

# All Saints

NETTLEHAM PARISH CHURCH

# St. Mary's

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## The Good News from Nettleham

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Epiphany 3

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### Father Richard writes....

Lord, what do we pray for? At 11.00pm on Friday the United Kingdom will leave the EU. Next Sunday we will be citizens of a country that is no longer a member state of that union. In reality, because of the transition period, until the end of 2020, not much will change and we won't feel much difference. They will get on with their business without our influence or veto, and we will have to seek partnerships not only to maintain our trade, but also on an ad hoc basis to drive joint action on the big issues – war in the Middle East, catastrophic failure to combat climate change, irresponsible commercial, political and humanitarian action by the United States, a re-energised and ambitious Russia, nuclear proliferation, starvation in many parts of the world, and who knows, even a global Coronavirus Crisis. We shall see jostling for power and influence as the quid pro quo for trade deals. Our morals will be bargaining chips in the great new bargain hunt. We may well be asked to compromise our immortal souls for a slice of global wealth. And who will be our friends? Not the Commonwealth – a coalition of all the nations on the planet that we abused in Empire. Not our European neighbours, our ex-partners on whom we have walked out and are now haggling over the house, the car and the money. Surely not the USA, as it spirals into Pariah status under a palpably wicked, deceitful, power-hungry and internationally vilified president. We can go it alone, I hear many say. The present says the blocs against which we are competing are bigger and play dirtier than any we confronted in the past. The past says we delude ourselves if we see ourselves as heroic solo fighters – the David versus the Philistines of the 20<sup>th</sup> century – we are not. We were in danger of losing in two world wars, one grubby, one at least virtuous, until bailed out by foreign military muscle. We were economically destroyed after both great conflicts and had to be bailed out.

We are where we are, however. We have to pray and also to act to influence, so that whatever emerges for us as a nation over the next ten years or so in a changing and dangerous world, has a strong moral stance. We must ensure that our role in the world is to be an example of leadership without power, feeding without huge resources, promoting peace without self-interest, healing without judgement, welcoming without counting the cost. Remind you of anyone? Yes, we must be Christian. So our prayer, our welcome, our commitment to sharing the gospel, enlivening our worship, opening the doors of our church to all – these must be the way we influence our nation so that it can influence more widely.

Let's make something good out of this new world. For God's sake.

The leaders of our main UK churches have responded by writing a challenging letter to the government about what needs to come out of whatever arrangements are now made. The Church of England has not signed it. It is printed later in this booklet along with a letter to the churches in the remaining EU countries.

## Quote of the week...

It is not enough to be nice; you have to be good. We are attracted by nice people; but only on the assumption that their niceness is a sign of goodness.

*Roger Scruton, right wing philosopher who returned to faith after doubt and died last week.*

## Prayer of the week...

Lord, today we pray for the refugee crisis in Calais, France. Lord, what tension — thousands of desperate migrants making illegal homes with the hopes of stowing away to the UK, long-term residents resenting the sea of squatters and the increasing crime. Lord, you know our emotional, volatile hearts. You see our desperation, rage, hope and hopelessness. You care deeply about each and every person involved in this situation—you know the number of hairs on each head. We pray for the migrants to find safe places to stay, where they will be welcome and legal. We pray for the police officers, who deal with the issues stemming from the refugee crisis every day. We ask your blessing on those who are loving their neighbours as themselves in this situation. And we ask for peace for those who want their “normal” lives back. Give the leaders of Calais wisdom as they discern what is best for everyone involved. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.

## In need of prayer....

Sandra Lawley, Dave Vincent, Etienne Salt, Arielle Salt, Barry Crum, Heather Haynes, Chris Wooster, Julian Ellin, Harriet Rich and Ben Comins.

## Year's Mind

Sylvia Wilkinson	(2013)	Leslie Lawrence	(2014)
Edna May Kirk	(2012)	Kenneth Pilbeam	(2018)
Edward Seaborn	(1994)	Bruce Edward	(2008)
Elizabeth Hopkinson	(2013)	Karen Young	(1994)
Maureen Slater	(2010)	Carol Owen	(1996)
John Carr	(2014)		

## Can we make talking about death and dying any easier?....

‘Death and Dying’ has almost disappeared from everyday life. They are hidden away in hospitals or hospices and often take place away or outside the inner family circle and yet, we have to learn to cope and live with loss.

Bishop Grosseteste University’s (BGU) annual ‘Academic and Creative Responses to Death and Dying’ conference will aim to provide an open and interactive forum to bring these discussions back into the mainstream.

The Conference is being held in the Robert Hardy Building at BGU in Lincoln and will include inter-disciplinary lectures, workshops and a concert.

