

The Good News for Nettleham

Sun 4th January 2026

Epiphany

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8.30am Said Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion

Mon 5th

10.00am No Coffee Shop
3.15pm No Families

Tue 6th

9.30am Ducklings
12.00pm Open the Book Rehearsal

Weds 7th

10.00am Churchwardens Meeting at The Vicarage
12.00pm Organist visiting church
2.00pm Nettleham Junior School Year 5 visiting Church
2.00pm Standing Committee Meeting

Fri 9th

12.00pm BCP Holy Communion

Sat 10th

9.00am Bell Ringing AGM in Church

Sun 11th

8.30am Said Holy Communion
10.30am Joint Service at Nettleham Methodist Church

Morning Prayer at 9am: Monday – Facebook Live with Martin,

Tuesday – Facebook Live with Jean Wednesday and Friday – Zoom with Andy

Readings for The Baptism of Christ

Isaiah 42.1-9

Psalm 29

Acts 10.34-43

Matthew 3.13-end

Prayer for our Community

Sunday	4 th Streets: Washdyke Lane, Cliff Avenue Community: Conservation Groups
Monday	5 th Streets: Greetwell Lane, Beech Avenue, Cherry Tree Lane Community: Farming
Tuesday	6 th Streets: Kingsway, Dalderby Crescent, Manor Court and Sutton Close Community: Christian Groups
Wednesday	7 th Streets: High Street, Bridge Street, Beckside, The Rookery, Watermill Lane Community: Methodist Chapel
Thursday	8 th Streets: Church Street, Ambrose Court, Cross Street Community: All Saints Church
Friday	9 th Streets: East Street, The Green, The Barn, Chapel Lane Community: Local Businesses
Saturday	10 th Streets: North Court, North Street, Poplar Farm Close Community: All carers

In need of prayer.... Sue Young.

(Please note that we've refreshed the prayer list, please just email Michelle if you know of someone who has asked to be added to the list.)

RIP.... Felicity Howick, Thomas Godfrey, Jeffrey Croft and Marlene Curtis

Year's Mind... Joyce Chappell, Ivy Cooper, Jim Horwood and Barbara Mellers

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Thank You Carols on the Green this year raised an amazing £973.81 to be shared between The Salvation Army and Lincoln Community Grocery. Thank you so much to all who supported the event.

Tower update We now have National Lottery Heritage Fund and PCC approval to let a contract to Pinnacle Conservation Ltd for the tower repair works. We have a pre-contract meeting with our architect and Pinnacle in early December and we hope to start work on site in March next year. As well as the major NLHF grant we've also been successful in securing a grant of £8,700 from the Marshall's Charity (see marshalls.org.uk for details of their work). Our Project and Grant Manager consultant, Irving Patrick, is in the process of preparing applications to other grant-giving bodies.

Community Lottery Scheme Last year the PCC voted to close the Community Lottery Scheme with effect from 31 December. The Scheme was set up to generate funds for the tower project as well as to provide money for grants to community projects. Although we have provided grants, the most recent to support the production of 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' in Church, the level of interest from the community in securing a grant for a community project is, and always has been, very low; we still have just over £9000 available for grants. Whilst the Community Lottery has provided funds for the tower project, this funding stream is no longer strictly needed. We're taking steps to close the Community Lottery bank account but, if you are a player of the Community Lottery please, before 6 January, ask your bank to cancel your Standing Order. If you're unsure about what to do please contact our Treasurer.

Charity Suggestions Each year we, as a Church, donate 5% of our regular giving income to charity. We split the total into three and give an equal share to a local charity, a national charity and an international charity. The PCC makes the final decision but as in previous years we'd like to hear your suggestions. In the last three years we've given to the British Red Cross, Edan Lincs, the RNLI, the Bible Reading Fellowship, Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance, the Charles Waller Trust, Justice and Care, the Church of England Children's Society and St Barnabas Hospice. Please send your suggestions for this year's recipients to treasurer@asn.church or speak direct to Simon.

Weekly Prayer by Howard Thurman

The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled,

When the star in the sky is gone,

When the kings and princes are home,

When the shepherds are back with their flock,

The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,

To heal the broken,

To feed the hungry,

To release the prisoner,

To rebuild the nations,

To bring peace among others, to make music in the heart.