been given the world not only to inhabit but to care for. Our stewardship of all God's creation is a Christian obligation, and a privilege and a joy. The Anglican Church attempted to embody this in a clear statement of faith in 1984, called the Five Marks of Mission. Here are the five, and you will see how a role in transforming lives for the Kingdom, is based on doing all these things – proclaiming them **and** doing them.

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. To teach, baptise and nurture believers
3. To respond to human need by loving service
4. To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth

That is what being an Anglican demands of us, and in our world view, that is what we believe God has put us here and then chosen us and pumped us up with the spirit to do. So just as the BBC is there to broadcast and to find new ways of doing it more effectively, and the NHS is there to care for us in sickness and health, adapting to circumstances and growing skills, so the church is there to do the things on the above list, which are all, to some extent, summarised in the first.

The second big reason is that like every other institution and every other group of people, we are under the threat of past carelessness, failure and greed resulting in the terrifying brokenness of our planet. The air we breathe, the water that we drink, the millions of other species that we cohabit with, the sunlight that warms us, the land that feeds us – all are threatened as never in before in our collective memory. Some of us will have seen the maps re-issued this last month on the rise in sea-level and its impact on useable land. In Lincolnshire we have fields, villages, homes, livelihoods and churches that will be below the annual flood line by 2030. That is 8 years away – most of us expect to be alive to see it! By 2050, which is well inside most people's life expectancy,

nearly a third of Lincolnshire will be unuseable – we guess that eye-watering amounts will have to be found to build new defences to keep major settlements useable, just as parts of the Netherlands are well below sea level. Nettleham will be OK because of its elevation, but we may well be on a very large island. Not sometime, but soon.

So we have to preach and teach and lead by example to play our part in the arresting, or at least slowing of this wanton spiral. As individuals, we have to change our lives – what we eat, how we travel, what we expect in terms of comforts. And as a church we have to do the same. The Church of England has committed to being carbon neutral by 2045 and we are under pressure to move faster – by 2030. Two PCC elections away. Anglican churches in England generate 185,000 tonnes of greenhouse gases a year. We have to change. This is no longer a “they” issue, it is a “we” issue. And it will cost. It will cost us as individuals and as a church. A net zero heating system for our church will be many times more expensive than a new gas boiler. Greener systems make gentler heat so we will need to adapt our building, our floor, our heating system and much more. We could stay with gas a stop-gap, but tell that to the congregation in the fens as they prepare to move out their valuables and abandon their building. It will be costly to meet the fifth mark of mission. But no-where near as costly as not meeting it.

Creation season asks us to do all this in love and gratitude for all God has given us, not in fear and under coercion. As parents make sacrifices for their children out of love and duty, so must we, in our own lives and in the life of our church, today, make sacrifices for the wonderful world God has given us.

In need of prayer...

Linda Nee, Loretta, Georgina Thompson, Susan Hodson, Mel Deacon, Iris Wilson, Gill Kirk, and Olwen Kerswill.

Special Prayers...

We pray for Jonas Ferry whose baptism is taking place later today at All Saints, and we pray also for his parents, family and friends.

RIP....

We give thanks for the lives, pray for the souls and ask comfort for the relatives and friends of Chris Wooster, Jean Potter, Valerie Darbyshire, and Sheila Gravells.

Year's Mind...

7 September

8 September

9 September

11 September

Jean Badger (2011)

Sheila Bright (2010)

James William Elliot (2008)

Hilary Hunter-Rothwell (2007)

Today's lectionary readings – Creation 1

Isaiah 55:6–13; Psalm 104:1–23; 2 Corinthians 9:6–12; Mark 4:1–9

Next Sunday's lectionary readings – Creation 2

Genesis 2.4-7,15-24 Psalm 104.24-35 1 John 1.1-4 John 2.1-11

Sunday and Weekday services...

