

The Good News for Nettleham

Sun 2nd February 2025 The Presentation of Christ in the Temple No 352

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8.30am Said Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

3.00pm Burton Wedding Preparation Meeting in Rooms 19/20

6.00pm Youth

Mon 3rd

9.00am Morning Prayer on Facebook Live with Martin

10.00am Coffee Shop

3.15pm Families

4.30pm Prospective wedding couple visiting All Saints Church

Tues 4th

9.00am No Morning Prayer on Facebook Live with Jean

9.30am Ducklings

10.00am CBS at the Methodist Church

Weds 5th

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom with Andy. Email allsaintscw@btinternet.com

10.30am Churchwardens meeting in Rooms 19/20

Thurs 6th

9.00am Morning Prayer in Church

10.30am Isingpop Event Soundcheck

2.00pm Choir Practice

5.00pm Isingpop Concerts

Fri 7th

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom with Yola. Email yjdeane@gmail.com

12.00pm BCP Holy Communion

Sat 8th

10.00am PCC Vision Morning

Sun 9th Feb A Service for Christian Unity / 4th Sunday before Lent

8.30am Said Holy Communion

10.00am Shared Service of Christian Unity at All Saints

11.15am BCP Holy Mattins at St Mary's Riseholme

6.00pm Youth

4th Sunday before Lent

Prayer for our Community

Sunday	2 nd Streets: Grange de Lings, Riseholme Farms Community: University of Lincoln
Monday	3 rd Streets: Lincoln Road, Welton Road Community: Becks Nursery
Tuesday	4 th Streets: Washdyke Lane, Cliff Avenue Community: Conservation Groups
Wednesday	5 th Streets: Greetwell Lane, Beech Avenue, Cherry Tree Lane Community: Farming
Thursday	6 th Streets: Kingsway, Dalderby Crescent, Manor Court and Sutton Close Community: Christian Groups
Friday	7 th Streets: High Street, Bridge Street, Becks, The Rookery, Watermill Lane Community: Methodist Chapel
Saturday	8 th Streets: Church Street, Ambrose Court, Cross Street Community: All Saints Church

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 Joyce Chappell, Dorothy Blades, Angela Haswell, Graham Cooper, Barbara Mellers and Maurice Nauta.

Year's Mind... Frank Storr, Joan Fowler and Jack Snowden

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: You will notice the church looks a little different. We made the space... so what next? Please pray, dream, ponder, and share your ideas for how we can best make use of our space in worship, fellowship and in the serving of our community.

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.

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

Generosity:

Thank You: One of our congregation members, Jenny Borrill, had a wonderful idea and for her most recent birthday she asked if people might be kind enough to give a donation to our Tower Fund, rather than buy her a gift. She collected over £100! We were absolutely delighted and we think this is a brilliant idea. Have you got an idea for fundraising for the church? Might you like to try Jenny's idea when your birthday arrives? We are always very grateful for those who so faithfully donate towards all we do here in All Saints. This week it is a special thank you to Jenny!



Hackthorn
Hall's



Snowdrop Sunday
Sunday 16th February 2025
12 - 4pm

Tickets on the gate - £5
Under 16s free

In aid of
ST MICHAEL & ALL
ANGELS CHURCH,
HACKTHORN

Soup, rolls and teas and cakes to be served
at Hackthorn Village Hall

Hackthorn Estate
LN2 3PQ

Bishop Nigel writes...

Candlemas which we keep this week celebrates young and old. Jesus' arrival at the Temple in Jerusalem was common practice for parents presenting their new-born to God. The post-natal cleansing ritual of Mary seems patriarchal nowadays but recognises the dangers of childbirth to mother and baby, highlighted these days in enquiries into NHS maternity care.

However, this baby is the long-awaited Messiah, 'a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for the glory of God's people Israel'. Like a candle shining through the darkness. The Presentation of Christ in the Temple, the Purification of the Virgin Mary, Candlemas. One Christian celebration with three names and meanings, woven into a beautiful story by St Luke.

What of the other characters? Anna and Simeon, two devout elderly individuals, often to be found in God's house, saying their prayers. Whilst new life's arrivals are greeted with joy, dreaming their baby dreams, those of a certain vintage ponder memories, awaiting their departure.

Old age was revered in Bible times as a special blessing. Indeed, Luke begins with the miraculous pregnancy of Mary's older relative Elizabeth. Anna and Simeon are portrayed with similar reverence. Simeon hoped to witness the arrival of the Messiah, and in Jesus recognised the destiny of salvation. Anna, a woman of deep insight, also saw in Jesus the redemption of Jerusalem. Not for the first, nor last time, Mary and Joseph are given much to ponder. Simeon and Anna witness the fulfilment of Old Testament hopes, figures who herald the arrival of the new Christian era. Individuals finally at peace with God and themselves. Like the joy and sense of regeneration felt by grandparents.

In my former Scottish diocese, St Mary's Arbroath has a stained-glass window depicting the story of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. Elderly Simeon lovingly enfolds Jesus in his arms, blessing the child, watched by his adoring parents Mary and Joseph. Two pigeons peck away on the ground. Anna's and Simeon's eyes are smiling with adoration and relief. Light, glory and salvation have come at last to fulfil God's promise for humankind. No more waiting on God, just time to shuffle off-stage, to 'depart in peace'.

Weekly Prayer

God, grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom to know the difference.

Attributed to Reinhold Niebuhr, Lutheran theologian (1892-1971)