

The Good News for Nettleham

Sun 19th January 2025

Second Sunday of Epiphany

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8.30am	Said Holy Communion
10.00am	All Age Parish Communion
4.00pm	Wholeness and Healing Service
6.00pm	Youth
Mon 20th	
9.00am	Morning Prayer on Facebook Live with Martin
10.00am	Coffee Shop
12.00pm	The Funeral Service of Jan Townsend at St Mary's Riseholme
1.30pm	Ladies Fellowship with speaker Chris Malone – Magistrate
3.15pm	Families
Tues 21st	
9.00am	Morning Prayer on Facebook Live with Jean
9.30am	Ducklings
10.00am	CBS at the Methodist Church
12.00pm	Open the Book Rehearsal and Performance
Weds 22nd	
9.00am	Morning Prayer on Zoom with Andy. Email allsaintscw@btinternet.com
Thurs 23rd	
9.00am	Morning Prayer in Church
	ALM Reviews taking place in Rooms 19/20 All Day
10.00am	The funeral service of Joyce Chappell in All Saints Church
2.00pm	Choir Practice
5.00pm	Christmas Market 2025 Planning Meeting in The Hub
Fri 24th	
9.00am	Morning Prayer on Zoom with Yola. Email yjdeane@gmail.com
	ALM Reviews taking place in Rooms 19/20 All Day
12.00pm	BCP Holy Communion
Sun 26th	Third Sunday of Epiphany
8.30am	Said Holy Communion
10.00am	Parish Communion
11.15am	BCP Holy Communion at St Mary's Riseholme
1.00pm	Wedding Preparation Meeting in Rooms 19/20
6.00pm	Praise

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Nehemiah 8.1-10

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 12.12-31a

Luke 4.14-21

Prayer for our Community

Sunday	19 th Streets: Highfields, High Leas, Kerrison View, The Steepers, Wold View Community: Green Spaces
Monday	20 th Streets: Brookfield Avenue, Jubilee Court, Orchard Way Community: The Village Hall
Tuesday	21 st Streets: Ash Tree Avenue, Midway Close, Riverdale Community: The Scouts and Guides
Wednesday	22 nd Streets: Ridgeway, Willowfield Avenue, Mill Hill, Vicarage Lane Community: Nettleham Junior School
Thursday	23 rd - Streets: Greenfields, The Vinyard Community: Tennis, Football and Cricket Clubs at Mulsanne Park
Friday	24 th Streets: Eastway, Field Close, Westway, Parkside, The Dales Community: Hospitality
Saturday	25 th Streets: Poachers Meadow, Bramble Court, Lacy Close, Squires Place Community: PC's and PCSO's

In need of prayer.... Steve Jackson, Lynne and Barry Combes, Ian and Ursula Muir, Mavis Kirton, Barry Crumb and Peter Kendall.

RIP.... We give thanks for the lives, pray for the souls, and ask comfort for the relatives and friends of Myrtle Bennett, Terry McKitten, Jan Townsend, Neil Bean, Joyce Chappell, Dorothy Blades and Angela Haswell.

Year's Mind... Michael Melia

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:

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

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 receive an email requesting money, vouchers or your bank details.

Serving:

Church Furniture: On Thursday 16th January the Antique Church Furniture Company began collection of some of our church furniture and took items to their new homes. We now begin to explore how we might best use the new space in enabling our worship, fellowship and serving of our community.

Website: The website is in need of someone to keep the 'whats on' section updated. Full training will be given and the likely time needed for the task will be less than 30 minutes per week. Could this be you?

Eco Church: We have recently received a church energy audit. It provides suggestions for how we could begin to reduce our carbon footprint. A small team are going to look into the recommendations made. If you'd like to see the report or become part of the team exploring it, please let Revd Michelle know.

Community:

Lunch Together: Details of the upcoming church meal and the booking list will be in church from 5th January until 6th February. There will also be a raffle and donations will be gratefully received by Mary Perridge.

Church Women's Fellowship: The next meeting takes place on Monday 20th January in church at 1.30pm. The speaker will be Chris Malone who will be talking about his role as a magistrate.

PCC Minutes: The minutes of PCC meetings are always available to view in church. See Sally Coulter, the ministers or the churchwardens if you need to know where to find them!

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 to reduce bank charges, Simon has written a simple (hopefully!) 'how-to' guide. If you would like a copy please contact him at treasurer@asn.church or speak to him direct.

FiSH Update: Many thanks to all of you who contributed to our FiSH (Food in School Holidays) appeal. At the eleventh hour the government/local authority stepped in and provided families with a £100 voucher for each child entitled to free school meals; these were distributed by the schools. We consulted the schools and have agreed that, as the families in the greatest need had been provided for, we would save the donated monies for distribution in 2025. The fact that 55 children were identified by the schools as being eligible for free school meals just goes to show that, even in a relatively affluent place like Nettleham, there is still a considerable level of un-met need.

Revd Judy writes

Yesterday began the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme for 2025 is “Do you believe this? It takes its cue from the dialogue between Jesus and Martha when Jesus visited the home of Mary and Martha in Bethany following the death of their brother.

We read...

...Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” John 11:25-26

This year marks the 1,700th anniversary of the first Christian Ecumenical Council, held in Nicaea, near Constantinople in 325 AD. This commemoration provides a unique opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the common faith of Christians, as expressed in the Creed formulated during this Council; a faith that remains alive today. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025 offers an invitation to draw on this shared heritage and to enter more deeply into the faith that unites all Christians.

The approved text of the Creed used the first-person plural, “We believe...”. This form emphasised the expression of a common belonging. The Creed was divided into three parts dedicated to the three persons of the Trinity. The text of this Creed was revised and expanded at the Council of Constantinople in 381 AD. This is the form of the profession of faith that Christian churches today recognise as the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed, often referred to simply as the Nicene Creed.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an opportunity for Christians to explore afresh this living heritage, perhaps sitting with the reading from John 11:25-26 or reading and reflecting on the Nicene Creed as we pray for unity among all Christians and all churches, thinking especially about what connects and joins us rather than what divides us.

Weekly Prayer

God our Father,
accept our praise and thanksgiving
for what already unites Christians
in the confession of and witness to Jesus the Lord.
Hasten the hour when all churches will recognise each other
in the one communion you willed
and for which your Son prayed to you
in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Hear us, you who live and reign now and forever.
Amen.