Taking place across two weekends (30 January - 1 February and 27 - 29 February), the Conference will bring together members of the public, practitioners, creative artists and scholars working across the arts, humanities, and sciences, whose work, research and working/creative practices relate to death and dying.

“Our aim is to engage with a difficult topic academically as well as creatively and through conversation. We do not offer any solutions or remedies.”

To register or for more information please contact: [chaplaincy@bishopg.ac.uk](mailto:chaplaincy@bishopg.ac.uk).

There is a modest fee payable.

## Week commencing 26 January...

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Epiphany 3</b>
8.00am	Said Eucharist
9.30am	Sung Eucharist
11.15am	BCP Matins at St Mary's Riseholme
4.00pm	Worship@4
<b>Monday</b>	<i>Feria</i>
12.30pm	Ladies who Lunch at Mamma Mia's on the Carlton Centre
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith, 1274</i>
9.30am	Ducklings
2.00pm	Craft and Natter in the Parish Centre
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>Robert Sanderson, Bishop of Lincoln, 1663</i>
12.00pm	BCP Holy Communion
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>Charles, King and Martyr, 1649</i>
9.30am	CW Eucharist
10.15am	Pastoral Care Team Meeting in the Parish Centre
<b>Friday</b>	<i>John Bosco, Priest, Founder of the Salesian Teaching Order, 1888</i>
12.00pm	CW Eucharist
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>Brigid, Abbess of Kildare c. 525.</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Candlemas</b>
8.00am	Said Eucharist
9.30am	Sung Eucharist with blessing of candles
4.00pm	Worship@4

**Weekday Morning and Evening Prayer – 9.00am and 6.00pm**

**Readings Sunday 2 February – Candlemas**  
**Malachi 3.1-5 Psalm 24.7-10 Hebrews 2.14-18 Luke 2.22-40**

## Future dates...

**Save the day! Saturday 28 March at 9.00am.** The churchwardens cordially invite you to dig out your dusters and other cleaning materials for a church cleaning session. Further details will follow closer to the date. *Lynne and Andy*

**Saturday 4 April at 7.00pm.** Flute and piano recital by Joanna Reveley and Simon Gulliver.

## Joke of the week...

I asked someone if there was a B&Q in Lincoln.  
He said no, there's 2 Ls, 2 Ns, an I, a C and an O.

# Prayer Diary....

Day	Diocese, wider church	Parish
<b>Sunday 26th</b> The Third Sunday of Epiphany	<b>World Leprosy Day.</b> In our diocese we pray for true repentance, confident following of Jesus, and a renewed passion for evangelism and growth. <i>Pray for the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil – The Most Revd Naudal Alves Gomes – Primate of Brazil &amp; Bishop of Curitiba</i>	<b>God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed the good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed; anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen.</b>
<b>Monday 27th</b>	<b>The Burgh Group: Burgh le Marsh, Orby, Bratoft, Irby in the Marsh, Welton le Marsh, Gunby.</b> The Revd Canon Terry Steele. <b>Holocaust Memorial Day.</b> <i>London (England): The Right Revd and Right Hon. Dame Sarah Mullally</i>	<b>Our clergy, Reader and Administrator.</b> <i>Pray for Fr Richard, Revd Judy. Bishop Nigel, Jane Hanson and Kath Pickering</i> We pray for the Police and Emergency Services Headquarters, and the Police Office.
<b>Tuesday 28th</b> Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith, 1274	<b>Chapel St Leonards, Hogsthorpe, Mumby and Cumberworth.</b> In vacancy. <b>Sutton le Marsh, Huttoft and Anderby:</b> The Revd Peter Liley (see prayer, below). <i>Long Island (USA): The Right Revd Lawrence Provenzano; Swansea &amp; Brecon (Wales): The Most Revd John Davies (Primate); Guadalcanal (Melanesia): The Right Revd Nathan Tome</i>	<b>Our choir and organists</b> <i>Pray for choir members, for our Choir Mistress, and our organists</i> We pray for the Parish Council, our representatives on district and county councils, in Parliament and the European Parliament.
<b>Wednesday 29th</b> Robert Sanderson, Bishop of Lincoln, 1663 (FH, pg. 12)	<b>Mablethorpe w. Stane, Trusthorpe:</b> The Revd Peter Liley. “Please pray for the ‘Good Neighbour’ scheme that we’re facilitating (with Churches Together) during the off-season with fewer people about, more loneliness and many incomeless.” <i>Los Angeles (USA): The Right Revd John Harvey Taylor; Swaziland (Southern Africa): The Right Revd Ellinah Ntombi Wamukoya</i>	<b>Our churchwardens, sidespeople, readers and intercessors.</b> We pray for the shops, businesses and pubs.
<b>Thursday 30th</b> Charles, King and Martyr, 1649	<b>The Skegness Group: Skegness, Addlethorpe, Winthorpe, Ingoldmells.</b> The Revd Richard Holden. “Please pray for our ability to be a conduit of God’s grace to the communities we serve.” <i>Louisiana (USA): The Right Revd Morris Thompson, Jr; Sydney (Australia): The Most Revd Dr Glenn Davies; Tabora (Tanzania): The Right Revd Elias Chakupewa</i>	<b>Charities we support and the FiSH project</b> We pray for village amenities: Mulsanne Park, Village Hall and the Old School.
<b>Friday 31st</b> John Bosco, Priest, Founder of the Salesian Teaching Order, 1888	<b>The Wainfleet Group: Wainfleet, Croft and Thorpe:</b> The Revd Gary Morgan. <b>The meeting of the Bishop’s Council of Diocesan Trustees.</b> <i>Luapula (Central Africa): The Right Revd Robert Mumbi; Taita-Taveta (Kenya): The Right Revd Liverson Mng’onda</i>	<b>The Sacristy team and Servers.</b> We pray for the whole team and their ministry for us We pray for village amenities: the Community Hub and the Scout and Guide HQ.

