

The Good News for Nettleham

Sun 17th November

Second Sunday before Advent

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8.30am

Said Holy Communion

10.00am

All Age Communion

4.00pm

Wholeness and Healing Service

6.00pm

Youth

Mon 18th

9.00am

Morning Prayer on Facebook Live with Martin

10.00am

Coffee Shop

1.30pm

Women's Fellowship – Henry's Chocolate Nativity

3.15pm

Families

7.00pm

Handbell Ringers in Offices 19&20

Tues 19th

9.00am

Morning Prayer on Facebook Live with Jean

9.30am

Ducklings

10.00am

CBS at the Methodist Church

Weds 20th

York Trip!

9.00am

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

6.30pm

PCC Meeting

Thurs 21st

9.00am

Morning Prayer in Church

2.00pm

Choir Practice

7.00pm

Chapter Meeting in The Hub

Fri 22nd

9.00am

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

12.00pm

BCP Holy Communion

Sat 23rd

7.00pm

Church being used by a local family for a special event.

Sun 24th

Christ the King

8.30am

Said Holy Communion

10.00am

The Parish Communion

11.15am

BCP Holy Communion at St Mary's Riseholme

1.00pm

Baptism

6.00pm

Youth

Christ the King

Daniel 7.9-10,13-14

Psalm 93

Revelation 1.4b-8

John 18.33-37

Prayer for our Community

Sunday	17 th Streets: Herrington Avenue, Shaw Way, Cooper Close, Mansford Close, Aima Court Community: West Lindsey District Council
Monday	18 th Streets: Crickets Drive, Honeysuckle Close, Sellers Way, Mulberry Close. Community: All Local Community Groups
Tuesday	19 th Streets: Highfields, High Leas, Kerrison View, The Steepers, Wold View Community: Green Spaces
Wednesday	20 th Streets: Brookfield Avenue, Jubilee Court, Orchard Way Community: The Village Hall
Thursday	21 st Streets: Ash Tree Avenue, Midway Close, Riverdale Community: The Scouts and Guides
Friday	22 nd Streets: Ridgeway, Willowfield Avenue, Mill Hill, Vicarage Lane Community: Nettleham Junior School
Saturday	23 rd - Streets: Greenfields, The Vinyard Community: Tennis, Football and Cricket Clubs at Mulsanne Park

In need of prayer.... Steve Jackson, Christine Edwards, Tony Gledhill, John Beattie, Pam Beattie, Brenda Ward, Tony Swain, Lorna Ludlow, Christine Crumm, Marianne Dingley, John Dingley, Graeme Clayton Theresia Moss, Dennis Atkinson and baby Ace Armiger.

RIP.... We give thanks for the lives, pray for the souls, and ask comfort for the relatives and friends of Kathleen Rowett, Jean Dunn, Ray Ridley and Tony Grafton.

Year's Mind... David Harris, Bob Burden and Iris Wilson.

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. If you would like to get involved in a pre-Christmas church clean please speak to Richard Smith – *Churchwarden*.

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Growing Faith:

Advent Study: We're planning this year's four session advent course. We hope to offer one daytime opportunity at 10.30 on Friday mornings (starting 29/11/24) and one evening at 6pm on Thursday in Offices 19/20 in The Hub (starting 28/11/24).

Prayer Ministry Course: Would you like to join the team? See Michelle!

Community Bible Study (CBS) UK Are you interested in studying the Bible? Or just curious about it? Community Bible Study (CBS) is a worldwide, inter-denominational system of Bible study that uses a combination of personal study and group discussion, suitable for all ages and abilities. Our Nettleham study group meets during term time in the Methodist Church Hall on Tuesdays from 10.00am to 12 noon. If you're interested see Andy Lewis.

Serving:

Carols on the Green: Would you be able to help with the smooth running of Carols on the Green at 7pm on 24th December. We need stewards, collectors and carol sheet distributors. Talk to Andy if you are able to help.

Church Cleaning: Due to health problems, we are getting short of people willing to clean our church. At the moment we have a five-week rota obviously the more people we have to share the cleaning the less often this becomes. If you feel you would like to join the cleaning team it would be gratefully appreciated. Tel 01522 822487 or have a word with Margaret Smith after the 10am service on Sunday.

Advent Church Clean: Wouldn't it be great to get church sparkling before Christmas? On Friday 29th November at 1.30pm we would really appreciate it if anyone would be able to come and do some cleaning. Even if you can just spare an hour it would be a great help.

Community:

Church Fellowship: Church Fellowship meet on Monday 18th November and will be entertained and enlivened through 'Henry's Chocolate Nativity'. It'll be great fun!

Organ News: We are delighted to share the news that a wonderful young organist will be using our organ for her practice once a week over the coming months. You might even hear her playing as you walk past the church!

Alpha: Alpha will run at Nettleham Methodist Church in January 2025. If you'd like to help out or go along please see Michelle for more information.

Lunch Together: We're planning to arrange another meal together and confirm a date. Possibly 9th or 16th January. There will be a choice of two main and two puddings with tea or coffee for £15.50. The bar will also be available.

Generosity:

Toy Sunday: On 17th November we will be collecting advent calendars, selection boxes, small toys, wrapping paper, fluffy socks and small toiletries gift sets as part of Toy Sunday. Donations will be given to a local charity, EDAN Lincs.

Revd Michelle writes...

Perhaps we remember, as children, walking home from school, seeing green leaves change into radiant yellow, flaming red, and vibrant orange. Maybe we spent happy hours stomping around in the leaves to hear their crunching underneath our feet? I still like to do it now! This week has felt very much like autumn is here in Nettleham hasn't it?

Ecclesiastes 3 tells us that there is a season for everything, a time for giving birth, a time for dying; a time for tears, a time for laughter; a time for mourning, a time for dancing. The seasons indeed change, within and around us. For me, the trees are where I especially notice of the movement of the seasons. Right now around us, the trees grow more restless; cooler winds weave through the branches; the increasingly misty morning air clings to golden leaves, making the trees bend even lower.

Trees are a powerful visual reminder that autumn comes. It always does. That change comes. It always does. And yet perhaps, for some of us, every autumn we cling to the ripeness of summer, knowing it will be many long months before we can catch a breath of pink blossom, or the green of freshly mown grass. I invite us to consider that the falling of the leaves in autumn remind us of a central truth. Without the richness of the fallen leaves to nourish the earth, new seeds cannot come alive. Unless summer gives in to autumn, we will never know the embrace of spring. God's transformation happens within us, around us, and through us, through the changing of the seasons of our lives. I invite us to know that in whatever seasons of life we find ourselves in right now. God holds us, loves us and is close with us as the words of the prophet Isaiah remind us. 'When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned; the flame will not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Saviour'.

Weekly Prayer

O God of Creation,
you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.
As we embrace the autumn,
may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest.
May the crunch of the leaves beneath our feet
remind us of the brevity of this earthly life.
May the steam of our breath in the cool air
Remind us that it is you who give us your breath of life.
May the scurrying of the squirrels and the migration of the birds
Remind us that you call us to follow your will.
We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. Amen.