

The Good News for Nettleham

Sun 17th March 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Sun 17th Mothering Sunday

- 8.30am Said Holy Communion
- 10.00am Holy Communion with visiting speaker John Beverly
- 11.30am CYF Meeting in All Saints Church
- 6.00pm Youth Explore

Mon 18th

- 9.00am Morning Prayer on Facebook Live with Martin
- 10.00am Coffee Shop
- 1.30pm Church Women's Fellowship – Viv Rowett Old Testament Embroidery
- 3.15pm Families

Tues 19th

- 9.00am Morning Prayer on Facebook Live with Jean
- 9.30am Ducklings
- 10.00am Community Bible Study (CBS) in Methodist Church Hall

Weds 20th

- 9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom with Andy. Email allsaintscw@btinternet.com
- 5.00pm Discerning Authorised Local Ministry Course in Parish Centre
- 6.00pm PCC Meeting in Parish Centre

Thurs 21th

- 9.00am Morning Prayer in Church with Revd Judy
- 10.00am Pastoral Care Team Meeting
- 2.00pm Choir Practice (Location Nettleham Methodist Church)

Fri 22th

- 9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom with Yola. Email yjdeane@gmail.com
- 12.00pm BCP Holy Communion
- 1.00pm Lunch and Lent Course – “Shapes for Living”

Sun 24th Palm Sunday

- 8.30am Said Holy Communion
- 10.00am Holy Communion
- 11.15am BCP Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 7.00pm Cabra Singers Perform Stainers Crucifixion

Palm Sunday
Mark 14.1-end of 15

Prayer for our Community

Sunday	Today we pray for our friends in Christ who experience persecution for their faith. We pray too for our own church family.
Monday	Today we pray for all who are housebound, for their families and friends and for all who care for them.
Tuesday	Today we pray for all who live in our community, for all who visit or work here and for all who support the life of the church.
Wednesday	Today we pray for wisdom for those who serve on church committees, community leaders and for all in local government.
Thursday	Today we pray for the world. Use the newspaper and TV headlines as a focus for prayer.
Friday	Today we pray for the pupils and staff of our schools, that as the young people grow in years they may also grow in faith.
Saturday	Today we pray for our worship this Sunday, for our ministers and all who will be involved in the services here.

In need of prayer.... Please pray for Steve Jackson, Christine Edwards, Tony Gledhill, John Beattie, Liz Hills, Natalie Ramsey, David Quay Brenda Ward, Pearl Taylor and Tony Swain.

RIP.... We give thanks for the lives, pray for the souls, and ask comfort for the relatives and friends of Ron Smith and Beverley Lee

Year's Mind... Philip Edwards

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

A warm welcome will always greet you at St Mary's, along with refreshments after the service. *Richard – Church Warden*

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Growing Faith:

Stainer's Crucifixion: The Cabra Singers will perform The Crucifixion by Sir John Stainer with additional sacred music for Holy Week

Paul Young – Conductor Adam Chillingworth - Organist

All are welcome and no ticket is required. There will be a retiring collection.

Maundy Thursday: All are welcome for the evening on Maundy Thursday. If you are joining for the meal (hot pot lamb or vegetarian stew) please email admin@asn.church or sign the list at the back of church

Lent Course: Our Lent Course this year is 'Seeking Shapes for Living' and has been developed by the Diocese of Gloucester. 1pm on Friday's and all are welcome.

Church Fellowship: Takes place on Monday 18 March at 1.30pm in church. Viv Rowett will give a talk on Old Testament Embroidery. We look forward to sharing time together and all are welcome.

House Groups: Three house groups meet regularly, each at different times and with a different focus. If you might like to know more, contact Andy allsaintscw@btinternet.com

Serving:

Easter Lily Dedication: As in previous years, the flower arrangers would like to offer you the chance to dedicate an Easter Lily to a loved one. To do this please could you make a contribution towards the cost of the flower. £3 is the suggested amount. There is a box at the back of the church for donations and a list for you to write the name of the person who want the lily dedicated to.

Open the Book Team: The Open the Book Team are performing in Sunday's All Age worship and perform each month in Nettleham Junior School. It's a wonderful way of sharing the bible with the next generation. See Michelle if you'd like to join the fun!

Churchwarden: Lynne Combes has served faithfully as a churchwarden here at All Saints for many years. We are so thankful for the generous way she has shared her gifts in service here. Lynne will continue to serve until the APCM in May... after that All Saints will need a new churchwarden. Please do be praying about this, and do hold Lynne in your prayers as she continues to serve in these next few months.

Community:

Sight Savers:

A very huge THANK YOU to all who came to the Eggstra Special Coffee Morning on Saturday, 2nd March. It was a great time of fellowship and fun and you gave the charity the grand sum of £622.80. Sight Savers will be able to help so many children and adults as a result of your kindness. Thank you all for caring and being very generous. Joyce and Helpers.

Revd Michelle writes...

I was reminded by someone else this week of the peace we can find in acceptance and so I thought I would share something with you all which I have found helpful.

"The Welcoming Prayer" is a prayer offered for our use by Father Thomas Keating. Father Keating was an American Catholic Monk who died in 2018. He was one of the primary founders of "centering prayer," a type of prayer that includes much silence over several minutes as one listens for God to speak.

I have often prayed this prayer at the beginning of a day as I prepare for whatever is to come as the day unfolds. It is a prayer which invites us to let go of the motivations which might not always draw us closer to God, to being aware of God's presence or living in accordance with God's will. The prayer calls us to let go of our desire for power and control, for pleasure and approval and for survival and security. Keating suggests that our preoccupation with seeking these things prevents us from living as fully as God calls us to.

Keating suggests that in our 'letting go', we can 'let ourselves be' and in the acceptance we are enabled to be more fully attentive to God's love and presence within and around us. I offer that prayer as our weekly prayer for this week.

Weekly Prayer

Take a moment to welcome stillness and silence.

Welcome, welcome, welcome.

I welcome everything that comes to me today because I know it's for my healing.

I welcome all thoughts, feelings, emotions, persons, situations, and conditions.

I let go of my desire for power and control.

I let go of my desire for affection, esteem, approval and pleasure.

I let go of my desire for survival and security.

I let go of my desire to change any situation, condition, person or myself.

I open to the love and presence of God and God's action within.

Amen