

The Good News for Nettleham

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- 8.30am Said Holy Communion
- 10.00am Holy Communion
- 11.45am A Meeting for all Group Leaders
- 1.00pm Chalice Assistant Training
- 6.00pm Youth Social

Mon 8th

- 9.00am Morning Prayer on Facebook Live with Martin
- 10.00am Coffee Shop
- 3.15pm Families

Tues 9th

- 9.00am Morning Prayer on Facebook Live with Jean
- 9.30am Ducklings

Weds 10th

- 9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom with Andy. Email allsaintscw@btinternet.com
- 6.00pm Standing Committee Meeting

Thurs 11th

- 9.00am Morning Prayer in Church with Revd Judy

Fri 12th

- 9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom with Yola. Email yjdeane@gmail.com
- 12.00pm BCP Holy Communion
- 7.00pm Jill Crossland Concert in Church

Sat 13th

- 7.00pm Who knows?

Sun 14th Seventh Sunday after Trinity

- 8.30am Said Holy Communion
- 10.00am The Parish Eucharist
- 11.15am BCP Mattins at St Mary's Riseholme
- 1.00pm Baptism of Nellie
- 6.00pm Youth Social

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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, Pam Beattie, Natalie Ramsey, Brenda Ward, Tony Swain, Rachel Tollerton, Lorna Ludlow, Christine Crumm, Roger Chambers, Marianne Dingley, John Dingley and Joy Babbington.

RIP.... We give thanks for the lives, pray for the souls, and ask comfort for the relatives and friends of Eileen Gall, Margaret Colmer, Shelia Turner and Donna Wilkinson

Year's Mind... Megan Ashley and Geoffrey Austin

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

You will always find a warm welcome at St Mary's. Richard Smith - *Churchwarden*

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Growing Faith:

Prayer Course: If you enjoy chatting over a cuppa, why not come along to the Prayer Course this summer. We'll meet weekly. One possible time will be Wednesday at 6pm but we have flexibility according to who is attending. It's a great course and everyone is welcome to attend! We'll be covering leading intercession within the course. Please talk to Michelle if you'd like to know more.

To Love and Serve the Lord: If you enjoy being part of church and are wondering how God might be calling you to become more involved or what possibilities there might be in ministry then you might like to be part of 'To Love and Serve the Lord'. It's a weekly course which gives us a chance to get together and talk about faith, the church and God! We'll begin in September and everyone is welcome.

Serving:

Congratulations: We are delighted to share that Tasha Rose has been selected to train for reader ministry. We are already so thankful for Tasha's ministry with and amongst us and we rejoice with her at this great news. Please hold her in your prayers as she prepares to embark upon her training.

Church Keys... Do you have any church keys? John Dent is working out how many keys we have, and who has them! If you happen to have any church keys, please would you be able to let him know which ones. If you need any church keys, please also let him know which ones you might need!

Thank you... to everyone who helped with the church cleaning. Fabulous work!!!

Community:

Church Women's Fellowship: Church Women's Fellowship on 15 July will be in the Parish Office at the usual time 1.30pm. The speaker will be Janet Leeson - Kenya & Potters Heart. We are proposing a lunchtime meal at The Plough on 19 August. The public house does not normally serve meals on Monday and require a minimum number to open. Therefore, if you are interested would you please let Kath know.

Nettleham Carnival: Nettleham Carnival is taking place on 13th July beginning at 1pm and closing around 5pm. We'd love to be able to join with the village in the celebrations as much as we possibly can. We're going to have a stall in the centre of the village along with the other churches in Nettleham (and some exciting puppet visitors) and we're also opening the church for people to come and find rest, refreshment and a warm welcome. Could you help out on the stall out in the carnival itself or would you be able to help with refreshments? We'd love your support!

Revd Michelle writes...

On Wednesday 3rd July we celebrated the feast of St Thomas the Apostle. When we think about Thomas, perhaps we immediately think of 'doubt' or 'doubting Thomas'. Thomas the Apostle is well known for his unbelieving response to his friends who told him they had seen Jesus. In John's Gospel account, after they share the news of encountering the risen Christ, Thomas responds by saying, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' Thomas knows resurrections aren't everyday occurrences and his words suggest that he needs something more in order to believe. For him, faith does not come easily, likely no more easily than it does for the rest of us. There is, perhaps, some reassurance for us that even this disciple experienced doubt just as we do. Yet, the doubt Thomas experiences is, transformed just a few verses later through encounter with Jesus. The presence of Jesus overwhelms him and he blurts out the words, "My Lord and my God!" His words are a key reference to the divinity of Jesus. Jesus' presence turns Thomas's infamous doubt into a clear and confident declaration of who Jesus is: God with us. In the presence of Jesus, Thomas's doubt is transformed into a heartfelt declaration of faith.

As we consider Thomas' experience, perhaps we might notice the way in which Thomas' story echoes our own story of discipleship. I notice my own heartfelt cries of 'oh, where are you Lord?' in times where God's presence seems hard to find. I also notice the times when I am most aware of God's presence and my heart cries out, like Thomas, to 'My Lord and my God.' Thomas' story is one which resonates with our own experiences as God's people. As I reflected upon Thomas this week, I also prepared a school assembly. It was based upon the Russian folktale of the two frogs who fell into the vat of cream. They cannot jump out because the sides are too high. One frog decides that it is pointless to even try to continue to get out and gives up. The other decides that, even though they're not sure if the outcome will change, they will keep swimming. The prolonged kicking and paddling results in the cream turning into butter and the frog then has a platform from which they can jump out of the vat. I noticed, in that story, an encouragement to continue to wrestle with doubt, an encouragement not to give up, even when having faith in God feels incredibly difficult. We are people who, like Thomas, have times of certain faith and times of unsettling doubt. Might Thomas' example encourage us to persevere and to continue to seek to know God with us, whatever we are experiencing in our life of faith.

Weekly Prayer

Almighty and eternal God,
who, for the firmer foundation of our faith, allowed your holy apostle Thomas
to doubt the resurrection of your Son till word and sight convinced him:
grant to us, who have not seen, that we also may believe
and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God;
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen