

The Good News for Nettleham

Sun 31st August 2025

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

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8.30am

Said Holy Communion

10.00am

Deanery Communion Service at St Clements Fiskerton

Mon 1st

9.15am

Eco Group Meeting in Rooms 19/20

10.00am

Coffee Shop Returns!

Tues 2nd

9.30am

Ducklings Returns!

5.15pm

Strategic Priorities Meeting in Rooms 19/20

Weds 3rd

9.15am

Eco Group Meeting in Rooms 19/20

10.00am

Standing Committee Meeting in Rooms 19/20

Thurs 4th

1.00pm

Meeting with Carl Andrews in Church

Fri 5th

12.00pm

BCP Holy Communion

1.00pm

The Burial of Ashes of the late June Parkinson

Sun 7th

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

8.30am

Said Holy Communion

10.00am

Parish Communion

4.00pm

Prayers and Praise

6.00pm

Youth

Readings for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Deuteronomy 30.15-end

Psalm 1

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14.25-33

Prayer for our Community

Sunday	31 st Streets: Lime Crescent, Lawley Close, Westacre Court Community: Self-Employed People
Monday	1 st Streets: Riseholme Lane, Hall Lane, St George's Lane Community: St Mary's Church
Tuesday	2 nd Streets: Grange de Lings, Riseholme Farms Community: University of Lincoln
Wednesday	3 rd Streets: Lincoln Road, Welton Road Community: Beckside Nursery
Thursday	4 th Streets: Washdyke Lane, Cliff Avenue Community: Conservation Groups
Friday	5 th Streets: Greetwell Lane, Beech Avenue, Cherry Tree Lane Community: Farming
Saturday	6 th Streets: Kingsway, Dalderby Crescent, Manor Court and Sutton Close Community: Christian Groups

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... Chris Wooster and Nancy Finn

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.

Apology: Our apologies to Revd Judy for printing part of her leaving message in last week's Good News for Nettleham when that was contrary to her wishes.

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

Prayer and Praise: Next week we are offering an opportunity to gather for informal prayer and praise at 4pm. All are welcome. There will be cake, conversation, modern worship music and time spent in prayer together.

Bishop Nigel writes...

Back to school this week. We wish our local schoolchildren and students well at the start of the academic year. Especially those who have made significant transitions - from nursery to 'big school', from primary to secondary and on to post-16 education. University students will shortly be on their way. It is remarkable how much of British life is determined by the academic year. A hospital matron once told me the early days of the August rotation of trainee doctors to gain experience of different specialities was not ideal for patients admitted onto her wards (nor visiting chaplains).

We call these transitions *liminal*, deriving from the classical word for 'doorstep'. Popular culture imagined demons dwelt underneath, hence the tradition of a husband carrying the bride over the threshold of their marital home to ensure good luck. Entering a new building can indeed evoke joy or dread, curiosity or weariness in equal measure.

St Peter famously crossed the doorstep into the house of the Roman centurion Cornelius, bringing the Good News of Jesus into a Gentile household. Both Peter and Cornelius took a leap of faith which transformed them – a fundamental and dangerous threshold moment, shaping forever the history of the Christian Church beyond Jerusalem.

The Church always lives in a liminal moment. For its members, for curious seekers, for the ambivalent and adversarial. Despite the Christian Calendar beginning on Advent Sunday, parish churches enter a fresh term in September, full of energy and plans following the summer break. We can expect a busy time here in All Saints Nettleham, growing in faithful discipleship and community service, *living the liminal*.

Weekly Prayer

God of glory, the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom.
Give us the courage to cross thresholds in our faith and in our lives,
reaching out to others.

Through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**