

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 23 August - Trinity 11

Isaiah 51.1-6; Romans 12.1-8;
Matthew 16.12-20

Sunday 30 August - Trinity 12

Jeremiah 15.15-21; Romans 12.9-end;
Matthew 16.21-end

Online Services

A service of worship for Sunday 23 August, including a homily by Rev Nick Bird, and a traditional service of Morning Worship for Sunday 30 August, will be shared on the **St Nicks YouTube channel** . www.youtube.com/channel/UC_10sXmB7N5CKsD60_eRXjg.



Dial-a-service 899433

You can dial in and to listen to the service at any time during the week. It's the cost of a local call and very simple to do. Dial 899433. You will first hear a recorded voice with an American accent welcoming you to the service, then be asked to wait a moment. There might be a bit of a pause as the service recording uploads (15-20 seconds). Enjoy!



For worship and prayer in our church buildings and via Zoom, see details below

Flying Kites - a reflection from Keith Albans

As I prepare to begin my 37th and final year of active ministry, I am very conscious of not being able to remember what I have said or written to whom or when! But I don't think I have shared this before here... A favourite hymn of mine was written by Fred Kaan. It is called a hymn on not giving up and it begins with these two lines: Were the world to end tomorrow would we plant a tree today?

It's a brilliant question, not least because on one level it is easy to answer - we know well how important trees are to our own well-being and that of the planet as a whole - so of course we would. But by couching the question as he does, Fred Kaan asks us to think again. Trees take years to grow to anything like maturity so if you've only got a day left before the world ends, planting one seems like a pointless exercise.

Because the Christian Church has been around for two millennia we have developed a sad tendency to consider 'success' and 'permanence' as almost synonymous, and this has made the past few months particularly hard to endure. Things we have cherished, and in which we have invested so much time and energy, have been suspended and may not return and, with the mindset of success = permanence, may well feel therefore to have failed! To my mind, that is as good a reason as you could ask for to challenge the mindset.

I have suggested in the Methodist Circuit that the coming year should be a year of kite-flying - the absolute antithesis of permanence in my experience! My reasoning is first, that the idea of trying to find out where the Spirit is blowing seems well suited to these uncertain times, and

second, that it offers us an invitation to play and to try out things and give them a go without assuming that they have to work or will be the "way we always do it". It also chimes with Fred Kaan's idea that if we are ever to have new trees, then someone has to begin the process! The final verse of the hymn is a prayer, which feels right for a time such as this:

Pray that at the end of living, of philosophies and creeds, God will find the people busy planting trees and sowing seeds.

To which I will simply add, 'and flying kites'!

Every blessing

Keith Albans
(Methodist Minister)



Services and private prayer in our church buildings

Holtby

Morning Prayer (service) Monday 9.00am
Open for private prayer Thurs 10am - 1pm, Sun 1pm - 4pm

Warthill

Morning Prayer (service) Tuesday 9.00am
Open for private prayer Thurs 1 - 4pm, Sun 1pm - 4pm

Stockton

Morning Prayer (service) Wednesday 9.00am
Open for private prayer Wed 1pm - 4pm, Sun 1pm - 4pm

Dunnington

Morning Prayer (service) Thursday 9.00am
Open for private prayer Thurs 10am - 12pm, Sun 3pm - 5pm

Compline (online)



You are very welcome to (virtually) join Revd Nick Bird and others for a quiet service of Compline every Wednesday evening at 7.00pm. This is held online using Zoom. You can either download the free Zoom app or just join us through your web browser at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86707839332>. The Meeting ID is 867 0783 9332.

Sunday services in the Benefice

It has been decided to hold off opening any of our parish churches for Sunday services until at least October. This is partially because of the ongoing risk, partly because of the presumption that infections will be on the rise again come the autumn, but also because of the success of the online worship provision, including Wednesday compline, and also Morning Prayer said in each church on a weekday. The situation will be reviewed again in September.

