



NEWSLETTER

Sunday 25 October - Bible Sunday



Nehemiah 8.1-4a, 5-6, 8-12; Colossians 3.12-17; Matthew 24.30-35

Online Service this Sunday

A service of worship, including a homily from Revd Nick Bird and words of thankfulness of hope, 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?pwd=YUZORDE4a2pOT28rUXA2UFNBQUtUQT09>



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!



The Dandelion - a reflection from Judith Hewitt

Our recent Reader weekend at Wydale was very different this year for many reasons, but nothing can take away the beauty and peace you feel when you are there.

Sam, our Archdeacon and Warden of Readers led the weekend for us, encouraging us to reflect of God's creation. She suggested we spent a longish amount of time focussed on something of God's creation and to then write a parable about the kingdom of God.

There is so much one can focus on at Wydale, but while having my packed lunch in the walled garden there in front of me was a dandelion in flower and not far away a dandelion clock, so here is the parable I wrote.

The kingdom of God is like a dandelion, shining bright yellow amongst a sea of



green. It stands high above the grass, brightening the verges in their season. Just look at the petals, so many of them they can't be counted. Imagine each one with a message for you, what would they say? Would they discourage or encourage you on your faith journey?

Think for a moment about its root, not seen unless you want to remove it from your lawn. It is long and thin making removal difficult, but giving firm foundations.

When the flower dies it is replaced with a dandelion clock, which allows the dandelion to go on the wind wherever it will and to start a new plant.

So why is the kingdom of God like a dandelion? What message does it have? Could you be a dandelion, with Christ's light shining from your face? Are you firmly rooted in your faith? Are you ready to go on the wind wherever God sends you?

Why don't you take time with something in God's creation and write your own 'The Kingdom of God....' parable?

Judith Hewitt

If you would like to, you are welcome to email your parable to grapevine.rey@gmail.com for inclusion in a future issue of [The Grapevine](#).

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 2pm - 4pm

* To reserve a place at Holy Trinity Church, Stockton, contact Ennis Tweddle (Churchwarden) 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

Change of time to St Nicholas church open hours. With the clocks going back this weekend, starting this Sunday the church will be open on Sundays for private prayer from 2pm - 4pm (changed from 3pm - 5pm) to allow locking up before dark.

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).



An invitation to prayer from Revd Mark Poole

I would like to invite you to an informal time of prayer via Zoom. I am hoping this can be a monthly event over the next three months whilst we are under the restrictions placed upon us due to the Coronavirus pandemic. It will be 45 mins - 1 hour max, starting at 7:00pm, and will be an opportunity to pray for the needs of our communities, our nation and our world. It will also be an opportunity for us to pray for God's mission in our benefice as we seek to serve in His Kingdom.



The first three sessions will be on the following dates:

Tuesday 10th November at 7:00pm
Monday 14th December at 7:00pm
Thursday 14th January 2021 at 7:00pm

You are very welcome to join one or more of these sessions. We can then review how we move forward after January. If you know anyone who worships elsewhere and who may like to join us, then please let them know the dates and forward the zoom details - they will be most welcome.

A Zoom invitation will be sent out a few days in advance. Please email revmarkpoole20@gmail.com to be included.

If you do not wish to join us, but would like prayer, then please do let me know, and whether you are happy for this to be prayed for during the meeting.

With every blessing, Mark

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

Lectionary Corner

Access this week's lectionary information and prayers at: stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/news/newsletter-251020.php

Dunnington Methodist Church

Dear Friends, this week we have received a message from Reverend Roger Dunlop, a previous minister here in Dunnington. Having heard of the sad loss of our dear friend Joan, he sends his love to all the congregation.

Church Council Meeting. A church council 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 affect future plans. We will also be looking further ahead to plans 'beyond Covid'. Please could you leave a phone message for Anne Castle 01904 481656 to book a place at the meeting. The same conditions that applied to the service on Sunday will apply at the meeting. **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://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMZlI3vyksFEonZ-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 25th October is **Copmanthorpe**. 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.



One World

Dear loving God, we praise you for your love.

In love you made this beautiful world.

You made us and have blessed us with life.

When we made wrong choices, you did not abandon us, but you called out to your people and you sent Jesus to bring us home.

In Jesus we know that you are always with us.

We are sorry for the wrong choices we have made: for the wrong decisions we took in our lives and for the times when we turned from you.

We thank you that you will never leave us or forsake us, that you forgive us and that in Jesus we are with you forever.

In his holy name we pray.

Amen.

(from the Global relationships worship resource pack <https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-worldwide/global-relationships/opportunities-and-resources/resources/>)

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 1 November**. Items to grapevine.rey@gmail.com by **9.00 am on Thursday 29 October**