

## The Good News for Nettleham

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Second Sunday of Easter

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8.30am Said Holy Communion

10.00am Holy Communion

### Mon 8<sup>th</sup>

9.00am Morning Prayer on Facebook Live with Martin

10.00am Coffee Shop

### Tues 9<sup>th</sup>

9.00am Morning Prayer on Facebook Live with Jean

9.30am Ducklings

### Weds 10<sup>th</sup>

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom with Andy. Email [allsaintscw@btinternet.com](mailto:allsaintscw@btinternet.com)

### Thurs 11<sup>th</sup>

9.00am Morning Prayer in Church with Revd Judy

2.00pm U3A Tour of Riseholme St Mary's

2.00pm Choir Practice (Location All Saints Church)

### Fri 12<sup>th</sup>

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom with Yola. Email [yjdeane@gmail.com](mailto:yjdeane@gmail.com)

12.00pm BCP Holy Communion

7.00pm 54 North Concert – Dynamic Celtic Folk Fusion Trio

### Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday of Easter

8.30am Said Holy Communion

10.00am Holy Communion

11.15am BCP Mattins at St Mary's

6.00pm Youth Social

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## 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, Rachel Tollerton, Lorna Ludlow and Alex Milne.

*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...* Paul Blagburn, Kenneth Gibbard, Ellen Uttridge and Olwen Kerswill

*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.

*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.

*Emails:* There are a number of reports in various churches across the country of people sending emails which look like they are coming from church leaders/ officers asking for money, vouchers etc... please know that we will never send emails asking for vouchers or urgent bank transfers. If you are ever unsure, please call us to ask.

*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](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup> 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:

*All Saints Concerts:* 54 North, the dynamic Celtic folk fusion trio are performing in concert here in All Saints Church on Friday 12<sup>th</sup>. Please do come and enjoy a wonderful evening of fun. See Linda or Lynne for more details!

*Open Churches:* At the back of church you'll find lists where you can sign up to help with the refreshment stall, the cake stall, to offer to donate cake. The weekend is a wonderful chance to welcome people to church, to offer a great welcome and to invite the wider community into the building. The weekend takes place on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May and if you need any other details please see Lynne Combes.

Revd Thomas writes...

In the last few years of parochial ministry, I was regularly asked by couples for a greater variety of readings at their weddings than the obligatory (boring) piece out of the Bible. Sometimes the text was close to their hearts but often, I feared, the gobbets were trawled from the internet. What I found so depressing about many of them is the banality of the sentiments about love especially compared with the profoundly powerful ones to be found in the Scriptures. This lack of confidence, or fear of the Christian sacred text saddens me. Why should the writings of Native Americans be more valued than St Paul? Why should a modern novelist living in Suffolk be as prized as St John?

When passages from the bible were chosen, rather than I Corinthians chapter 13, increasing numbers of couples opted for chapter 8 of the Song of Solomon. I encouraged couples to read (and enjoy!) that Old Testament poem in its entirety.

Apart from the numbers of weddings when we hear these words, they are read at Evensong during Easter Week. At the end of the great solemnities of the Paschal Triduum, we are able to contemplate not only the hope of love within marriage and other intimate loving human relationships, but the very core of the Christian faith - that death does not have the last word and that love, as revealed primarily in God's salvific work in the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead, trumps everything.

"love is strong as death...

Many waters cannot quench love,  
neither can floods drown it."

A most holy, joyous and blessed Eastertide to you all.

Weekly Prayer

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked,  
no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,  
to the praise of God the Father.  
**Amen.**