Sunday	Trinity 14
8.30am	Said Eucharist
10.00am	Eucharist (Common Worship); no booking required and on FB Live (uploaded to the ASN website later)
11.00am	Church open for private prayer for one hour.
1.00pm	Baptism of Jonas Ferry
6.00pm	Celtic Evening Prayer – note change of time!
Monday	
9.00am	Morning Prayer on Facebook Live with Martin.
10am-12pm	Bank Holiday Coffee Shop in church – all are very welcome!
Tuesday	
9.00am	Morning Prayer on Facebook Live with Jean Carter.
9.30am	Ducklings in church
Wednesday	
9.00am	Wednesday Morning Prayer and Fellowship – contact Revd Teena Meeting ID: 726 995 7519
11.00am	Church open for private prayer for one hour.
6.00pm	Meeting of Standing Committee
7.00pm	Time to Change Together. Meeting on Zoom – please contact Revd Teena or Andy for a link.
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
2.00pm	Time to Change Together – meeting in church
7.00pm	Visit by Servers Guild to St Mary's Riseholme
Friday	
9.00am	Morning Prayer on Zoom with Judy. Zoom ID 869 5191 1684 Passcode 588585
12.00pm	Holy Communion according to Book of Common Prayer in church and on FB Live
Saturday	
9.00am	Morning Prayer on Facebook Live with Fr Richard
Sunday	Trinity 15
8.30am	Said Eucharist
10.00am	Eucharist (Common Worship); no booking required and on FB Live (uploaded to the ASN website later)
11.00am	Church open for private prayer for one hour.
1.00pm	Baptism of Harry and George Bowness
4.00pm	Family Eucharist

Don't forget...

If you would like to give £5 or £10 to the church to support our work, then please use your mobile phone to text ASN 5 or ASN 10 to 70450.

Church in the Porch and 4pm Worship...

Returns this week – please pick up a pack from the porch from 4pm on Sunday. Our Eucharist service at 4pm returns on Sunday 12th. We've been encouraged by the broad range of people coming to this service of late – and by the lovely cakes being provided too! – so please do come along for a relaxed and creative time of worship. *Revd Teena*

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY (CBS) – NETTLEHAM



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It's Bible Study time again! Our Nettleham CBS class is a friendly and sociable group from various church backgrounds. We are currently meeting in three local homes on Tuesday mornings, starting at 10.00am with coffee, tea and biscuits (and often cake to celebrate a birthday!) and finishing by 12 noon.

Our next study is the book of Genesis, looking at the Bible accounts of creation, the early earth, and the Patriarchs. We start on 7th September and you're welcome to come along to any one of our groups.

To find out more about this year's study or CBS, please contact any of us listed below, or have a look at the CBS website www.cbsuk.org.

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News from St Mary's Riseholme...

We held our PCC meeting on Friday and discussed the Time to Change Together, we would like you to also let us know what your thoughts are so please do collect a booklet or ask Shirley to email you a copy.

The Guild of Servers of the Sanctuary are holding their chapter guild office at Mary's Riseholme on Thursday evening at 7.30, this is a sung office with a short homily, all are very welcome to join them and will be coffee and cake served after the service. The servers from many churches come together to worship together and to deepen their spiritual life and ministry that they offer at the Eucharist; by being acolytes or crucifers or by serving at the altar. I was a server and a member before I discerned a calling to ordained ministry, and I visited many churches in Lincolnshire that I would probably never have visited otherwise. Very often the homilies were centred around the churches we went to, which is what I will be doing on Thursday. So do come along and join us and perhaps find out a few facts about St Mary's in Riseholme.

Guild of Servers of the Sanctuary Collect

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, to us Thy servants, the spirit of holy fear: that we, following the example of Thy holy child Samuel, may faithfully minister before Thee in Thy Sanctuary; through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

Blessings Judy

Prayer Diary....

