

The Good News for Nettleham

Sun 24th November

Christ the King

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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	Praise
Mon 25th	
9.00am	Morning Prayer on Facebook Live with Martin
10.00am	Coffee Shop
3.15pm	Families
7.00pm	Handbell Ringers in Offices 19&20
Tues 26th	
9.00am	Morning Prayer on Facebook Live with Jean
9.30am	Ducklings
10.00am	CBS at the Methodist Church
12.00pm	Open the Book Performance
Weds 27th	
9.00am	Morning Prayer on Zoom with Andy. Email allsaintscw@btinternet.com
5.00pm	Meeting in church
Thurs 28th	
9.00am	Morning Prayer in All Saints Church
10.30am	Paul Hale visiting church
1.00pm	The Funeral Service of George Walker
2.00pm	Choir Practice
6.00pm	Advent Course in Offices 19/20
Fri 29th	
9.00am	Morning Prayer on Zoom with Yola. Email yjdeane@gmail.com
10.00am	Advent Course (10.30am start with drinks served from 10am)
12.00pm	BCP Holy Communion
1.30pm	Advent Church Cleaning Afternoon
7.30pm	Nettleham Guides visiting church
Sat 30th	
2.00pm	The wedding of Joanna and Andrew
Sun 1st	First Sunday of Advent
8.30am	Said Holy Communion
10.00am	The Parish Communion (with a little 'background' incense)
4.00pm	Quiet Advent Service
6.00pm	Youth

The First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33.14-16 Psalm 25.1-9 I Thessalonians 3.9-end Luke 21.25-36

Prayer for our Community

Sunday	24th Streets: Eastway, Field Close, Westway, Parkside, The Dales Community: Hospitality
Monday	25 th Streets: Poachers Meadow, Bramble Court, Lacy Close, Squires Place Community: PC's and PCSO's
Tuesday	26 th Streets: Sudbrooke Lane, Larch Avenue, The Hawthorns, The Oaks Community: The Rugby Club
Wednesday	27 th Streets: Lodge Lane, Mulsanne Way, Weldon Drive, Arnage Court Community: Nettleham Surgery
Thursday	28 th Streets: The people of our church who live outside the parish. Church Life: Bellringers, Musicians Churchwardens, Flower Team, Pastoral Visitors, Welcomers, Youth, Worship Leaders, Children's Teams...
Friday	29 th Streets: Wragby Road East, Westfield Drive, Westfield Approach, Westfield Avenue Community: Wragby Road East Businesses
Saturday	30 th Streets: Lime Crescent, Lawley Close, Westacre Court Community: Self-Employed People

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, Ace Armiger and Lynne Combes.

RIP.... We give thanks for the lives, pray for the souls, and ask comfort for the relatives and friends of Ray Ridley, Tony Grafton, George Walker and Ann Harrison.

Year's Mind... Richard Dickinson, Jerry Truscott, Peter Johnson and Neil Pywell

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).

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.

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.

Community:

GNFN Prayer Update: At the beginning of December we will renew the names of those included in the prayer list of GNFN. If you are currently on the prayer list, and would like to remain on the list, please just let us know and we will keep you added. If you would like to add someone, with their permission, that's absolutely fine too!

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: On 13th February, everyone is invited to the Rugby Club for a meal at 12.30pm. Menu: Cottage pie with vegetables and gravy or Lasagne and salad with veggie options on both. Lemon meringue or chocolate fudge cake. With tea or coffee £15.50. See Kath Ersser to sign up.

Generosity:

Advent Appeal: We have been supporting families experiencing food poverty during school holidays through the FiSH project for some years. The project will not be run centrally this Christmas but we still feel it is essential to offer this support via our local schools this Christmas. If everyone in our church donated £10 we could bless so many families this Christmas. Please would you consider making a 'one off' donation this Advent? All monies received by 12th December will be converted into vouchers to give, via school, to local families who are in need at this time of year. If you are able to support this we would be so very grateful. Please give monies to Simon Hardy (treasurer), John Dent (churchwarden) or Andy Lewis (churchwarden).

Standing Orders: The bank now charges us 35p to receive a standing order. If you haven't tried the Parish Giving Scheme before... why not give it a go? We receive all PGS monies in one transaction which means only one charge for all donations made through it! Speak to Simon if you'd like to find out more!

Bishop Nigel writes...

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, Jesus reigning in glory - a fitting crown to the Christian Year, before we join the Advent journey to Christmas. The Feast was introduced by Pope Pius XI in 1925 amidst political tensions in Europe. In that year Mussolini became the fascist dictator of Italy, basking in popular adoration as Il Duce, the 'Duke'. Individuals still crave power, and today we see dangers lurking across the world. Astutely, the Pope felt it urgent to remind people of the ultimate reign of God.

Christ the King celebrates the all-embracing authority of Christ, drawing earth and heaven into his dominion. We are members of Christ's body the Church, gathered into the Kingdom. We are drawn into a deeper life of worship and discipleship. At the time, Pope Pius stressed his ambition that the feast should remind ordinary Christians that Christ has dominion over our daily lives - reigning over our minds, our wills, and our hearts. Kingdom values are expressed in kindness and concern for others. Feeding the hungry and thirsty, clothing the naked, caring for the sick, visiting prisoners. It is the outworking of Jesus' teaching – those stories ending with Jesus quizzing his hearers: so, who behaved well? Who was rewarded? Then challenging us, 'go then and do likewise'. The kingdom of heaven requires faithful participants not spectators. So, this week we join with each other, re-committing ourselves to joyful service, not just admiring the kingdom from afar – but living it here and now.

Weekly Prayer

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they,
plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.