

## The Good News for Nettleham

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025

First Sunday of Lent

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### First Sunday of Lent

8.30am

Said Holy Communion

10.00am

Parish Communion

11.15am

BCP Mattins at St Mary's Riseholme

12.00pm

Meeting in Rooms 19/20

6.00pm

Youth and Junior Bellringing

### Mon 10<sup>th</sup>

9.00am

Morning Prayer on Facebook Live with Martin

10.00am

Coffee Shop

1.30pm

Meeting in Rooms 19/20

3.15pm

Families

### Tues 11<sup>th</sup>

9.00am

Morning Prayer on Facebook Live with Jean

9.30am

Ducklings

10.00am

CBS at Nettleham Methodist Church

10.00am

The funeral service of the late Ted Atkin at Lincoln Crematorium

12.00pm

Open the Book rehearsal in All Saints Church

6.00pm

Meeting in Rooms 19/20

### Weds 12<sup>th</sup>

9.00am

Morning Prayer on Zoom with Andy. Email [allsaintscw@btinternet.com](mailto:allsaintscw@btinternet.com)

10.00am

Meeting in Rooms 19/20

11.30am

Meeting in Rooms 19/20

6.00pm

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### Thurs 13<sup>th</sup>

9.00am

Morning Prayer in Church

10.00am

Pastoral Care Team Meeting

11.00am

St Mary's Riseholme PCC Meeting

2.00pm

Choir Practice in Church

6.00pm

Lent Course in Rooms 19/20

### Fri 14<sup>th</sup>

9.00am

Morning Prayer on Zoom with Yola. Email [yjdeane@gmail.com](mailto:yjdeane@gmail.com)

12.00pm

BCP Holy Communion

1.00pm

Lent Course in Rooms 19/20

### Sun 16<sup>th</sup>

### Second Sunday of Lent

8.30am

Said Holy Communion

10.00am

All Age Parish Communion

4.00pm

Wholeness and Healing Service

6.00pm

Youth and Junior Bellringing

*Second Sunday of Lent*

Please note: See Clergy or Churchwardens for all ASN safeguarding enquiries

## Prayer for our Community

Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup> Streets: East Street, The Green, The Barn, Chapel Lane Community: Local Businesses
Monday	10 <sup>th</sup> Streets: North Court, North Street, Poplar Farm Close Community: All carers
Tuesday	11 <sup>th</sup> Streets: Crescent Close, The Crescent, The Croft Community: Community Hub
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup> Streets: All Saints Lane, The Chestnuts, The Rowans Community: Nettleham Infant School, Church View
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup> Streets: Deepdale Lane Community: The Emergency Service Headquarters
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup> Streets: Baker Drive, Parker Way, Frith Close, Trott View Community: The Burrows
Saturday	15 <sup>th</sup> Streets: Scothern Road, The Dene Community: Bill Bailey's Playing Field

In need of prayer.... Steve Jackson, Lynne and Barry Combes, Ian and Ursula Muir, Mavis Kirton, Barry Crum, Lorna Ludlow and Russ Coulter.

RIP.... We give thanks for the lives, pray for the souls, and ask comfort for the relatives and friends of Barbara Lee, John Wormell, Maurice Nauta, Ted Atkin and Debora Bright

Year's Mind... Doreen Fox and Pricilla Hopkinson

## 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

You will always find a warm welcome at St Mary's. Richard Smith – *Churchwarden*.

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## Growing Faith:

*Minister Availability:* We hope you know that we are always here for you. If you need a visit, time to talk or pray or just a friendly companion on The Way, please know that you are always welcome to be in touch with any of our ministry team in whichever way is best for you. We are never 'too busy' and we love being invited to share time with you.

*Lent Course:* We invite you to be part of the upcoming Lent Course 'Teach Us to Pray' the sessions will run from next week. Each session lasts an hour, and the course runs for 5 weeks. Friday will include a chance for a bite to eat together before the course begins 1-2pm on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 21<sup>st</sup> March, 28<sup>th</sup> March, 4<sup>th</sup> April and 11<sup>th</sup> April. The course will also run in the evening once a week.