Day	Diocese, wider church	Parish
Sunday 5 th <i>Season of Creation</i> Construction Industry	Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; (Isaiah 35: 5 – 6) <i>Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan</i>	Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Monday 6 th <i>Season of Creation</i> Allen Gardiner, Missionary, Founder of the South American Mission Society, 1851 Energy industry	The Epworth Group – Revd Paul Wilson Please pray for the Epworth Benefice, that we will continue to be joyful and faithful in all that we do and are together and serve our communities with love Agenda Planning Committee Mission and Ministry Committee <i>The Diocese of Embu – The Anglican Church of Kenya</i>	Our clergy, lay ministers and Administrator. <i>Pray for Fr Richard, Revd Judy; Bishop Nigel, Revd Teena and Revd Thomas.</i> We pray for the residents of The Steepers, Wold View, High Leas, and Highfields.
Tuesday 7 th <i>Season of Creation</i> Farming	Haxey – Revd Mark Zammit Pray for vision and the power of the Holy Spirit as we consider the future ministry in the parish. Audit and Governance Committee <i>The Diocese of Enugu – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Enugu Province)</i>	Our choir and organists <i>Pray for choir members, for our Choir Mistress, and our organists.</i> We pray for the residents of Brookfield Avenue, Midway Close, and Riverdale.
Wednesday 8 th <i>Season of Creation</i> The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary Finance	Owston – Revd Mark Zammit Pray for vision and the power of the Holy Spirit as we consider the future ministry in the parish. <i>The Diocese of Enugu North – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Enugu Province)</i>	Our churchwardens, welcomers, servers, prayer supervisors, readers and intercessors. We pray for the residents of Ashtree Avenue, Ridgeway, and Willowfield.
Thursday 9 th <i>Season of Creation</i> Charles Fuge Lowder, Priest, 1880 Fire Services	The Diocesan Ministry Team – Ministry Team Leader (Acting): The Venerable Dr Justine Allain-Chapman Please pray for guidance as a new College of St Hugh is planned, that vocations can be renewed, and ministry developed and supported by the team. Clergy Housing Committee Assets Committee <i>The Diocese of Esan – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Bendel Province)</i>	Charities we support and the FiSH project We pray for the residents of The Green, The Barn flats and bungalows, and The Co-op flats.
Friday 10 th <i>Season of Creation</i> Fishing industry	The Diocesan Ministry Team - Director of Ordinands & Vocations: Revd Sonia Barron Please pray for the outcomes of the Young Vocations drop-in event last Saturday and also the embedding of the new discernment framework and all Vocations Advisers implementing this. <i>The Diocese of Etche – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Niger Delta Province)</i>	ALM's and the Pastoral Care Team We pray for the residents of Vicarage Lane, Mill Hill, and Sudbrooke Lane.

<p>Saturday 11th Season of Creation</p> <p>Healthcare Services</p>	<p>The Diocesan Ministry Team – Warden of Readers: Dr. Sally Buck Pray for the students who are beginning their studies again today. <i>The Diocese of Etsako – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Bendel Province)</i></p>	<p>Church in the Porch, our Family Church, Ducklings and Cuppa Time. We pray for the residents of North Street, North Close, Chapel Lane, Church Street, Ambrose Court, Cross Street</p>
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Church Women's Fellowship...

This group, which is open to women from all Christian churches in our community (and those who don't normally come to church) will be reconvening from Monday 20th September. We invite you to come and meet in church at 1pm for a light lunch of soup and a roll, and a time of fellowship, before our meeting proper begins at 2pm. We hope to have an interesting and entertaining programme of speakers and events to enjoy for the months ahead. Please do join us, and invite your friends! We would particularly be pleased to welcome new members, and to see old ones after our long break. If you would like more information, do contact Rev. Teena.

A Time to Change – Together: Update...

All Saints, with every other parish church in the diocese, is being asked to reflect upon our unique role in the community and to discern the type of church that we aspire to be in the future. To support us with our discussions, the diocese has produced a workbook containing 4 separate sessions of suggested prayers, readings and questions.

The outcome of our reflections will help us to complete the Initial Response Form that needs to be submitted to the diocese by 30 September.

Copies of the workbook are available at the back of the church to take away. They include some additional information for you: the Church Type leaflet and a sheet asking you to 'score' All Saints against a list of criteria drawn from the Church Type leaflet. We will also leave copies in the church porch and Parish Centre.

The workshops started last week, both face-to-face and on Zoom, and we would encourage you to join us, so that as many as possible can share their various views and opinions.

The timetable for the remaining workshops is:

Session 3 - What are our strengths and gifts?

Wednesday 8 September: Zoom meeting at 7.00pm. Please contact Revd Teena or Andy for the link.

Thursday 9 September: Face-to-face meeting in church at 2.00pm.

