

The Good News for Nettleham

Sun 21st December 2025

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

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8.30am

Said Holy Communion

10.00am

Parish Communion

11.15am

BCP Holy Communion at St Mary's Riseholme

3.00pm

Christingle

Mon 22nd

10.00am

Christmas Fun

Weds 24th

4.00pm

Nettleham Nativity

7.00pm

Carols on the Green

11.00pm

Midnight Mass

Thurs 25th

8.30am

Holy Communion on Christmas Day

10.00am

Parish Communion on Christmas Day

Fri 26th

12.00pm

No BCP Holy Communion

Sun 28th

First Sunday of Christmas

8.30am

Said Holy Communion

10.00am

Parish Communion at All Saints with churches from our local area

Fri 2nd Jan

12.00pm

BCP Holy Communion

Sun 4th

Epiphany

8.30am

Said Holy Communion

10.00am

Parish Communion

Morning Prayer usually 9am: Monday – Facebook Live with Martin,
Tuesday – Facebook Live with Jean Wednesday and Friday – Zoom with Andy

Readings for The First Sunday of Christmas

Isaiah 63.7-9

Psalms 148

Hebrews 2.10-end

Matthew 2.13-end

Prayer for our Community

Sunday	21 st Streets: Ash Tree Avenue, Midway Close, Riverdale Community: The Scouts and Guides
Monday	22 nd Streets: Ridgeway, Willowfield Avenue, Mill Hill, Vicarage Lane Community: Nettleham Junior School
Tuesday	23 rd - Streets: Greenfields, The Vinyard Community: Tennis, Football and Cricket Clubs at Mulsanne Park
Wednesday	24 th Streets: Eastway, Field Close, Westway, Parkside, The Dales Community: Hospitality
Thursday	25 th Streets: Poachers Meadow, Bramble Court, Lacy Close, Squires Place Community: PC's and PCSO's
Friday	26 th Streets: Sudbrooke Lane, Larch Avenue, The Hawthorns, The Oaks Community: The Rugby Club
Saturday	27 th Streets: Lodge Lane, Mulsanne Way, Weldon Drive, Arnage Court Community: Nettleham Surgery

In need of prayer.... Lynne & Barry Combes, Mavis Kirton, Barry & Christine Crum, Sandy Gould, Louise & Chris Siddall, Marianne & John Dingley, Sue Young, Gwen Roger, Joseph & Bethan Lennard. RIP.... Felicity Howick

Year's Mind... Clifford Holland, Judy Binnington, Phyllis Beaumont, Joyce South, Madge Meyer, Margaret Brumby, Harry Bellingham and Kathleen Beckers

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Tower update We now have National Lottery Heritage Fund and PCC approval to let a contract to Pinnacle Conservation Ltd for the tower repair works. We have a pre-contract meeting with our architect and Pinnacle in early December and we hope to start work on site in March next year. As well as the major NLHF grant we've also been successful in securing a grant of £8,700 from the Marshall's Charity (see marshalls.org.uk for details of their work). Our Project and Grant Manager consultant, Irving Patrick, is in the process of preparing applications to other grant-giving bodies.

Community Lottery Scheme Last month the PCC voted to close the Community Lottery Scheme with effect from 31 December. The Scheme was set up to generate funds for the tower project as well as to provide money for grants to community projects. Although we have provided grants, the most recent to support the production of 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' in Church, the level of interest from the community in securing a grant for a community project is, and always has been, very low; we still have just over £9000 available for grants. Whilst the Community Lottery has provided funds for the tower project, this funding stream is no longer strictly needed. We're taking steps to close the Community Lottery bank account but, if you are a player of the Community Lottery please, before 6 January, ask your bank to cancel your Standing Order. If you're unsure about what to do please contact our Treasurer.

Church Meal Kath would like to thank all who attended and for the gifts. The raffle for the Tower Fund raised £150.00. Thank you for your support.

Tuesday Coffee Morning would like to thank everyone who contributed to the fund raising for The Sepsis Trust. At our annual Christmas lunch we were able to present their representative with a cheque for £1,160.00. The group meet every Tuesday in the Old School (large room) from 10 - 11.30 am and will resume on 13 January 2026. All welcome.

Charity Suggestions Each year we, as a Church, donate 5% of our regular giving income to charity. We split the total into three and give an equal share to a local charity, a national charity and an international charity. The PCC makes the final decision but as in previous years we'd like to hear your suggestions. In the last three years we've given to the British Red Cross, Edan Lincs, the RNLI, the Bible Reading Fellowship, Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance, the Charles Waller Trust, Justice and Care, the Church of England Children's Society and St Barnabas Hospice. Please send your suggestions for this year's recipients to treasurer@asn.church or speak direct to Simon.

Weekly Prayer

May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ child
be yours this Christmas;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. Amen.