<b>Saturday 1st</b> Brigid, Abbess of Kildare c. 525.	<b>The Deanery of Corringham.</b> The Revd Canon Philip Wain, Rural Dean; Paul Howitt-Cowan, Lay Chair. <i>Lucknow (North India): The Right Revd Peter Baldev; Guatemala (Central America): The Most Revd Armando Guerra Soria</i>	<b>Our Family Church, Cuppa Time, Ducklings and their leaders.</b> We pray for the residents of All Saints Lane, The Rowans and The Chestnuts, Deepdale Lane, The Dene and Scothern Road.
<b>Sunday 2nd Candlemas</b>	Please pray that as we turn our attention from Christmas to Easter we will appreciate more fully God's gracious gift of his Son, our Saviour. <i>Pray for the Anglican Church of Burundi. The Most Revd Martin Blaise Nyaboho Archbishop of Burundi &amp; Bishop of Makamba</i>	<b>Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh; grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.</b>

## Ladies who lunch...

Is back! The first lunch of the year is on Monday 27 January at 12.30pm at Mamma Mia's Bistro, Alexander Walk, the Carlton Centre.

There is a bus service to the Carlton Centre, the no 53 (but I'm not sure of the times) just in case you want to do a bit of shopping. If you are happy to drive, or require a lift please enter on the list. *Lynne*

## Snowdrop Sunday...

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020

12 noon to 4.00pm

Gardens, grounds and walled kitchen gardens at Hackthorn Hall are open to the public to come and enjoy the Snowdrops in aid of Hackthorn Church.

Homemade soup and afternoon teas available in the Village Hall.

Potted spring bulbs for sale in kitchen garden.

£4.00 per person – children free.

## Summer course...

The Faraday Institute will be holding its annual Summer Course June 28th - July 3rd this year. This course is an opportunity to explore in more depth the ways in which Faith and Science speak to each other in contemporary society and to explore the theological and ethical issues which this dialogue raises.

The course will be held at Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge, and is entitled 'Telling a better story - why faith and science belong together'. Topics will include the nature of reality, origins, human identity and the environment. For more information, please see [faraday.institute/summercourse2020](http://faraday.institute/summercourse2020)

## Thank you....

Thank you for all the lovely Christmas cards; I've enjoyed sorting them. *Josie*

# Church Brexit statement....

*from British Church leaders and representatives as the UK prepares to leave the EU*

We, the leaders and representatives of ten British Church denominations and networks, speak together as the UK prepares to leave the European Union on Friday 31 January 2020.

Three and a half years after the UK voted to leave the European Union, the point of departure has now been reached. The process of arriving at this point has been bruising and divisive. For some this date will mark the realisation of a long-held ambition and a moment of celebration. For others, however, it will be an occasion of great loss, marking the moment when deeply held desires for the nations of the UK are placed beyond reach.

Church members in good conscience continue to hold a wide range of views about Brexit. As Church leaders and representatives, we are united in wishing to seek God's guidance and a sense of common purpose as we move from this chapter of the Brexit process into the next.

As the UK leaves the EU there are important choices to be made about the values that we as a country live out. As Christians, we affirm our belief that all people are equally created in God's image. Our country should be one that offers sanctuary to refugees and is intolerant of those who hate because of a person's race or nationality. Both Leave and Remain campaigns agreed on this – we must now make it a reality.

