

The Good News for Nettleham

Sun 22nd June 2025

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8.30am Said Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion
11.15am BCP Holy Communion at St Mary's Riseholme
6.00pm Youth

Mon 23rd

9.00am Morning Prayer on Facebook Live with Martin
10.00am Coffee Shop
1.30pm Ladies Fellowship Meeting in Church
1.30pm Meeting in Rooms 19/20
3.15pm Families

Tues 24th

9.00am Morning Prayer on Facebook Live with Jean
9.30am Ducklings
10.00am Riseholme St Mary's Church Cleaning
12.00pm Open the Book Rehearsal in All Saints Church
6.00pm Course in Rooms 19/20
7.00pm Bezalel Project interest meeting in All Saints Church

Weds 25th

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom with Andy

Thurs 26th

10.00am Meeting in Rooms 19/20
2.00pm The Burial of Ashes of the late Charles Edward 'Ted' Atkin
7.00pm Deanery Synod

Fri 27th

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom with Andy
12.00pm BCP Holy Communion

Sat 28th and Sunday 29th St Mary's Riseholme Open Weekend

Sun 29th

Second Sunday after Trinity/ Peter and Paul

8.30am Said Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion
10.30am Yola's Ordination at Lincoln Cathedral
6.00pm Youth

Readings for St Peter and St Paul

Acts 12.1-11

Psalm 125

2 Timothy 4.6-8, 17-18

Matthew 16.13-19

Prayer for our Community

Sunday	22 nd Streets: Ridgeway, Willowfield Avenue, Mill Hill, Vicarage Lane Community: Nettleham Junior School
Monday	23 rd - Streets: Greenfields, The Vinyard Community: Tennis, Football and Cricket Clubs at Mulsanne Park
Tuesday	24 th Streets: Eastway, Field Close, Westway, Parkside, The Dales Community: Hospitality
Wednesday	25 th Streets: Poachers Meadow, Bramble Court, Lacy Close, Squires Place Community: PC's and PCSO's
Thursday	26 th Streets: Sudbrooke Lane, Larch Avenue, The Hawthorns, The Oaks Community: The Rugby Club
Friday	27 th Streets: Lodge Lane, Mulsanne Way, Weldon Drive, Arnage Court Community: Nettleham Surgery
Saturday	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...

In need of prayer.... Lynne and Barry Combes, Mavis Kirton, Barry Crum, Christine Crum, Russ Coulter and Tony Gledhill.

RIP.... We give thanks for the lives, pray for the souls, and ask comfort for the relatives and friends of Sis Smith and Peter Hailes.

Year's Mind... Tim Turnbull

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

Confirmation: On Sunday 6th July Bishop Stephen will be leading a service of Confirmation for our local area. If you, or someone you know, would like to be confirmed, please have a conversation with any of the ministers here.

The Reflective Prayer Space: Jesus knew how busy life could be and he encouraged his followers by saying, 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.' (Mark 6.31) I can only speak for myself when I say that it can be so easy to get caught up in the busyness of everyday life! Finding a quiet space, away from distractions, to stop and catch my breath with God is sometimes difficult. Whether you find this is the case for you, or not, you are invited to "Come... be still... and rest..." in the reflective prayer space. Whether for a minute or longer, you are welcome! Over the coming months Jane and I hope to offer a variety of reflective experiences:

For the next few weeks, the space will offer reflection upon Pentecost and the presence of the Holy Spirit. As you reflect and pray, you are invited to write or draw on a flame and place it in the fire. These prayers will be included in the monthly, "Wholeness and Healing" service.

As you stop to catch your breath...

May God's stillness settle on you like dew in the morning. May God's presence still your soul. May you be captivated by God's love as you take a moment to rest with Jesus. Ann Marie

Serving

Safeguarding Course: Lucy Rowe will come to Nettleham and deliver C2 Leadership Training on 2nd July 2025 from 9.30-1pm. Tell Michelle if you need to gain your C2!

Community

Save the Dates: Harvest Lunch - 9 October and Christmas Lunch - 11 December. Both at Lincoln Rugby Club.

Tuesday Coffee Morning: In the Old School (Large Hall) on 24 June 10-12 in aid of The Sepsis Trust. £2 entrance for tea/coffee and biscuits. Stalls include Raffle and cake.

Riseholme Church: On the 28th and 29th June (11.00-3.30pm) there is an additional opportunity to visit this lovely church, built in 1851 by Bishop Kaye who lived in the nearby Riseholme Hall. He is buried in the churchyard as is Bishop Christopher Wordsworth. There will be cakes and refreshments, a second-hand book stall, plant sale, artisan crafts, a wool spinning demonstration, a display of patchwork quilts, a talk on the history of the church at 1.30pm each day and an organ recital!

Celebrate

The Tower: We are delighted to share that we have been successful in our application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund for £248,000 towards the tower restoration! We'll keep you updated with more information in the coming weeks.

Tasha writes...

With the end of the school summer term approaching, many of us will be looking forward to escaping that to-do list and go on holiday, maybe dreaming of peace and quiet, relaxing in the sun, having adventures and time with the family. So, we pack optimistically and hope everything goes as planned; but as anyone who has travelled knows, things don't always go to plan!

Jesus' journey in Luke 8:26-29 was not exactly the relaxing break his disciples might have been hoping for. No sooner had they crossed the lake, then they found themselves in a graveyard faced with a man who was possessed by demons. But from this rather unsettling welcome comes a moment of deep transformation. Jesus meets the man in his suffering, banishes the demons and restores him. Despite the man asking Jesus if he can join his followers, Jesus sends the man home to tell of what God has done for him. A travel destination that began in chaos became a mission of healing and grace.

Hopefully, our own travels will not involve any dramatic exorcisms, but they do hold the potential for unexpected moments and encounters. A flat tyre, a missed connection or a less-than-ideal Airbnb may test our patience - but these disruptions can also open us up to something deeper. Like Jesus, are we willing to be interrupted, to see beyond our plans and into the lives and needs of others?

Sometimes, the most memorable part of the holiday isn't the sights or the food, but the people we meet- or the stories we bring home (like the time my luggage didn't get to Spain by the same route that I did). Travel can teach us and soften our hearts, and if we are paying attention, bring us closer to God's work in the world.

So, as we travel this summer whether it's halfway across the world or a day trip to Skegness, I hope that we carry with us, curiosity, kindness, and a little flexibility (maybe take a few extra snacks just in case). As we return home, I hope that we bring back more than just souvenirs – like the man across the lake - that we bring back stories of your love and grace.

Weekly Prayer

Lord of all our journeys,
We pray that you will be our travel companion,
even when the Sat Nav sends us up a dead end,
and the hotel it looks nothing like the photographs.

Help us to notice you in new places, new people, and even in travel delays.
Bring us safely home with hearts full of loving stories to share.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen