



NEWSLETTER



Sunday 4 October - Trinity 17 & Harvest

Isaiah 5.1-7; Philippians 3.4b-14; Matthew 21.33-end

Online Service this Sunday

A service of worship for Harvest, including a message from Nicky Gladstone of Carecent, will be shared on our **YouTube channel** www.youtube.com/channel/UC_10sXmB7N5CKsD60_eRXjg.

Post-service coffee & chat

Make yourself a cuppa and join us at 11.30am over Zoom for a catch up. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87423794155>

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. There might be a bit of a pause as the service recording uploads (15-20 seconds). Enjoy!



A Harvest Reflection - from Judith Hewitt

*It's another Harvest Festival
When we bring our fruit and vegetables
Cause we want to share the best of all
The good things that we've been given.*

These are the words from the Harvest Samba that we would be singing when the children from Dunnington Primary School come to celebrate Harvest in St Nicholas Church. But like other celebrations this will not be happening this year.

Harvest Festivals have taken place, in various forms, since we read these words in Genesis, 'While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.'

Harvest Festivals occur all around the world at various times usually to coincide with the conclusion of the harvest of crops, and would often include a meal of some kind as part of the celebration.

An early harvest festival was celebrated at the beginning of the harvest season on 1st August and was called Lammas, meaning 'loaf Mass'. Farmers would make loaves of bread from the fresh wheat crop and give them to the local church as the Communion bread to be used during a special service to thank God for the harvest.

Harvest in Britain tends to take place at the end of the harvest and when we first came to Dunnington there was a Harvest Service on Thursday evening when the local farmers would join us to give thanks.

Harvest Festivals have changed over the years. We no longer have our Churches full of produce from our gardens. I wonder who remembers cleaning carrots, parsnips etc and putting them in a decorated shoe box to take to harvest. Today we tend to ask for gifts that can be used by Carecent, but this year their needs have changed (details on the reverse of this newsletter and in the [October Grapevine](#)).

In recent years Harvest has been linked with an awareness of and a concern for other people, particularly those in the developing world where they rely so much on the weather and other conditions so their crops will grow and produce the food they need to survive.

We might feel this year we haven't much to thank God for at harvest time, but just look around you, we have so much to be thankful for.

Some also say Harvest Festival is not a Christian, or religious festival, but if we look back to the roots of our Christian faith we can see from early times the

Jewish year was punctuated by festivals, with some of them coinciding with the changing seasons, reminding them of God's constant provision for them.

They were occasions of joy and celebration reflecting on all the good things that God had given and done for his people.

So let this weekend be an occasion when we thank God for his goodness to each one of us, giving thanks not just for the food we have to eat, but also for our warm homes, for a safe place to lay our heads each night and for people to care for us, and let us not forget the spiritual food which has sustained us and will continue to sustain as we enter the uncertain days ahead.

Judith



St Nicholas Church Dunnington needs YOU!

We have several vacancies to be filled at the Annual Meeting on 22 November:

Churchwarden (from early 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 Nick for more information.

PCC Members

Four to serve until the APCM in 2023 and four to serve until the APCM in 2022. Anyone interested speak to Rev Nick Bird, a churchwarden (Peter Helm and Carole White) or any current member of PCC.

Representatives on Deanery Synod

Anyone interested please speak to Judith Hewitt, Joan Verrier, Alison Gilmour or Rev Nick Bird.

Nomination forms for all the above are available from Eve Scoreby or the churchwardens.

Services and private prayer in our church buildings this week

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
Sunday Worship Sunday 10.30am
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.

Parish Churches News & Events

Congratulations to Pat and Ivan Adams, Mill House, Warthill, who, in spite of the restrictions imposed by the coronavirus, managed over the summer to raise £1,100.00 for the Air Ambulance, with socially distanced coffee mornings!

Stockton have resumed Sunday services in the church building. Places are limited to 40 people, and must be reserved ahead of time (on a first come, first served basis) by contacting Ennis Tweddle (Churchwarden) 400364/ennisjacksonuk@yahoo.co.uk. Please wear a face covering, sit in designated seats only, and take your service sheet home afterwards. See above for other services in the church buildings.

Carecent Harvest Appeal.

Carecent are asking for donations of money rather than goods this Harvest. The parish churches are gathering financial donations from parishioners together, so that each church can make a single donation. If you would like to contribute, please do so by **Monday 12 October**. Money can be given in cash or a cheque payable to your parish church (for St Nicks, make it out to 'Dunnington PCC'). Give it to your churchwarden or treasurer, or put it through Nick Bird's letterbox. Thank you very much! More information in the [October issue of The Grapevine](#).



APCMs. Warthill has had its APCM. Stockton's will be on **Tuesday 17 November**, 7pm, in Holy Trinity Church. The APCM for St Nicholas Church will take place on **Sunday 22 November** (time and location tbc).

Dunnington Methodist Church

At the Church Council meeting this week Church members and those on the Community role discussed how the Chapel might be able to open during the Covid 19 pandemic. It was decided that a short **service** (40-45 minutes) would take place on **Sunday 18th October** at 10.00am as a trial event. This would be thoroughly risk assessed and adhere to all guidance regarding Covid 19. Attendees will be required to wear a face covering inside the Chapel, use hand sanitizer on entry and exit, practice social distancing throughout, and follow instructions issued by the steward on duty. But.... it does mean that we will worship together, in person, and in fellowship, something that most members have longed to do!!

In addition to this, a **prayer meeting** will be held at the chapel on **Tuesday 13 October** 10.30am under the same conditions, but with the same joy!

A booking system is in place for both events. If you wish to attend the service must leave a phone message for Anne Castle 01904 481656 by Thursday 15 October. For the prayer meeting please call Pat Muir 01904 417742 by Thursday 8 October.

News from the Methodist Circuit

Worship resources [link](#). This week's Circuit-led Traditional service is a Harvest service using the 'All We Can' service material. It will be available from our Circuit YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/channel/UCMZl3vyksFEonZ-EQbbhuQ

All Age worship. This Sunday, 4 October, there will be an All Age Worship Service led jointly by Lydia, and Tim Baker from 'All We Can', themed *Change Begins with a Bicycle*. This service will be fun and interactive, and suitable for people of all ages, so come, bring your bike (or not!), thank God for all he has given, and work to help those in need. The service will be accessible from 12.15am on Sunday morning, and can be accessed using the link www.huntingtonmethodistchurch.co.uk/stream.

Central Methodist - Organ Vespers for Harvest - Sunday 11 October 2.30pm. A service of words and music celebrating God's gifts to us. Livestreaming to our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CentralMethodistChurchYork/>

Praying for our Circuit. The church on the Circuit Prayer Rota for **4th October is Central**. 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.

Lectionary Corner

6 October: William Tyndale, Translator of the Scriptures, Reformation Martyr 1536

10 October: Paulinus, Bishop of York, Missionary 644

Read more and access prayers at: www.stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/news/newsletter-41020.php

Other News and Events

First Bus have amended the no. 10 timetable. [More info.](#)

One Family interactive church for families, over zoom, 2nd Tuesday of the month starting 13 October, 5-6pm. [More info.](#)

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 11 October**. Items to grapevine.rey@gmail.com by **9.00 am on Thursday 8 October**