

## The Good News for Nettleham

Sun 8<sup>th</sup> December

Second Sunday of Advent

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8.30am

Said Holy Communion

10.00am

The Parish Communion including the Baptism of Lola and Marvin

11.15am

BCP Mattins at St Mary's Riseholme

6.00pm

Youth

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup>**

9.00am

Morning Prayer on Facebook Live with Martin

10.00am

Coffee Shop

10.00am

Riseholme Church Clean

3.15pm

Families

7.00pm

Handbell Ringers in Rooms 19&amp;20

**Tues 10<sup>th</sup>**

9.00am

Morning Prayer on Facebook Live with Jean

9.30am

Ducklings

10.00am

CBS at the Methodist Church

**Weds 11<sup>th</sup>**

9.00am

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

2.00pm

Choir Practice in church

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup>**

9.00am

Morning Prayer in All Saints Church

12.30pm

The Funeral Service of Ann Harrison at Lea Fields

6.00pm

Advent Course in Offices 19/20

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup>**

9.00am

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

10.00am

Advent Course (10.30am start with drinks served from 10am)

12.00pm

BCP Holy Communion

7.00pm

The Hungate Singers Concert in Church

**Sun 15<sup>th</sup>****Third Sunday of Advent**

8.30am

Said Holy Communion

10.00am

All Age Parish Communion

4.00pm

Advent Healing Service

6.00pm

Carols by Candlelight at St Mary's Riseholme

6.00pm

Youth

*The Third Sunday of Advent*

Zephaniah 3.14-end

Isaiah 12.2-end

Philippians 4.4-7

Luke 3.7-18

## Prayer for our Community

Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup> Streets: Church Street, Ambrose Court, Cross Street Community: All Saints Church
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup> Streets: East Street, The Green, The Barn, Chapel Lane Community: Local Businesses
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup> Streets: North Court, North Street, Poplar Farm Close Community: All carers
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup> Streets: Crescent Close, The Crescent, The Croft Community: Community Hub
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup> Streets: All Saints Lane, The Chestnuts, The Rowans Community: Nettleham Infant School, Church View
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup> Streets: Deepdale Lane Community: The Emergency Service Headquarters
Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup> Streets: Baker Drive, Parker Way, Frith Close, Trott View Community: The Burrows

*In need of prayer....* Steve Jackson and Lynne and Barry Combes.

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

*Year's Mind...* Colin Lewis

*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 on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December please speak to Richard Smith – *Churchwarden*.

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## Growing Faith:

*Bring a Friend:* Why not bring a friend (or two) to a Christmas service this year? Please take the list of Christmas services and share the news of what's happening here at All Saints with friends, family and neighbours.

*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:

*Infant School Walkers:* Would you be free to help the Y1 pupils at Nettleham Infant School walk over to church on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. We will meet at school at 9.15am to walk the children over to church and will walk them back at around 10.20am.

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

## Community:

*Church Women's Fellowship:* On 16<sup>th</sup> December come along for a Christmas talk.

*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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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!

Lucille writes...

Last weekend Nettleham Green was transformed as the Christmas lights were switched on. The view from my front windows went from dark and gloomy to a glorious spectacle of fairy lights. The sight of these decorations lifts my mood and makes me smile every time I catch sight of them.

The tradition of lighting up our shops and houses at Christmas seems to have been copied from the United States but I noticed it particularly when we visited Lapland a couple of years ago. I was expecting my first glimpses of the scenery to be expanses of dark forests but I was astonished to see sparkling lights showing up even in quite remote places. Every building and many of the trees seemed to have been festooned with lights. In the Arctic, where even the days are dark, the people have learned the importance of light to the human spirit.

Of course, for Christians, the lights at this time of year are a symbol and a reminder of what we are preparing for: the birth of Christ, born to be the saviour and the light to the world, Christ who is the light that dispels the darkness of sin. More than anything, this is the beacon of hope that shines out in the darkness of our world. Furthermore, we, who have Christ in our lives, can reflect this light as we take God's message of love and redemption to all people.

## Weekly Prayer

Almighty God,  
purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again  
as judge and saviour  
we may be ready to receive him,  
who is our Lord and our God.  
Amen.