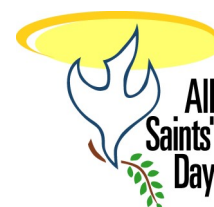




NEWSLETTER

Sunday 1 November - All Saints' Day

Revelation 7.9-end; 1 John 3.1-3, Matthew 5.1-12



Online Service this Sunday

A service of worship, including a homily from Revd Canon Terry Joyce, will be shared on our YouTube channel 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=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!



'All Saints' - a reflection by Revd Mark Poole

This Sunday is traditionally celebrated as 'All Saints day,' and as I reflect on well-known saints, I find myself wondering what actually constitutes being a saint. A quick Google search indicates that a saint is recognized as someone having 'an exceptional degree of holiness', and holiness can be interpreted to mean being 'sacred and set apart in some way.' There is much food for thought here.

In his book 'Being Disciples,' Rowan Williams suggests that Jesus turns this traditional notion of holiness on its head. In John's Gospel, Jesus declares to his disciples at the Last Supper that he is about to sanctify himself, to 'make himself holy' as he turns to face the cross. Williams presents the notion that the crucifixion is quite astonishingly the most holy event of all time and yet it as far

removed from anything or anyone traditionally considered to be holy as could be imagined. He says 'its an execution machine on a rubbish dump outside the city wall. Holiness.....is a matter of Jesus going right into the middle of the mess and the suffering of human

nature. For him, being holy is being absolutely involved, not being absolutely separated.'

This transformative notion of the holiness of Jesus Christ could not be more apt for All Saints 2020. The world is vulnerable, wounded and in a mess. To know with all my heart that at the centre of this heartache and pain we find God with us gives me the hope I need to cling onto moving forward through the months ahead. But it also challenges me profoundly. For as Jesus sanctifies himself before the crucifixion, he also asks his disciples to make themselves holy in the same way. He calls us to enter into the sufferings of this world with Him, as much as we can, reaching out in love and in service. This is what it means to be holy, this is what it means to be a saint.



Services, prayer meetings and private prayer in our church buildings this week

Dunnington Methodist Church (by reservation†)

Prayer Meeting Thursday 10.00am

Dunnington

Morning Prayer (service) Thursday 9.00am

Open for private prayer Thurs 10am - 12pm, Sun 2pm - 4pm

Warthill

Morning Prayer (service) Tuesday 9.00am

Open for private prayer Thurs 1 - 4pm, Sun 1pm - 4pm

†To reserve a place at Dunnington Methodist Church, contact Pat Muir on 01904 488919 by Tuesday

*To reserve a place at Holy Trinity, Stockton, contact Ennis Tweddle (Churchwarden) ennisjacksonuk@yahoo.co.uk / 400364.

Holtby

Morning Prayer (service) Monday 9.00am

Open for private prayer Thurs 10am - 1pm, 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

Please wear a face covering, sit in designated seats only, and take any service sheets home afterwards

Compline (online)



Join Nick Bird and others for a quiet service of Compline every Wednesday at 7.00pm. Download the free Zoom app or 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, 1st November. There will be a service when we remember those we have loved but who are no longer with us. This will be available on our Youtube channel youtu.be/2jeS_i0ehK8 from Saturday 31 October. A transcript is available at stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/covid19/worship/transcripts/. If you would like a printed copy, please let Judith know. The service will not be available on the phone line, sorry. This year the names of all those we have been in contact with for funerals will have the names of their loved ones read out, and there will also be time for you to remember your loved ones as you light a candle.



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-11120.php

Dunnington Methodist Church

Dear Friends, having experienced and discussed our trial service on 18th October, we now look forward to another gathering on **13th December**. (as long as Covid-19 restrictions allow.)

In the meantime, we are happy to announce that the Prayer Meeting will continue to take place at the Chapel on Thursday mornings at 10.00 am, lasting about an hour. If you would like to attend, please book a place with Pat Muir on 01904 488919 (by Tuesday of the week you wish to attend) **you will be contacted if there are no more places left, otherwise consider yourself included**. If you are unable to attend but would like to request a prayer on your behalf, Pat would love to hear from you. Please call her on the number above.

News from the Methodist Circuit

Worship resources

This week's service will be available from Sunday at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMZl3vyksFEonZ-EQbbhuQ>. Our webpage <https://www.yorkmethodist.org.uk/coronavirus-information.html> lists resources and services arranged locally

Social media

Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/yorkmethodistcircuit/>. Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/267605153386046/>

Praying for our Circuit

The church on the Circuit Prayer Rota for 1st November is **Dunnington**. 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.

Lord of all time,
We pray for your church
We thank you for those who have inspired and taught us in the past,
Those who nurtured us in faith,
Those who planted churches and preached your gospel,
All those who sought to live your way as an example to others.
We pray for the church today,
For those who make possible our worship, week by week,
For those who serve to love and care,
For those who work to serve and share your good news.
We look forward to the day to come
When there is no more division or persecution,
When the church is united in praise of you,
When the whole world will see your glory.
Amen.



Anyone is welcome to receive the Circuit News, please email yorkcircuitoffice@gmail.com.

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 8 November**. Items to grapevine.rey@gmail.com by **9.00 am on Thursday 5 November**