



# NEWSLETTER

Sunday 18 October - Luke the Evangelist

2 Timothy 4.5-17; Luke 10.1-9



## Online Service this Sunday

A service of worship, including a homily from our curate, Revd Mark Poole, will be shared on our YouTube channel [www.youtube.com/channel/UC\\_10sXmB7N5CKsD60\\_eRXig](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_10sXmB7N5CKsD60_eRXig).



## 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?pwd=YUZ0RDE4a2pOT28rUXA2UFNBQUtUQT09>



## 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!



## St Luke - a reflection from Revd Nick Bird

St. Luke, whose feast day we celebrate every 18th October, is a striking character. He is the purported author of a gospel, and the Acts of the Apostles (a sort of live-action outbreak of the Christian faith), and also a protagonist in those books. He is thought to be the same person as 'Luke the Physician', and this carries more weight through the stories in his gospel that focus on healing and the medical symptoms that he includes. St. Luke's Day is also a time when a healing service might be held (our deanery service was postponed this year due to the risk of catching covid-19, which, if contracted during the anointing and laying on of hands, risked the possibility of death by irony!).

We don't see much by way of miraculous healing in our churches these days.

Perhaps we don't expect to do so. We do, however, frequently have people returning from our hospitals, where death has been averted and health restored, all of which is accounted for as a 'medical miracle'. So perhaps miracles do happen, but the delivery system is changing.

What our gospel passage (Luke 10.1-9) strongly suggests today is that when Jesus sent out the 70 disciples to preach the gospel and to heal the sick, that in doing so in pairs, cooperation was foundational to the healing, wholeness and redemption possibilities of the gospel. The lone wolf preacher doesn't happen, but we do these things together. When we seek healing today, we continue to do it in a cooperation between those who hold us in their

prayers and those who hold our medical records.

Cooperation is a basic principle of our Trinitarian God, who continually brings people back into the community of those who call upon grace. The healing stories that St. Luke recounts are always about those who are not simply restored to health (who can't do that?!), but are restored to their community, their family, their faith. And his stories frequently focus on women, children, and the outsider or outcast. It is a compassionate gospel indeed.

Let us pray that St. Luke might continue to work his gifts among us as we draw together in faith and love, bringing hope and life and love to those to whom we are sent.

## 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 (by reservation\*)  
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

\* To reserve a place at Holy Trinity Church, Stockton, contact Ennis Tweddle (Churchwarden) [ennisjacksonuk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ennisjacksonuk@yahoo.co.uk) / 400364. Please wear a face covering, sit in designated seats only, and take your service sheet home afterwards.

## 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.

# 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.

## Parish Churches News & Events

**All Souls Service.** Every year on the first Sunday in November we invite those from the Benefice who have been bereaved in the previous year to a service at St Nicholas Church. We cannot meet in Church this year but there will be a YouTube service, including an opportunity to light your own candle in memory of your loved one. To receive a copy of the transcript, please contact Judith (488331).



**APCMs.** Stockton: Tuesday 17 November, 7pm, in Holy Trinity Church. Dunnington: Sunday 22 November (details to follow).

**The Electoral Roll revision for St Nicholas Church** will take place between 10 and 25 October. The revised roll will be published on 1 November and the report will be in the PCC Annual Reports. If you, or someone you know, wishes to be added to the Roll please contact Alison Gilmour ([allie@bearwith.me.uk](mailto:allie@bearwith.me.uk) or 489148) before 24 October and I will provide you with the form.

## Black Lives Matter - Raising Awareness in our Communities.

Derwent Deanery are hosting a meeting on 19 October, 7.30pm at St Helen's Church, with Canon Linda Ali speaking on this theme. Linda, born in Trinidad and Tobago, travelled to Britain in 1961 to study Beauty Therapy and Electrolysis. As a result of sustained discrimination, she decided to follow a different career path in Trade Marks management working in the City of London for over 30 years. Linda is a lay canon at York Minster, a member of General Synod, and also of Derwent Deanery Synod. St Helen's is a large well ventilated church with room for us to be together but 'socially distant'. All welcome.



## Dunnington Methodist Church

**We will be holding a short service (40-45 minutes) on Sunday 18th October at 10.00am as a trial event.** This has been thoroughly risk assessed and adheres to all guidance regarding Covid19. 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!!

A booking system is in place for this event and those who wish to attend the service must leave a phone message for Anne Castle 01904 481656. At the present time (Wed 14 October) all those who have left a message have been booked in. **You will be contacted if you call and there are no more places left.**

**Church Council Meeting.** Our next meeting will be held on Friday 23rd October at 2.30pm. We will be discussing how the trial service and prayer meeting were received by attendees and how this will effect future plans. We will also be looking further ahead to plans 'beyond Covid'. Please could you leave a phone message for Anne Castle, as above, to book a place at the meeting. The requirements listed for the service will apply to this meeting as well. **Assume you are booked in unless informed otherwise.**

## News from the Methodist Circuit

### Worship resources

This week's Circuit-led Traditional service will be available from Sunday on the Circuit YouTube channel at <https://youtu.be/srKBKYbjerk> or <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMZII3vyksFEonZ-EQbbhuQ>

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

### Praying for our Circuit

The church on the Circuit Prayer Rota for 18th October is **Clifton Moor**. 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.

God,  
When we look at your world, we may feel we don't understand.

We may see only the sad, the broken, the fearful,  
Planet and people struggling with disease and disaster.

We may ask ourselves why you have let this happen,  
We may blame ourselves for treating your world and people so poorly.

Help us to see the hope that you bring,  
The plant blooming in a crack in the wasteland,  
The kind word from a friend or stranger,  
The distant song that reminds us of better times.  
The signs of your presence in our lives.

Help us to share that hope,  
To sow the seeds, to encourage, to love one another as you love us.  
Amen.



## Lectionary Corner

18 October: Luke the Evangelist

19 October: Henry Martyn, Translator of the Scriptures,  
Missionary in India and Persia 1812

Access more information and prayers at:

[stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/news/newsletter-181020.php](http://stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/news/newsletter-181020.php)

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Next newsletter on **Sunday 25 October**. Items to [grapevine.rey@gmail.com](mailto:grapevine.rey@gmail.com) by **9.00 am on Thursday 22 October**