

All Saints

NETTLEHAM PARISH CHURCH

St.Mary's

RISEHOLME PARISH CHURCH

The Good News for Nettleham

Sun 17th August 2025

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

No 380

Sun 17th

8.30am

10.00am

1.00pm

4.00pm

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Said Holy Communion

Parish Communion

Baptism

Wholeness and Healing Service

Mon 18th

3.00pm

Family Film Club

Tues 19th

Weds 20th

12.00pm

The funeral service of John Mckay in All Saints Church

Thurs 21st

Fri 22nd

12.00pm

BCP Holy Communion

Sun 24th

8.30am

10.00am

11.15am

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Said Holy Communion

Parish Communion

BCP Holy Communion at St Mary's

Readings for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 58.9-end

Psalms 103.1-8

Hebrews 12.18-end

Luke 13.10-17

Prayer for our Community

Sunday	17 th Streets: Herrington Avenue, Shaw Way, Cooper Close, Mansford Close, Aima Court Community: West Lindsey District Council
Monday	18 th Streets: Crickets Drive, Honeysuckle Close, Sellers Way, Mulberry Close. Community: All Local Community Groups
Tuesday	19 th Streets: Highfields, High Leas, Kerrison View, The Steepers, Wold View Community: Green Spaces
Wednesday	20 th Streets: Brookfield Avenue, Jubilee Court, Orchard Way Community: The Village Hall
Thursday	21 st Streets: Ash Tree Avenue, Midway Close, Riverdale Community: The Scouts and Guides
Friday	22 nd Streets: Ridgeway, Willowfield Avenue, Mill Hill, Vicarage Lane Community: Nettleham Junior School
Saturday	23 rd - Streets: Greenfields, The Vinyard Community: Tennis, Football and Cricket Clubs at Mulsanne Park

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

RIP.... John McKay, Sue Turnbull and Beth Bray.

Year's Mind... Dave Dennison

A Message from Ruth: We are wondering whether there would be interest in an All Saints Nettleham women's social event to enable women connected with All Saints to get to know each other a little better and enjoy a social gathering. Whether you are a regular member of the congregation, a parent with a child involved in one of the families or youth activities or someone completely new to the church or village and looking to meet new people, this is for you - all are welcome. See Ruth for more details.

Contemplative HeART – An Autumn Invitation. During October and November, we hope to create a sacred space (within the Reflective Prayer Space) where art becomes a doorway to encounter God through prayer and contemplation. This is a special invitation for those in our church family who feel drawn to creativity—whether through painting, poetry, textiles, or any expressive form—to be part of this journey. If you're interested, please speak to Ann Marie or Jane for more details.

August: On 31st August there will not be a 10am service in Nettleham as we are invited to join the rest of the Local Mission Partnership at St Clement's, Fiskerton.

To Love and Serve the Lord: This course will be run here in September. See Michelle Tasha writes...

In the days before Sat Nav, I was really good at getting lost, I usually called it 'taking the scenic route', but my children always knew that was code for 'I have no idea where we are!' Today I'm especially good at deliberately taking a scenic route when I have to go somewhere I don't want to go – such as to the dentist.

The All-Age Service this week features the familiar story of Jonah and the Whale, so please do come. Jonah's story is a reminder of just how easy it is for us to choose our own route instead of trusting in God's plan which is always much better for us.

God called Jonah to go to Nineveh, a city full of people in desperate need of repentance and hope. But in Jonah's opinion, Nineveh deserved to be punished so was unwilling to obey God and ran in the opposite direction, boarding a ship to avoid his mission. He thought he knew better than God and anyway, he simply didn't want to go!

Like Jonah, we can find ourselves wanting to resist God's call because it makes us uncomfortable. Jonah's initial choice to run is a deeply human one; sometimes we want to escape responsibility or avoid difficult people or situations (like the dentist), so we make our own plans - those that we think are safer, easier or more comfortable. But Jonah's story shows us that running from God's purpose doesn't lead to freedom, it leads to turmoil. The storm at sea and Jonah's time inside the whale symbolises the chaos that comes when we try to go our own way instead of trusting in God's plan.

Whilst in the belly of the whale, Jonah has time to reflect and pray, and this moment of acceptance is the turning point for him. He stops trying to control everything himself and listens to God. His willingness to follow God's command after this moment of grace, reminds us that it's never too late to change direction, reset the Sat Nav and trust in God.

God's path is full of grace, mercy and second chances. He forgives both Jonah for his disobedience, and the people of Nineveh. The city's repentance reminds us that God's plans are all about restoration and new beginnings - even for those we think might not deserve it.

In our own lives today, choosing God's path means that we must listen carefully, even when His call challenges us. It means letting go of control and trusting that His plan (although it may sometimes be difficult or uncomfortable) is ultimately for our own good, and for the good of others. Jonah's story encourages us to stop running, to turn around, and embrace God's mission with faith, hope and courage.

So, let God be your Sat Nav. He is more reliable than the electronic ones which can send us up a dead end or into the middle of a field. Because, when we follow God's path and not our own, we become part of a far larger story of hope, transformation, love and peace.

Weekly Prayer

Loving God,

Help us to listen to your call with trusting hearts, even when it feels uncomfortable.

When we are tempted to run away or follow our own plans, give us courage to trust in your way for us.

Help us to surrender control and embrace your purpose for our lives.

Fill us with your mercy, your grace, and your peace, so that we may bring hope and healing to others, just as you showed mercy to Jonah and the people of Nineveh. In Jesus's name we pray, Amen.