

The Good News for Nettleham

Sun 22nd February 2026

First Sunday of Lent

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Sun 22nd **First 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

Mon 23rd
 10.00am Coffee Shop
 3.15pm Families

Tue 24th
 9.30am Ducklings
 12.00pm Open the Book in Church and School
 7.00pm Lent Course with Jenny in Rooms 19/20

Thurs 26th
 1.00pm The Funeral of the Late Sarah Howis in All Saints Church

Fri 27th
 12.00pm BCP Holy Communion
 12.30pm Lent Course in church

Sun 1st **Second Sunday of Lent**
 8.30am Said Holy Communion
 10.00am Parish Communion
 6.00pm Youth

Saturday 28th February is church cleaning day – 9am start!

Morning Prayer at 9am: Monday – Facebook Live with Martin,
 Tuesday – Facebook Live with Jean Wednesday and Friday – Zoom with Andy

Readings for the Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12.1–4a.

Psalm 121

Romans 4.1–5, 13–17

John 3.1–17

Prayer for our Community

<i>Sunday</i>	22 nd Streets: Ridgeway, Willowfield Avenue, Mill Hill, Vicarage Lane Community: Nettleham Junior School
<i>Monday</i>	23 rd - Streets: Greenfields, The Vinyard Community: Tennis, Football and Cricket Clubs at Mulsanne Park
<i>Tuesday</i>	24 th Streets: Eastway, Field Close, Westway, Parkside, The Dales Community: Hospitality
<i>wednesday</i>	25 th Streets: Poachers Meadow, Bramble Court, Lacy Close, Squires Place Community: PC's and PCSO's
<i>Thursday</i>	26 th Streets: Sudbrooke Lane, Larch Avenue, The Hawthorns, The Oaks Community: The Rugby Club
<i>Friday</i>	27 th Streets: Lodge Lane, Mulsanne Way, Weldon Drive, Arnage Court Community: Nettleham Surgery
<i>Saturday</i>	28 th Streets: The people of our church who live outside the parish. Church Life: PCC, Bellringers, Musicians Churchwardens, Flower Team, Pastoral Visitors, Welcomers, Youth, Worship Leaders, Children's Teams...

In need of prayer.... Sue & Ian Young, Gwen & family, Alison Whitlow, Christine Edwards & Barry Crum

RIP.... Sarah Howis, Sarah Kensey and Margaret Parker

Year's Mind... Winsome Townrow, Debora Bright, Peter Turner, Michael Melia and Roger Huckle

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Lent Course begins in The Hub at 7pm on Tuesday 24th and in church on Friday 27th. All welcome.

Spring Clean It's time to get together for our church spring clean on 28th February from 9am. Please come along – everyone is welcome, and tea and cake will be provided.

To Love and Serve the Lord course will run here in our room in The Hub. If you would like to explore more about ministry through this course, please just let Michelle know or ask her any questions.

Prayer Area Throughout Lent the Reflective Prayer Space offers the opportunity to reflect and pray using the imagery of a desert: Brother Roger of Taizé (1915-2005) often used this imagery to represent times of dryness, loneliness, or spiritual emptiness, and believed that in these moments, a “flower” of joy, trust, and life can unexpectedly blossom through God's presence and our own commitment to inner peace. You are invited to reflect and pray in this sacred space. There is the option to write or draw your prayers on floating paper flowers. Please lift your flowers out of the water and leave them to dry before leaving the space. All prayers will be included in the “Healing and Wholeness” service on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Revd Sandy Gould is reaching the end of her curacy and will be beginning a placement in our LMP from Ash Wednesday which will include some ministry here in Nettleham, particularly after Easter. We look forward to ‘welcoming’ Sandy in the coming weeks.

Tower Update The scaffolding is going up, the work has begun! This is exciting... it may also be a little disruptive. If the work is causing you any issues or worries, please talk to us, we'll be very happy to help find solutions. Enormous thanks to all who have worked so incredibly hard to enable this project to reach this stage. Finally, please pray! The work will likely take around 6 months, and involves many people and so please hold in your prayers all who are involved.

Eco Church News We're delighted to share that our church has been awarded the **Eco Church Silver Award!** This is a moment to celebrate, and also to pause and reflect on how far we've come as a church family in caring for God's creation. Reaching Silver is not the finish line. It's an encouragement to keep going, to build on what we've already started, and to explore new ways we can care for creation as a church family and to continue to journey toward the Gold Award.

Update from Jenny This coming summer I am expecting to be ordained Deacon and will be entering into a full-time curacy with Rev'd. Al Jenkins in the North Lafford benefice, which includes All Saints Ruskington and churches in surrounding villages. I'm very much looking forward to seeing what God has in store for me there, and how the lessons that I have learnt from you all will equip me for my future ministry. My farewell service will be on 24th May at 3.30pm and the short service will be followed by afternoon tea. The details of my ordination will also be shared in due course.

Weekly Prayer

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**