

## The Good News for Nettleham

Sun 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Trinity 15

No 386

### Sun 28<sup>th</sup>

8.30am  
10.00am  
11.15am  
1.00pm  
4.00pm  
6.00pm

### 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Said Holy Communion  
Parish Communion  
Riseholme Harvest Songs of Praise  
The Baptism of Teddy Ashton  
The Big Church Litter Pick  
Youth

### Mon 29<sup>th</sup>

10.00am  
3.15pm

Coffee Shop  
Families

### Tues 30<sup>th</sup>

9.30am  
12.00pm  
6.30pm

Ducklings  
Open the Book Rehearsal and Performance  
Course with Jenny

### Weds 1<sup>st</sup>

9.45am

Wardens Meeting in Rooms 19/20

### Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup>

7.00pm

Deanery Synod

### Fri 3<sup>rd</sup>

12.00pm

BCP Holy Communion

### Sun 4<sup>th</sup>

8.30am  
10.00am  
2.00pm  
4.00pm  
6.00pm

### 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Said Holy Communion  
Parish Communion  
The MES Commissioning Service at St John's Ermine  
Prayer and Praise  
Youth

**Morning Prayer:** Monday – Facebook Live with Martin, Tuesday – Facebook Live with Jean Wednesday and Friday – Zoom with Andy

*Readings for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity*

Habakkuk 1.1-4,2.1-4

Psalms 37

2 Timothy 1.1-14

Luke 17.5-10

*Prayer for our Community*

Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup> 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...
Monday	29 <sup>th</sup> Streets: Wragby Road East, Westfield Drive, Westfield Approach, Westfield Avenue Community: Wragby Road East Businesses
Tuesday	30 <sup>th</sup> Streets: Lime Crescent, Lawley Close, Westacre Court Community: Self-Employed People
Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> Streets: Riseholme Lane, Hall Lane, St George's Lane Community: St Mary's Church
Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Streets: Grange de Lings, Riseholme Farms Community: University of Lincoln
Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Streets: Lincoln Road, Welton Road Community: Beckside Nursery
Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> Streets: Washdyke Lane, Cliff Avenue Community: Conservation Groups

*In need of prayer....* Lynne & Barry Combes, Mavis Kirton, Barry & Christine Crum, Russ Coulter, Tony Gledhill, Derek Wright, Sandy Gould, Louise and Chris Siddall, Doug Bradley.

RIP.... Suzanne Lewis and Roger Butt

*Year's Mind...* Peter Adams

*It's Bible Study time again..!* Are you interested in studying the Bible? Nettleham's Community Bible Study (CBS) group meets on Tuesday mornings between 10.00am to 12 noon in the Methodist Church Hall. We're starting our 2025-26 study of the Book of Psalms on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September and we'd love to meet new members. We're a friendly and sociable group of people from several kinds of churches and none, and our meetings feature lively discussion and fun, as well as coffee and cake. No Bible 'expertise' or previous knowledge is required! Please see Andy for more details or visit the UK website at [www.uk.communitybiblestudy.org](http://www.uk.communitybiblestudy.org).

*Ministry Experience Scheme Welcome* We meet the three new participants at 11am in church on Thursday and Bishop Stephen leads their welcome service at 2pm on 5<sup>th</sup> October at St John's.

*Harvest Lunch* We are all invited to gather for lunch on 9 October - Lincoln Rugby Club 12 for 12.30 pm. The cost is £15.00 and payment is required by 1 October please. If you are interested there is a list at back of church. On the menu there is sausage and mash with vegetables and veggie option and then a choice of apple crumble and custard or raspberry pannacotta.

*Bezalel Craft Afternoon:* This December our church will host an interactive performance of The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. All who come to watch will be given a special crafted item during the performance. Could you help to make them? Preparations are happening here at All Saints on 26<sup>th</sup> October and 16<sup>th</sup> November and we'd love your help!

*Lucille writes:*

We are celebrating our Harvest Festivals. We live in an agricultural county known for its bountiful crops of potatoes, cereals fruit and vegetables. Traditionally this annual celebration of the harvest being gathered in and safely stored for the coming year would have been a very significant one. A good crop would have made the difference between feeding the family or starvation. We can imagine the relief felt by everyone that the barns were full and the celebrations and parties that accompanied harvest festival! As we walk around the village today, there are reminders outside many front gates of the bountiful harvest that is still being produced here. We can find apples, pears, courgettes, runner beans and many other types of fruit and vegetables being offered to passers-by for the taking. Welcome those these gifts are, we no longer rely on seasonal local produce. If our crops fail, or are poor, we may moan a little about prices going up, but we can still access all the food we need in the shops. To us then, Harvest Festival may no longer seem relevant.

It is time then to look at Harvest from a global perspective. I have done some research and found the following statistics: the world produces enough food to feed everyone on the planet. BUT, 733 million people world-wide experience hunger every day. Half of all child deaths are linked to malnutrition. The richest 1% own half the world's wealth.

This is shameful, but for us, as Christians, it is also an opportunity. It is a chance for us to show love to our fellow man by sharing God's bounty. For those of us who have plenty to eat on a daily basis there are plenty of charities who are working to feed the world's hungry that we can support. We have food banks in our village that make it easy for us to help others. So this Harvest Festival, let us determine to celebrate our harvest by sharing it with those in need.

*Weekly Prayer*

Creator God, for daily bread

And all who work to bring your harvest home we bring our thanks today.

For those whose harvest is poor

Whose crops have withered, water tainted, children starving,

Help those who bring relief and bestow on us

An unaccustomed generosity

That all might share from your garden

And all might sing your praise. **Amen**