



NEWSLETTER

Sunday 26 April - 3rd Sunday of Easter

Zephaniah 3.14-end; Acts 2.14a, 36-41; Luke 24.13-35



Online Benefice Service this Sunday

There will be a recording of worship for this Sunday, with contributions from around the Benefice and hymns to join in with, similar to the Easter Sunday Service.

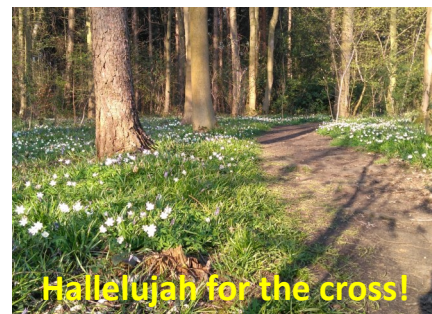
This will be shared on the **St Nicks YouTube channel**

www.youtube.com/channel/UC_10sXmB7N5CKsD60_eRXjg



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Find other worship resources at stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/covid19/worship/



The churches are closed until further notice, both for public worship and private prayer.

The Children's Society

As national charity supporting the most vulnerable children in the country, The Children's Society is making an impact in the region thanks to the support of communities like Dunnington, Stockton, Warthill and Holtby.

On behalf of The Children's Society, I'd like to say a big thank you to people of these communities for their on-going support through prayer, Christingle and collecting loose change in the charity's house boxes. With spring now with us and the Christingle season behind us I hope you will keep our work in mind in the coming months.

The Children's Society (TCS) works with some of the most disadvantaged children in England and your community has been supporting its work for many years. Many readers will be familiar with the Society's work but for those less so, let me give you some background and bit of an update.

The Children's Society has been working to change children's stories for over a century and it is the charity's mission to work towards a country where no child feels alone. Not easy with some of the challenges young people face today.

TCS works directly with some of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children through its network of frontline services, supported by an army of volunteers. All its work comes together under the umbrella of mental health and wellbeing and we focus our expertise and resources supporting young people between 10 and 18 years of age. Young people we support will be at risk or affected by sexual or criminal exploitation; have run away or be at risk of running away from home or care and consequently at increased risk; young refugee and asylum seekers often unaccompanied, traumatised and vulnerable, trying to rebuild their lives and stay safe; or young people impacted by parental substance or alcohol abuse. Often the young people we work are dealing with multiple and complex challenges, and our recent Good Childhood Report tells us that a quarter of a million young people in this country are unhappy in their lives. We also campaign and lobby government to change legislation that



positively impacts the lives of thousands of young people, essential where we can't have a project working in every community.

It can be tough out there for our young people but TCS, with your support, is working hard to make a difference.

From our office in Leeds, The Children's Society is working across Yorkshire. We have a team of project workers working directly with young people affected by criminal and sexual exploitation, offering 121 support and training other professionals. We have trained railway staff including ticket collectors and guards to spot the signs of young people being trafficked to sell drugs as part of our extensive work with County Lines, and we have a national team of CSE Prevention Officers working in partnerships with the police, local authorities and businesses to implement prevention and awareness strategies. We are also delivering training and workshops through our My Voice project to build resilience, confidence and emotional wellbeing. Not to mention our national and local campaigns work that seeks to change legislation that affects the lives of young people.

There is a lot going on at TCS and with your support we can continue to work with young people who need us the most. We believe no child should feel alone but right now there are children and young people who feel scared, unloved and unable to cope. The Children's Society works with these young people step by step, for as long as it takes.

Thank you for supporting the work of The Children's Society and if you would like to know more or get involved, maybe by simply taking a house box for your home, office or business, please contact Eve Scoreby 489008 or Helen Whiteley at The Children's Society helen.whiteley@childrenssociety.org.uk or 0113 257 9629.

There is a prayer from the Children's Society overleaf

A Prayer from the Children's Society

God of compassion, at this time of crisis, we bring before you the peoples of our country and the world.

We ask for your blessing and strength for those working tirelessly to protect and save life.

We pray especially for vulnerable children and young people who are at greater risk during this time:

Those who are not safe at home;

Those who may be plunged into even greater poverty;

Those whose fragile mental health may worsen;

Those who feel abandoned and alone.

Draw near to all who suffer in mind, body or spirit.

We also pray for staff of The Children's Society as they find new ways to support these young people in challenging circumstances.

Please bless their efforts and keep all with whom we work safe from harm.

We ask this in the precious name of Jesus.

Amen.

A message from Dunnington Methodist Church

For those of you with email here are some links :

ruth.duck@methodist.org.uk. Rev Ruth is holding Zoom meetings on Wednesdays and Sundays at 9am and Tuesdays at 7pm. If you are interested in joining please e mail her for more details.

Worship Resources for use at home can be found at www.yorkmethodist.org.uk/coronavirus-information.html along with a list of livestreamed services and video reflections you can 'tune in' for.

www.yorkshiremethodist.org/our-work/great-50-days

Great 50 days initiative between Easter and Pentecost. This is a list of ideas for the second week.

Let us pray for our Church leaders, ordained and lay, those who are paid and those who are volunteers, for encouragement and wisdom, peace and energy, strength and hope during this time. Let us pray that our churches will be strengthened and find renewed purpose as we try to find new ways of 'being church'.

Help us, Lord, as we seek,
To love and care for one another,
To serve our communities,
To tell others of Jesus,
To worship the God who loves and saves us.
Amen

Keep safe, stay well and be kind.

News and Notices

Sunday Worship. Do join us for the online Benefice Service. There will be a service on local radio again on Sunday at 8.00am. These services are led by people from different Christian denominations. (Radio York 103.7). Sunday Worship on BBC1 seems to change times each week and doesn't always start at the advertised time which this week is 10.45am.

Live stream services. The Diocese of York Facebook page, has a list (with links) to services broadcast from around our Diocese. www.facebook.com/pg/DioceseOfYork/events/

The Grapevine. The May issue of The Grapevine will be available on the St Nicks website from Wednesday 29 April at the link stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/news/grapevinemay2020/. There will not be a printed edition this month.



Lectionary Corner at St Nicholas

27 April: Christina Rossetti, Poet

29 April: Catherine of Siena, Teacher of the Faith, 1380

1 May: Philip and James, Apostles

2 May: Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 373

Catherine of Siena - 29 April

God of compassion, who gave your servant Catherine of Siena a wondrous love of the passion of Christ: grant that your people may be united to him in his majesty and rejoice for ever in the revelation of his glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



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Catherine Benincasa was born in 1347, the second youngest of twenty-five children. Pious from her earliest years, she overcame family opposition to her vocation and became a Dominican tertiary at the age of eighteen. Nourished by a life of contemplative prayer and mystical experience, she devoted herself to active care for the poor and sick. She became increasingly sought out as an adviser on political as well as religious matters and, in 1376, she journeyed to Avignon as an ambassador to the Pope and influenced his decision to return to Rome. She wrote a Dialogue on the spiritual life as well as numerous letters of counsel and direction, which stressed her devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus. She suffered a stroke on 21 April and died eight days later, on this day in the year 1380.

Sourced from 'Exciting Holiness'



Do you need practical support or a friendly chat?

If you need help/support but don't know who your local Community Support Group volunteers are, please email covid19east york@gmail.com, or call Rev Nick Bird on 01904 489349 and we will link you up.

Would you like to receive this newsletter by email? Contact Victoria on grapevine.rev@gmail.com. It is also available to download from the St Nicholas Church website at www.stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/news/

Next newsletter on **Sunday 3 May**. Items to grapevine.rev@gmail.com by 9.00 am on Thursday 30 April