

## The Good News for Nettleham

Sun 15<sup>th</sup> December

Third Sunday of Advent

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### 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

### Mon 16<sup>th</sup>

9.00am

Morning Prayer on Facebook Live with Martin

10.00am

Last Coffee Shop before Christmas

1.30pm

Ladies Fellowship 'Christmas Special'

3.15pm

Families Christmas Special

7.00pm

Handbell Ringers 'on tour'!

### Tues 17<sup>th</sup>

9.00am

No Morning Prayer on Facebook Live with Jean

9.30am

Ducklings

10.00am

CBS at the Methodist Church

12.30pm

Riseholme University Staff Carol Service

### Weds 18<sup>th</sup>

9.00am

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

9.30pm

Nettleham Infant School Visiting Church (more walkers needed)

### Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>

9.00am

Morning Prayer in All Saints Church

11.00pm

Nettleham Junior School Chrismon Service

2.00pm

Choir Practise in Church

6.00pm

Advent Course in Offices 19/20

### Fri 20<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

### Thurs 21<sup>st</sup>

9.00am

Flower Team decorating church

6.00pm

Carols by Candlelight at All Saints, Nettleham

### Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.30am

Said Holy Communion

10.00am

All Age Parish Communion

11.15am

BCP Holy Communion at St Mary's Riseholme

3.00pm

Christingle

6.00pm

Youth Christmas Special

*The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Micah 5.2-5a

Magnificat

Hebrews 10.5-10

Luke 1.39-45

## Prayer for our Community

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| Sunday    | 15 <sup>th</sup> Streets: Scothern Road, The Dene Community: Bill Bailey's Playing Field   |
| Monday    | 16 <sup>th</sup> Streets: Cotton Smith Way, Heath Road, Lechler Close Community: Parish Councils   |
| Tuesday   | 17 <sup>th</sup> Streets: Herrington Avenue, Shaw Way, Cooper Close, Mansford Close, Aima Court Community: West Lindsey District Council |
| Wednesday | 18 <sup>th</sup> Streets: Crickets Drive, Honeysuckle Close, Sellers Way, Mulberry Close. Community: All Local Community Groups          |
| Thursday  | 19 <sup>th</sup> Streets: Highfields, High Leas, Kerrison View, The Steepers, Wold View Community: Green Spaces                          |
| Friday    | 20 <sup>th</sup> Streets: Brookfield Avenue, Jubilee Court, Orchard Way Community: The Village Hall                                      |
| Saturday  | 21 <sup>st</sup> Streets: Ash Tree Avenue, Midway Close, Riverdale Community: The Scouts and Guides                                      |

*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...* Thelma Burley, Alan Bratley, Georgina Thompson and Clifford Holland

### *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:

*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.

*Scam Emails:* We are so sorry to let you know that it seems (yet again) some people have received fraudulent emails, purporting to be from other church folks. Please call a minister or churchwarden if you ever receive an email requesting money or vouchers to be sent or your bank details to be given.

## 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 back again afterwards.

*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:

*Table Arrangements:* The flower team will be making Xmas table arrangements which will be available this coming Sunday 15 December, suggested donation for small ones is £5 and larger ones £7.50.

*Alpha:* Alpha will run at Nettleham Methodist Church in January 2025.

*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:

*Insurance:* When you're next looking to renew your house and contents insurance please have a look at what Ecclesiastical Insurance, our Church's insurers, could offer. If they are competitive and you decide to buy a policy from them they will, as long as you ask, give our Church £130. Might be worth a look.

*Parish Giving:* If you would like to change the way you give to our Church from a Standing Order (or cash in the plate) to the Parish Giving Scheme, Simon has written a simple (hopefully!) 'how-to' guide. If you would like a copy please contact him at [treasurer@asn.church](mailto:treasurer@asn.church) or speak to him direct. Moving more of our giving on to the Parish Giving Scheme will mean we'll pay less in bank charges.

*Charities:* We'd like your suggestions for the charities we will support next year. Each year we give a sum equivalent to 5% of our planned giving to three charities - one local, one national and one international - and the amount involved is around £600 per charity. Please let Simon ([treasurer@asn.church](mailto:treasurer@asn.church)) have your suggestions and then the PCC will make the final decision at its meeting in January.

## Revd Judy writes...

Today is the third Sunday of Advent and is known as Gaudete Sunday, in Latin the word means 'Rejoice'. The first words from Philippians 4:4, Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near'. Reminding us that we are drawing nearer to the incarnation and that we should rejoice in that. Today we light the pink candle to mark this day. Often people think we light the pink candle for Mary, but that is not the case. It is lit to remind us of the Joy we have in the Gospel. Some priests may wear the rose-coloured vestments today to match the candle. In Advent we wear purple vestments to remember us that this is a time of Prayer, Penitence and Preparation, but on the third Sunday we add Joy.

As we dwell on the words of John the Baptist, we are reminded of the joy that is offered to us in living out the Gospel, in the concrete actions of sharing and loving that brings new life to the world and to us.

As we get overwhelmed with the preparations for Christmas we need stop and remember the Joy in our lives and see where it is and then remind the world that Joy is with us when sometimes it seems to have been forgotten.

So, some questions for you this week...

- When has joy come to you in unexpected ways?
- How have you shared joy with others?
- What connections can you make between joy and justice?
- How can we sing a song, even in difficult times?

## Weekly Prayer

In times of despair,  
we seek comfort in your presence.  
We wait in hope for you.  
Come, Lord, source of joy.

Move us to be good news in our world  
and to stand alongside  
our sisters and brothers in need.  
Come, Lord, source of joy.

Lead us in your ways  
as together we make a change  
so all people may rejoice and be glad.  
Come, Lord, source of joy.