Dunnington Methodist Church

Although the Chapel cannot open at the present time, we hope you will all be able to keep in touch using resources from the circuit listed below, or just through a timely phone conversation. Discussions are continuing as to when a physical re-opening for Sunday worship might begin, and updates will be given via this newsletter.

Do not hesitate to contact any of the stewards if you need help in any way. Kind Regards, Anne Castle 481656, Diane Conway 489495, Chris Spedding 481191.



Worship resources

A weekly Zoom service continues to be available both at 9.00am and 9.45am - email kralbans@gmail.com for the login details

Please see our webpage which lists a number of worship resources and services being arranged locally www.yorkmethodist.org.uk/coronavirus-information.html



This week's Circuit-led Traditional service will be available from our Circuit YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/channel/UCMZII3vyksFEonZ-EQbbhuQ

Other video services are available via Huntington and Copmanthorpe church website, among others.

Bring it on - ready for change

A resource to help children and young people dealing with change and getting ready to go back to school has been produced by our Youth & Children's team. You can download this resource from our website www.yorkmethodist.org.uk/coronavirus-information.html or contact the Circuit office for a copy.

Social media

Don't forget that as well as our website you can follow our Facebook Page www.facebook.com/yorkmethodistcircuit/

for updates during the week, and you can join our group www.facebook.com/groups/267605153386046/ to discuss with others and share what you're doing.



You can also subscribe to our Circuit YouTube Channel where we will be adding both service videos and news stories from around the Circuit- there are already one or two available! www.youtube.com/channel/UCMZII3vyksFEonZ-EQbbhuQ



Praying for our Circuit 23rd August

This week we pray together for our Circuit staff, both ministers and lay employees. Let us thank God for their contribution to the work of God in our Circuit, and pray for them as they consider how best to respond to God's call in this time.

During August we will be using the 4 themes of Our Calling as the focus for our prayers. This week's theme is Service.

Servant Lord,

Open our eyes to see how we can serve our community,
Calling to account those who destroy our planet,
Donating to foodbanks, campaigning for justice,
Listening to those whose voice is not heard,
Giving our time, our money, our prayers.

Open our eyes to see how we can serve one another,
Caring for the sick, speaking to the lonely,
Sitting with those who grieve or hurt.

Open our eyes to see how we can serve you.

Servant and Saviour,

Make us like you as we seek to serve you.

Amen.



For those who knew him, Revd David Kinch, Former minister in the York North Circuit has recently died.

Anyone is welcome to receive the Circuit News, please ask them to email yorkcircuitoffice@gmail.com and ask to be put on the mailing list for the Circuit News.

Other News

Newsletter. Judith Hewitt is producing the next newsletter. Please send any items to judithmhewitt@btinternet.com by 9.00 am on Thursday 3 September. Thank you.

The Grapevine. The September issue is now available at stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/news/sept-20-grapevine/



The First No. 10 Bus timetable changed again on 16 August. Details, and a new Dunnington timetable, at <https://stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/news/bus.php>



York School of Ministry Short Taster Course

- starts 26 August! York School of Ministry is offering a free online course to build confidence in those considering studying as part of their discipleship or vocational journeys. The 3 week course explores a different gospel each week and helps students to develop their study skills including effective note-taking, learning how to summarise their reading and writing down their own ideas using evidence to back these up. More details at stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/news/ysom-taster-course.php



Lectionary Corner

- 24 August: Bartholomew the Apostle
- 27 August: Monica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387
- 28 August: Augustine of Hippo, Bishop, Teacher of the Faith, 430
- 29 August: The Beheading of John the Baptist
- 31 August: Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651
- 3 Sept: Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 604

The readings and prayers for these two weeks are available on: www.stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/news/newsletter-23820.php

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

Next newsletter on **Sunday 6 September**. Items to judithmhewitt@btinternet.com by **9.00 am on Thursday 3 September**.