

The Good News for Nettleham

Sun 8th June 2025

Pentecost

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8.30am Said Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion
11.15am BCP Mattins at St Mary's
6.00pm Youth

Mon 9th

9.00am Morning Prayer on Facebook Live with Martin
10.00am Coffee Shop
1.30pm Meeting in Rooms 19/20
3.15pm Families

Tues 10th

9.00am Morning Prayer on Facebook Live with Jean
9.30am Ducklings
10.00am CBS at Nettleham Methodist Church
6.00pm Course in Rooms 19/20
7.30pm Meeting in Rooms 19/20

Weds 11th

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom with Andy
12.00pm Meeting in Rooms 19/20
1.30pm Meeting in Rooms 19/20

Thurs 12th

10.00am Meeting in Rooms 19/20
2.00pm Choir Practice

Fri 13th

12.00pm BCP Holy Communion
7.00pm Simcha Concert in All Saints Church

Sat 14th

3.00pm Lyndhurst Singers Rehearsing in Church

Sun 15th

Trinity Sunday

8.30am Said Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion
4.00pm Archdeacons Visitation Service at All Saints Gainsborough
6.00pm Youth

Readings for Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8.1-4,22-31

Psalms 8

Romans 5.1-5

John 16.12-15

Prayer for our Community

Sunday	8 th Streets: Church Street, Ambrose Court, Cross Street Community: All Saints Church
Monday	9 th Streets: East Street, The Green, The Barn, Chapel Lane Community: Local Businesses
Tuesday	10 th Streets: North Court, North Street, Poplar Farm Close Community: All carers
Wednesday	11 th Streets: Crescent Close, The Crescent, The Croft Community: Community Hub
Thursday	12 th Streets: All Saints Lane, The Chestnuts, The Rowans Community: Nettleham Infant School, Church View
Friday	13 th Streets: Deepdale Lane Community: The Emergency Service Headquarters
Saturday	14 th Streets: Baker Drive, Parker Way, Frith Close, Trott View Community: The Burrows

In need of prayer.... Lynne and Barry Combes, Mavis Kirton, Barry Crum, Russ Coulter, Tony Gledhill, Shirley Warner and Doug Bradley.

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

Year's Mind... Joan Westwood and Michael Whalley

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

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.

The Reflective Prayer Space: Jesus knew how busy life could be and he encouraged his followers by saying, 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.' (Mark 6.31) I can only speak for myself when I say that it can be so easy to get caught up in the busyness of everyday life! Finding a quiet space, away from distractions, to stop and catch my breath with God is sometimes difficult. Whether you find this is the case for you, or not, you are invited to "Come... be still... and rest..." in the reflective prayer space. Whether for a minute or longer, you are welcome! Over the coming months Jane and I hope to offer a variety of reflective experiences:

For the next few weeks, the space will offer reflection upon Pentecost and the presence of the Holy Spirit. As you reflect and pray, you are invited to write or draw on a flame and place it in the fire. These prayers will be included in the monthly, "Wholeness and Healing" service.

As you stop to catch your breath...

May God's stillness settle on you like dew in the morning.

May God's presence still your soul.

May you be captivated by God's love as you take a moment to rest with Jesus.

Ann Marie

Serving

Safeguarding Course: Lucy Rowe will come to Nettleham and deliver C2 Leadership Training on 2nd July 2025 from 9.30-1pm. Tell Michelle if you need to gain your C2!

Community

Save the Dates: Harvest Lunch - 9 October and Christmas Lunch - 11 December. Both at Lincoln Rugby Club.

Tuesday Coffee Morning: In the Old School (Large Hall) on 24 June 10-12 in aid of The Sepsis Trust. £2 entrance for tea/coffee and biscuits. Stalls include Raffle and cake.

Concert: On June 13th we welcome 'SIMCHA - LINCOLN'S KLEZMER BAND' as the next performers in our concert series. They will perform music from pre-WWII Jewish Communities. Tickets are on sale now so please do come along.

Riseholme Church: On the 28th and 29th June (11.00-3.30pm) there is an additional opportunity to visit this lovely church, built in 1851 by Bishop Kaye who lived in the nearby Riseholme Hall. He is buried in the churchyard as is Bishop Christopher Wordsworth. There will be cakes and refreshments, a second-hand book stall, plant sale, artisan crafts, a wool spinning demonstration, a display of patchwork quilts, a talk on the history of the church at 1.30pm each day and an organ recital!

Michelle writes...

Lately I've been taking a bit of time to read about the idea of 'fitting in' versus 'belonging' to help me explore ideas about how to make church a place of real belonging and not a place where you feel you have to fit in. There's a subtle but powerful difference between fitting in and belonging. I notice that it's the kind of difference that we can feel even if we can't pinpoint why. Fitting in is about becoming who you think you *should* be to be accepted. Belonging, on the other hand, is about being who you *are* and knowing that's enough.

When we strive to fit in, we often seek for worthiness. We shape-shift, contort, and shrink ourselves to match what we believe others expect of us. It's like armour. It's like protection. But it's also exhausting.

Fitting in asks the question: *What do I need to change about myself so that people will let me in?* It trades authenticity for approval, and in doing so, leaves us disconnected—from others, and from ourselves. Belonging is different. It doesn't require us to change; it invites us to be seen. True belonging doesn't ask us to hide parts of ourselves. It asks us to bring all of ourselves—our joy, our fear, our imperfection—to the table. It says: *You are worthy, not because of what you do or how well you perform, but simply because you are.* Fitting in demands performance; belonging invites presence.

I often take comfort in the way Jesus never asked anyone to fit in. He sat with the misfits, shared meals with the outcasts, healed those pushed to the edges by society. He didn't choose people because they were popular. He chose them because He loved them. Fully. Even when they didn't 'fit in' Even before they felt they belonged.

Belonging doesn't start when we finally feel like we've earned it. It starts with love. Love for God, whatever love we can offer. Love for ourselves, just as God made us. Love for each other, just as God intended.

This week I offer that 'belonging' says: *You are worthy, not because of what you do, not because of your output, but simply because of who you are in God's sight.*

Weekly Prayer:

Lord, give us new strength so that we can build places of belonging:
To create a community for all to share their gifts,
To know that each of us is loved,
To help us to see the light of Christ in all.
Let us remember that each of us is loved,
each of us is treasured and each of us is precious and unique. Amen.