*Confirmation:* On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July Bishop Stephen will be leading a service of Confirmation for our local area. If you, or someone you know, would like to be confirmed, please have a conversation with any of the ministers here and we'll ensure you are included in the service.

## Serving:

*Eco Church:* We have recently received a church energy audit. It provides suggestions for how we could begin to reduce our carbon footprint. A small team are going to look into the recommendations made. If you'd like to see the report or become part of the team exploring it, please let Revd Michelle know.

*Festival of Chaplaincy:* On 22<sup>nd</sup> March the Festival of Chaplaincy is being held in Lincoln Cathedral. There will be free entry, stalls and exhibitions along with musical performances and everyone is welcome to attend.

## Community:

*Thank you:* A big 'thank you' for supporting the raffle by donating gifts, buying tickets, and to the helpers, at the recent church lunch. £105.05 was raised for the church.

## Generosity:

*40 Acts:* Over the 40 days of Lent in 2025 'Stewardship' have created 40 days of reflections and challenges aimed to inspire and invite people to spread the love of Jesus through acts of intentional generosity. You can receive daily emails with a reflection, a Bible verse, prayer points and a challenge to do something generous. There'll be different levels to the challenge so if you can only commit to something small one day, you can go all-out on another if you like! Why not try 40acts this Lent? Sign up to 40acts 2025 today! [www.stewardship.org.uk/40-acts-sign-up](http://www.stewardship.org.uk/40-acts-sign-up)

*Urgent Appeal:* Our church cleaning team are rather depleted. Please would you consider joining the team? It takes around an hour less than once a month!

*Michelle writes...*

We've entered Lent. The season where we remember that we are dust—and, also, completely beloved. It's a time of giving things up, but our reason for doing so is not some sort of holy self-improvement regime. Lent isn't about becoming shinier versions of ourselves, but is about making space for the deep-down knowing, the deep-down longing that we need God.

For me, the beginning of Lent is often about my good intentions—cutting out sugar, praying more, being *better*. But this week I was reminded that Lent isn't about my success (or lack of success) against the targets I've set for myself. I was reminded that Lent can simply be about sitting in the wilderness, letting ourselves feel our need for God, and realising we aren't alone in it.

Lent allows us time to recognise the wilderness. Not the kind with scenic views and well-marked trails. The wild places of long silences, where the questions seem louder than the answers, the spaces where we remember that we are dust and that we are, despite our best efforts, not in control.

I simply offer that Jesus knew wilderness places too. Forty days of hunger. Forty days of waiting. Forty days of being fully God and fully human and fully aware of what it means to be in the wilderness. Jesus didn't spend that desert time with a list of self-improvements to make. Jesus' time in the desert was about knowing that God is near, even in the wilderness times and places.

So, perhaps this Lent, whether we meet our 'self-improvement' targets, or not, we can be reminded that in this time we can also just simply sit in the dusty wilderness spaces of our lives, we can watch and wait and wonder with the assurance that God is present with us and that we are loved, even in these dusty difficult spaces. Where Lent brings, for us, a space to notice the things which most trouble our hearts, we can be reminded that we are not alone. The same God who sat in the dust with Elijah, who wrestled with Jacob, who wept at Lazarus' tomb is present with us in the difficult times. Jesus knew struggle and pain. His example might allow us space, not to rush for solutions and answers to the difficult stuff of time but invites us to know God with us in our pain, our waiting, our wondering. To know God with us in the wildernesses of our lives.

### *Weekly Prayer*

Holy God, Creator of Life,  
you are present in the wilderness places,  
offering us the grace of new life.  
When we see nothing but hopelessness,  
you surprise us with the breath of your spirit.  
Call us out of our complacency and routines,  
set us free from our self-imposed bonds,  
and fill us with your spirit of life, compassion, and peace,  
In the name of Jesus, your anointed one, we pray. **Amen.**