Session 4 - What the 'NEW' might be?

Wednesday 15 September: Zoom meeting at 7.00pm. Please contact Revd Teena or Andy for the link.

Thursday 16 September: Face-to-face meeting in church at 2.00pm.

The output from all these workshops will then be collated and presented to the PCC meeting on Wednesday 22 September.

Both the Zoom and face-to-face meetings are open to everyone, so please join us – all are welcome.

Birthdays 🎂...

As you will know before lockdown, we always celebrated everyone's birthday once a month in church. Because we are streaming the services on Facebook live it's not possible. It's been suggested that we start doing it again but do it over coffee when streaming has ended.

The August birthdays ladies have, for the past three years, been getting together and going out for a meal. We wondered if anyone wanted to extend that and do it for each month of the year, that way you join others who have a birthday in the same month as you. We are hoping then that some of you gentlemen will join the ladies. Let me know if you are wanting to do this and I'll put together monthly lists and help set up meals out.

Rev'd Judy

Rev Judy writes about prayer...

Our prayers at this time are centred around the people of Afghanistan, those still in Afghanistan and wishing to leave, and with those who have been repatriated here in England, that they will be warmly welcomed and embraced into loving communities. What can we do to help? Last Sunday we heard Fr. Richard talk about a diocese which has raised enough money to buy two houses. Can we do that here in Lincoln Diocese?

Our coffee shop has been raising roughly £80 a week; that was not our intention. Our intention was to offer a safe meeting place for the community to come together and share their stories after such a long time of isolation and to also offer hospitality and long-awaited company. Should we therefore give what has been raised to a fund for those who have found themselves repatriated into our country bringing with them few or no belongings? Let me know your thoughts and I will seek a way of us donating to a charity who are supporting the Afghanistan people.

We also need to be praying for our church as we look at what kind of church we want to be. Do we look inwards and safeguard what we have or do we look out and become a mission church that shines the gospel out into the world? We have choices to make. Do come along to the workshops and let us pray together, asking God's help as we discern our calling at All Saints. St Mary's, Riseholme will be also looking at what type of church they are called to be. The PCC held initial discussions at their PCC meeting on Friday so please pray for them too and anyone from St Mary's who wishes to add their view to the conversations please get in touch with Reverend Judy who will happily deliver a booklet explaining what is being discerned and the questions which we are being asked to respond to.

So many important things to pray for this week.

Blessings. *Judy*

New for Sunday afternoons -- Quiet Church...

We are experimenting this week, following feedback, with a service on the first Sunday of every month which is aimed at tapping into our often unmet need for quiet. The plan is to offer a time of reflective worship, in which we will meet God in new ways. This Sunday, in line with the new Creation Season, we will begin with Celtic worship. Please do come and join us for a time of quiet music, prayers and light. Please note that for this Sunday only the service will be at **6pm** because of prior commitments.

Shalom....

Our first meeting focussed on prayers for *change* – for those going through changes who find it difficult; for areas where change leads to conflict and disagreement; for all for whom change feels long overdue. We also prayed for *comfort* for individuals, groups and areas which are struggling, that God's presence might be felt. We have decided to meet again, sooner rather than later, to hold our church, our Diocese and the troubles of the world before God and to pray for one another. If you would like to join us in a quiet time of focussed prayer, do get in touch – we can meet in person or via Zoom, and our next meeting will be on Thursday 9th September at 6pm in church and online. Do get in touch if you would like to join us – we'd love to welcome you. Revd Teena

Harvest...

Our harvest Eucharist will take place on Sunday 19 September at the slightly later time of **11.00am** and it will be followed by a Harvest Lunch in church. Tickets are £12.50 and available from Lynne, Sally and Jocelyne.

There will also be a special Harvest Coffee Shop on Saturday 18 September to give everyone an opportunity to see the church decorated for harvest and a chance to bring along your harvest gifts and donations. We welcome donations of non-perishable goods which will be sent to the Lincoln Community Larder. A list is available of urgently required items of food and toiletries.

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

To discuss a wedding or funeral, please call Administrator, Shirley Keyes, and Reverend Judy if you would like to discuss a baptism.

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