

The Good News for Nettleham

Sun 16th March 2025

Second Sunday of Lent

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Sun 16th	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 and Junior Handbell Ringing

Mon 17th	
9.00am	Morning Prayer on Facebook Live with Martin
10.00am	Coffee Shop
1.30pm	Meeting in Rooms 19/20
1.30pm	Church Women's Fellowship in All Saints Church
3.15pm	Families

Tues 18th	
9.00am	Morning Prayer on Facebook Live with Jean
9.30am	Ducklings
10.00am	CBS at Nettleham Methodist Church
6.00pm	Churches Together Meeting at NMC

Weds 19th	
9.00am	Morning Prayer on Zoom with Andy. Email allsaintscw@btinternet.com
6.00pm	ASN PCC Meeting in Rooms 19/20

Thurs 20th	
9.00am	Morning Prayer in Church
2.00pm	Choir Practice in Church
2.00pm	Meeting in Rooms 19/20
6.00pm	Lent Course in Rooms 19/20

Fri 21st	
9.00am	Morning Prayer on Zoom with Yola. Email yjdeane@gmail.com
10.30am	The Funeral Service of the late Maurice Nauta in Church
12.00pm	BCP Holy Communion
1.00pm	Lent Course in Rooms 19/20
2.00pm	Meeting in Rooms 19/20

Sun 23rd	Third Sunday of Lent
8.30am	Said Holy Communion
10.00am	Parish Communion
11.15am	BCP Holy Communion at St Mary's Riseholme
6.00pm	Youth and Junior Bellringing

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Isaiah 55.1-9 Psalm 63 I Corinthians 10.1-13 Luke 13.1-9

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

Prayer for our Community

Sunday	16 th Streets: Cotton Smith Way, Heath Road, Lechler Close Community: Parish Councils
Monday	17 th Streets: Herrington Avenue, Shaw Way, Cooper Close, Mansford Close, Aima Court Community: West Lindsey District Council
Tuesday	18 th Streets: Crickets Drive, Honeysuckle Close, Sellers Way, Mulberry Close. Community: All Local Community Groups
Wednesday	19 th Streets: Highfields, High Leas, Kerrison View, The Steepers, Wold View Community: Green Spaces
Thursday	20 th Streets: Brookfield Avenue, Jubilee Court, Orchard Way Community: The Village Hall
Friday	21 st Streets: Ash Tree Avenue, Midway Close, Riverdale Community: The Scouts and Guides
Saturday	22 nd Streets: Ridgeway, Willowfield Avenue, Mill Hill, Vicarage Lane Community: Nettleham Junior School

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... Irene Tomkinson

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 14th March, 21st March, 28th March, 4th April and 11th April. The course will also run in the evening once a week.

Confirmation: On Sunday 6th 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 22nd 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.

PCC Membership: Could you be part of our PCC? PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC. If you think you might like to know more, please speak to one of the minister or a churchwarden.

Community:

Church Women's Fellowship: The speaker at Fellowship on 17th March will be Geoff Stratford who will be talking about 'A Faith Response to the Climate and Nature Crisis'. Geoff is an inspiring and engaging speaker and it will be wonderful to welcome him for this talk.

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

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!

Rev'd Judy writes...

Every year at Lent, I notice the same question being asked: What are you giving up for Lent? If your giving up isn't going well, why not add something into your life. Three traditional spiritual practices during Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. I suspect that you all do these already but perhaps there is room for a rethink.

Prayer

Prayer, simply put, is communication with God. I reach out to the God as needs arise. So, I find myself praying while in the car, walking the streets thinking about a friend or situation, or out on the hospital wards. I pour out my thoughts to God. Perhaps there are new ways to pray that you haven't tried before; prayer beads, icons or using your imagination by sitting with Jesus.

Fasting

While fasting might be considered giving something up, why not approach it as adding something new to one's life for Lent? If you don't already have a meat free day you could add that in or you could have a day that have limited calories.

Almsgiving

The third spiritual discipline is almsgiving, a fancy term for donating time, money, or service to others. Consider what is possible and within your resources to contribute for Lent in addition to what you may already do. This will be different for each person. Could you volunteer or be a fundraiser all would be excellent for Lent, and you never know you might enjoy it so much you want to continue past Lent. If you are in the habit of buying a cup of coffee daily, might you halt that practice and save the money throughout Lent, and then donate it to a charity or to your church.

I invite you to change the focus of Lent from a spiritual practice of "giving up" to one of "adding in," a practice that deepens your connection with God and brings a sense of blessing to others. Little acts of blessing shared every day add up through the 40 days of Lent.

Weekly Prayer

Heavenly Father,

As I enter another week of my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to you. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as I strive to become the-best-version-of-myself. Let me hear your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart. Give me rest in you. Help me to accept others, showing them your great love instead of casting judgment. Stay with me through the busy days this week and remind me that when I need comfort, solitude, wisdom, or guidance, I can always turn to you. Amen.