

The Good News for Nettleham

Sun 31st March 2024

Easter Sunday

No 315

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8.30am Said Holy Communion

10.00am Holy Communion

11.15am BCP Holy Communion at St Mary's

4.00pm Easter Praise and Egg Hunt

Mon 1st

9.00am Morning Prayer on Facebook Live with Martin

10.00am No Coffee Shop

Tues 2nd

9.00am Morning Prayer on Facebook Live with Jean

9.30am No Ducklings

Weds 3rd

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom with Andy. Email allsaintscw@btinternet.com

Thurs 4th

9.00am Morning Prayer in Church with Revd Judy

2.00pm Choir Practice (Location Nettleham Methodist Church)

Fri 5th

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom with Yola. Email yjdeane@gmail.com

12.00pm BCP Holy Communion

Sun 7th Second Sunday of Easter

8.30am Said Holy Communion

10.00am Holy Communion

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4.32-35

Psalm 133

1 John 1.1-2.2

John 20.19-end

Prayer for our Community

Sunday	Today we pray for our friends in Christ who experience persecution for their faith. We pray too for our own church family.
Monday	Today we pray for all who are housebound, for their families and friends and for all who care for them.
Tuesday	Today we pray for all who live in our community, for all who visit or work here and for all who support the life of the church.
Wednesday	Today we pray for wisdom for those who serve on church committees, community leaders and for all in local government.
Thursday	Today we pray for the world. Use the newspaper and TV headlines as a focus for prayer.
Friday	Today we pray for the pupils and staff of our schools, that as the young people grow in years they may also grow in faith.
Saturday	Today we pray for our worship this Sunday, for our ministers and all who will be involved in the services here.

In need of prayer.... Steve Jackson, Christine Edwards, Tony Gledhill, John Beattie, Natalie Ramsey, David Quay Brenda Ward, Tony Swain and Rachel Tollerton.

RIP.... We give thanks for the lives, pray for the souls, and ask comfort for the relatives and friends of Pearl Taylor

Year's Mind... John Pickwell

St Mary's, Riseholme...

Our pattern of worship is:

2nd Sunday in the month BCP Matins at 11.15am

4th Sunday in the month BCP Holy Communion at 11.15am

A warm welcome will always greet you at St Mary's. Richard – Church Warden

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Growing Faith:

Thank you: To everyone who has been involved in our life and worship this Easter. It has been wonderful to see how so many of you have given so generously of your gifts, skills, time and energies over these last weeks. I offer you all my greatest thanks and hope you know how much you are appreciated.

Bags of Joy: Easter activity bags, full of crafts and fun for the Easter week are available from the church porch. They are perfect for children aged between 3 and 12. Please do take one for any children you know. They can watch the accompanying videos on our Facebook page each day starting on Monday 1st April and continuing until Friday 5th April.

Growing: What do you need to enable you to grow in faith? It would be great to hear from you. If it's something we're already doing, we can give you the details and if it's something we're not already doing, we can look into exploring how we might do it! Feel free to email Michelle or have a chat with her anytime.

House Groups: Three house groups meet regularly, each at different times and with a different focus. If you might like to know more, contact Andy allsaintscw@btinternet.com

Serving:

Pastoral Care Training: We will be offering the Pastoral Care training module for those who have discerned a call to this ministry. We'll be meeting together on a Wednesday evening at 5pm in the Parish Centre and will begin on 17th April.

Churchwarden: Lynne Combes has served faithfully as a churchwarden here at All Saints for many years. We are so thankful for the generous way she has shared her gifts in service here. Lynne will continue to serve until the APCM in May... after that All Saints will need a new churchwarden. Please do be praying about this, and do hold Lynne in your prayers as she continues to serve in these next few months.

Spring Cleaning: How would you like the chance to clean, chat and eat cake? If you'd like to be part of the Spring Cleaning Team there will be a chance to sign up coming soon!

Community:

Sight Savers: A very huge THANK YOU to all who came to the Eggstra Special Coffee Morning on Saturday, 2nd March. It was a great time of fellowship and fun and you gave the charity the grand sum of £622.80. Sight Savers will be able to help so many children and adults as a result of your kindness. Thank you all for caring and being very generous. Joyce and Helpers.

Revd Michelle writes...

One of the ways I have shared the events of Holy Week with children is by going on 'The Holy Week Rollercoaster'. As the details of the week are shared, the children are invited to pretend to be on a rollercoaster, going up at the high points, and down to the low points, leaning to the side when the story takes a twist. The story ends with a loop the loop on Easter Sunday, when the resurrection turns the whole world upside down.

I've pondered lately whether I should try to write 'The Resurrection Rollercoaster' in order to extend this idea. The experiences of Jesus' followers, as they encounter the Risen Christ, must see them go through a rollercoaster of emotions. They experience confusion, disbelief and astonishment as the truth of the resurrection begins to dawn on them. We hear of both the tears of sadness and the cries of joy of Jesus' followers in the stories which follow Jesus' rising to new life. The rollercoaster, I have noticed, is a playful way to invite children to engage with, not just the events of the stories, but the emotions they encounter as they engage with the Easter story. I wonder if we too might take some time to ponder our own responses to Jesus' resurrection as we read of his appearing to Mary in the garden, to the disciples, to Thomas, on the road to Emmaus. I offer three invitations to reflect, to create and to connect as you journey through this Easter season.

Reflect: As you reflect upon one of these appearances, what thoughts, feelings and emotions are you experiencing as you encounter the Risen Christ? What do you want to say to Jesus as you recognise him? Tell him now.

Create: Do something to help you enter into the amazing and vibrant joy of the resurrection: sing your favourite song, put on music and dance, give yourself a treat, go wild!

Connect: Make a list of all the ways that you can see resurrection and transformation at work in the world around you. Give thanks for each of these and maybe even share your list with a friend.

Weekly Prayer

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen