

The Good News for Nettleham

Sun 14th April 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

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- 8.30am Said Holy Communion
- 10.00am Holy Communion
- 11.15am BCP Mattins at St Mary's
- 1.00pm Baptism of Penelope Hilary Davis
- 6.00pm Youth Social

Mon 15th

- 9.00am Morning Prayer on Facebook Live with Martin
- 10.00am Coffee Shop
- 1.30pm Church Women's Fellowship
- 3.15pm No Families (school training days)

Tues 16th

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

Weds 17th

- 9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom with Andy. Email allsaintscw@btinternet.com
- 6.00pm Pastoral Care module for lay ministers in training

Thurs 18th

- 9.00am Morning Prayer in Church with Revd Judy
- 2.00pm Riseholme PCC Meeting in Parish Centre
- 2.00pm Choir Practice (Location All Saints Church)

Fri 19th

- 9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom with Yola. Email yjdeane@gmail.com
- 12.00pm BCP Holy Communion
- 1.00pm Burial of Ashes - Brian Scott

Sun 21st Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 8.30am Said Holy Communion
- 10.00am All Age Worship
- 1.00pm Baptism of Ivy
- 6.00pm Youth Explore

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4.5-12

Psalm 23

1 John 16-end

John 10.11-18

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.... Steve Jackson, Christine Edwards, Tony Gledhill, John Beattie, Natalie Ramsey, David Quay Brenda Ward, Tony Swain, Rachel Tollerton, Lorna Ludlow and Alex Milne.

RIP.... We give thanks for the lives, pray for the souls, and ask comfort for the relatives and friends of Pearl Taylor

Year's Mind... Tim Smith

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. Richard – Church Warden

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Growing Faith:

Thank you: To everyone who has been involved in our life and worship this Easter. It has been wonderful to see how so many of you have given so generously of your gifts, skills, time and energies over these last weeks. I offer you all my greatest thanks and hope you know how much you are appreciated.

Growing: What do you need to enable you to grow in faith? It would be great to hear from you. If it's something were already doing, we can give you the details and if it's something were not already doing, we can look into exploring how we might do it! Feel free to email Michelle or have a chat with her anytime.

Emails: There are a number of reports in various churches across the country of people sending emails which look like they are coming from church leaders/ officers asking for money, vouchers etc... please know that we will never send emails asking for vouchers or urgent bank transfers. If you are ever unsure, please call us to ask.

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:

Pastoral Care Training: We will be offering the Pastoral Care training module for those who have discerned a call to this ministry. We'll be meeting together on a Wednesday evening at 6pm in the Parish Centre and will begin on 17th April.

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.

Spring Cleaning: How would you like the chance to clean, chat and eat cake? If you'd like to be part of the Spring Cleaning Team there will be a chance to sign up coming soon!

Community:

Hospital Chaplaincy Service: Did you know that if you are in hospital you can ask for a visit from one of the hospital chaplains? The team there are wonderful. We'll visit you too (just let us know you're in hospital and where to find you)!

Open Churches: At the back of church you'll find lists where you can sign up to help with the refreshment stall, the cake stall, to offer to donate cake. The weekend is a wonderful chance to welcome people to church, to offer a great welcome and to invite the wider community into the building. The weekend takes place on 18th and 19th May and if you need any other details please see Lynne Combes.

Bishop Nigel writes...

Generosity is a fine attribute. People who are stingy with money sadden me. It's not how little or much money we have, but how we use it. Jesus' poignant parable of the Widow's Mite re-states the Jewish principle of First to the Lord. We give to God first simply because we are loved and blessed. I met a farmer once who reckoned the Church of England was badly run. "I tally my profit at the end of the year and perhaps give something to the parish church, but nothing if I make a loss" (or, I suspect, if he didn't like the Vicar). His approach was last to the Lord. Contrast that with Christians who tythe, i.e. give 10% of their income. It is reckoned that if most Church of England churchgoers gave 5% of disposable income it would be considerably enabled.

Each April sees the end of the Tax Year. Advisers navigate clients through the HMRC rules and returns. The great news however is that Gift Aid Charity donations reduce personal tax while adding 25% to the recipient. For example, every £ given to All Saints Nettleham becomes £1.25 - which really adds up with plenty of givers. To talk confidentially about ways of giving please contact our Church Treasurer Simon Hardy, or one of the clergy.

All Saints deserves our support. Its mission and ministry are faithful, caring and engaging. The varied worship and outreach are growing. People of all ages in Nettleham and beyond come because we address their needs and interests. We are also guardians of a medieval Grade I Listed Building of historic significance. We recall the pre-Covid emergency repairs – however, securing the fabric of the church tower and bells is now a critical and costly project which cannot be delayed any longer. Once this is sorted, we can maybe consider our community facilities. The project is certainly daunting but do-able if we believe in First to the Lord. Our Parish Priest and PCC will in due course outline plans and the challenge for our congregation, and the village who have previously supported All Saints generously.

So, I leave the last word to St Matthew, the reformed tax gatherer, who understood Jesus' inspiring words: "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also".

Weekly Prayer

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.