

THE CHURCHES OF DUNNINGTON, STOCKTON ON THE FOREST, WARTHILL & HOLTBY

Sunday 6 September - Trinity 13 NEWSLETTER

Online Service this Sunday, Reader Sunday

A service of worship, including contributions from around the benefice, 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 overleaf

An inspiration of the sea – a reflection by Mark Poole, Curate of the Benefice.

Now that our summer holiday in Cornwall seems like a distant memory, I enjoy recalling the breath-taking shades of turquoise, emerald and azure of the sea shimmering in the sunlight, and the thrill and exhilaration from being in the sea, despite its equally breath-taking temperature! I also remember just how dramatically different the sea can be from day to day. There were days where its mill pond calmness made swimming a doddle and, being game for most things, presented a challenge for my friend Paul and I to explore paddle boarding for the first time. This caused much hilarity to our spectating spouses (and other onlookers apparently) as we attempted to stand and look strong and competent before wobbling precariously, losing our balance completely and toppling into the sea! Then there were those days where the ocean had completely changed and the swell was stronger and the waves much higher. This enabled us to body board (alas not surf, I'm not that cool) and so join in the cries of delight of many when we were lucky enough to time it just right and be swept to the shore on the crest of a wave at a thrilling speed!

Since returning home I read an article that reminded me that whilst the sea can be a source of fun, thrills and pleasure, it can also be a source of danger and peril. The news item recounted how a

swimmer, who had got into difficulty off the Jurassic coast in Dorset, was rescued by the ingenuity, resourcefulness, bravery and selflessness of a group of onlookers. Throwing caution to the wind, and forgetting any requirements to be socially distanced, the fellow bathers formed a human chain to reach out, rescue and save the troubled swimmer from the treacherous waves. You may well have read the same story and like me thought 'praise God!'

This remarkable story of the heroic and brave beachgoers forming a human chain to rescue someone in grave danger is utterly inspiring. It illustrates that interconnectedness and teamwork in seeking to achieve what might seem impossible is of paramount importance. It demonstrates that unity and solidarity is crucial to the success of a mission. It reveals that focussed determination and unwavering resilience yields results. It embodies how deep compassion and selfless love literally saves lives.

As the 25th September approaches, the re-scheduled date for my ordination, I have been reflecting on the promises I will make during the service. One of those promises is '.....to work with.....fellow members in searching out the poor and weak, the sick and lonely and those who are oppressed and powerless, reaching

into the forgotten corners of the world, that the love of God may be made visible.' I have been asking myself how I will fulfil this mission in my ministry in our benefice. As we emerge from the pandemic there are, and there will be, many living within our reach who will need rescuing from the overwhelming tidal wave of devastation caused by Covid 19. Social and economic hardship and mental and emotional anguish lie vulnerable and exposed like debris on a storm swept beach. In such a time as this there has never been more of a need to make the love of God visible.

Of course, as passionate as I am about this rescue mission, it is not just down to me. We are all called to join God in this. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, each of us is invited to link arms with one another and form a chain just like those brave rescuers on a Dorset beach. Our unity and solidarity will give us courage to reach out. Our consensual focus and determination will enable us to make a difference. Our interconnectedness will fuel our efforts to achieve what might seem impossible. Together, our Christ-like compassion and selfless acts of love will undoubtedly save lives, hearts and souls. Will you be a link in this chain?



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.

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.

Worshipping in our church buildings

Missing worship in your parish church? There is a service of morning prayer in each parish church every week: days and times above. Why not come and meet with others for prayer. Everyone will be very welcome. Please wear a face mask.



Dunnington Methodist Church

Praying for our Circuit

The church on the Circuit Prayer Rota for **6th September** is **Acaster Malbis**. Let us thank God for the work of God in that place, and pray for the church as they consider how best to respond to God's call in this time.

As our Methodist Year begins, we pray for one another,
For those in leadership roles within our churches;
For ministers and other staff,
For local preachers and all who lead worship,
For stewards, church councils, leaders of work with young people,
Treasurers, administrators, property stewards, safe guardians and all who work to keep our churches going.
We thank you for the gifts you give each one of us
Strengthen and protect us for this coming year,
And help us all to work together for one purpose,
In worshipping, loving, serving and witnessing to our God.
Amen.

Worship resources

This week's Circuit-led Traditional service will be available from our Circuit YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMZII3vyksFEonZ-EQbbhuQ> (it will become available at the weekend).

Other News

The Grapevine. The September issue is now available at [stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/news/sept-20-grapevine/Carecent Harvest Appeal](https://stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/news/sept-20-grapevine/Carecent%20Harvest%20Appeal)

This year Carecent are asking for donations of money rather than goods, as they have had to adapt to a different way of providing food due to the pandemic. Contact, Carecent, Central Methodist Church, St Saviourgate, York YO1 8NQ. Tel, 01904 624244. email, admin@carecent.org.uk

The Benefice Churches, if they haven't already held them will be having their APCM's this Autumn.

St Nicholas Church – New Church Warden Required

We need a new church warden to take up duties early in 2021. It is time now to identify a successor to Peter Helm who is stepping down to fill this immensely important, fulfilling and rewarding role. Please do consider if you can take this on and speak with Peter, Carole, or Revd Nick. Please do pray for a successor to come forward.



Illustration from Mark's reflection

Readings for this Sunday

Psalm 119 33-40 Mark 14-20

Lectionary Corner

8 Sept: The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Almighty and everlasting God, who stooped to raise fallen humanity through the child-bearing of blessed Mary: grant that we, who have seen your glory revealed in our human nature and your love made perfect in our weakness, may daily be renewed in your image and conformed to the pattern of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, 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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This festival in honour of the birth of the mother of our Lord is celebrated on this day in both the eastern and the western Churches. Falling nine months after the feast of the Conception of Mary, it stands, as Andrew of Crete says, 'on the boundary between the old and the new covenants and ushers in the new dispensation of grace. Today is built a shrine for the creator of the universe.'

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Next newsletter on **Sunday 13 September**. Items to grapevine.rey@gmail.com by **9.00 am on Thursday 10 September**.