The continuing challenges of the climate crisis, global inequality and conflict will require both resolve and close international cooperation to be addressed effectively.

We greatly value the love and friendship of our sisters and brothers in other European churches, and a group of us are writing to them publicly today to assure them that these relationships will continue. We also recognise that 31 January will bring uncertainty and anxiety to many EU citizens living in the UK and British citizens living in the EU. Leaving the EU cannot mean abandoning our responsibilities towards these families.

Brexit exposed and exacerbated divisions in British society. The deeply held convictions that fuelled the Brexit debate will not simply go away, but our Christian faith urges us to be people of peace and reconciliation. If the bitterness of the last four years is not to persist in polluting our national life, we will all need to resist the temptation to hold on onto the hurts of the past, or to act in ways which will be perceived as triumphalist.

We will only be able to move towards having a sense of common purpose, despite our differences, when we choose to act with kindness, humility and respect towards those with whom we disagree. We call on our political leaders to set an example over the next weeks and months as we move towards negotiations which will require further decisions about priorities for the nations of the UK.

For our part, our Churches will be working and praying for:

- a society where the poorest and most marginalised are at the centre
- a society that welcomes the stranger
- a just economy that enables the flourishing of all life
- a planet where the environment is renewed
- a world which actively works for peace
- a politics characterised by listening, kindness and truthfulness.

*Signed by leaders of 9 main UK Churches, but not the Church of England*

# Open letter to churches in EU member states....

*From leaders of UK churches, but not Anglicans.*

Dear sisters and brothers

At 11pm GMT on Friday the 31st of January 2020, the United Kingdom will no longer be a member of the European Union. The UK is leaving the EU, but we are not leaving Europe.

Our Churches have contributed to and been enriched by the Christian tradition in Europe for centuries. The early evangelists to these islands came with the Roman empire. They were followed by the missions of St Augustine of Canterbury (who came originally from what is now Italy) and St Columba of Iona (from what is now Ireland). The faith of Christians in these islands has from the earliest days had its roots in the European Church. The impact of the Reformation in Germany, Switzerland and the Netherlands has contributed significantly to the Churches, societies and nations of our islands, an impact that is still felt to this day. We have congregations of our Churches in many cities in Europe and we maintain close fellowship with partner Churches across our continent. We are, and will always be, European Churches, as part of the worldwide church.

The diminishing of political ties and accountability will not affect or impede our commitment to our partners in other parts of Europe. We will continue to play a full and active part in European ecumenical organisations and we will support our congregations and partners in other parts of Europe.

Our Churches will continue to promote the values we share with you, to promote peace and protect human rights and dignity.

We will continue to pursue the concerns we share with you, to ensure the welfare of all citizens and that our Governments are held to account for issues about security, freedom and the sharing of prosperity.

We will continue to work with you on the great challenges of our time; how European nations respond to forced migration, and how we adapt and respond to the climate crisis.

We will continue to remain committed to the principles of solidarity, that have bound us together for many years and to which we must hold fast in a time of increasing xenophobia, religious discrimination, wealth inequality and national self-interest.

We have appreciated your support and interest in our situation in recent years, and we ask you to stay with us as we learn what our future holds, and how we can work together to offer hope and reconciliation to all our communities as we seek to follow Jesus in our everyday living.

Please pray for us, as we will pray for you.

*The letter is followed by some passages of scripture, on the universality and non-nationality of the Christian faith. These include:*

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

*1 Corinthians 12:12-27*

## *Lots of exciting news....*

It was great to welcome Teena Twelves and her family last Sunday. Teena joins us as a full time curate in July after her ordination in Lincoln Cathedral.

On 9<sup>th</sup> February we are joined by a group of four members of the Lincoln School of Theology, who are training for ordination – some this year some the year after. They will be joining in many aspects of our parish life and will be with us until May. Names and more information as soon as we get them.

We've just heard we are going to be joined in July for most of a week by a bishop from the Anglican church in Polynesia, his archdeacon wife and teenage son. This will create great opportunities to pray, worship and talk together, to learn, and to share our Christian journey and show our visitors the delights of the area in which we live.

Amongst the unfamiliar recently appeared faces in our church are a number of retired ministers. Two priests have retired here in the last 6 months, and a Licensed Reader. I'm sure they are mainly wanting a well-earned rest and a chance to take stock of what lies instore during retirement. But we look forward to welcoming them, and who knows, they may join in, helping with ministry in the parish and the deanery. As with everything, the best we can all do is pray hard and welcome enthusiastically.

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***If you need to talk urgently to a priest,  
please call Fr Richard or Reverend Judy.***