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CHRISTMAS 2020 / JANUARY 2021



Christmas celebrations in the churches and online p. 4-6

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serving the Parishes of
Dunnington, Stockton on the Forest
Warthill & Holtby



Readings for Christmas 2020 & January 2021

20 December - Advent 4

2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16;
Romans 16.25-end; Luke 1.26-38

24 December - Christmas Eve

Hebrews 1.1-4; John 1.1-14

25 December - Christmas Day

Titus 3.4-7; Luke 2.8-20



3 January - Epiphany

Isaiah 60.1-6; Ephesians 3.1-12;
Matthew 2.1-12

10 January - Baptism of Christ

Genesis 1.1-5; Acts 19.1-7; Mark 1.4-11

17 January - Epiphany 2

1 Samuel 3.1-10; Revelation 5.1-10;
John 1.43-end

24 January - Epiphany 3

Genesis 14.17-20; Revelation 19.6-10;
John 2.1-11

31 January - Candlemas

Malachi 3.1-5; Hebrews 2.14-end;
Luke 2.22-40



From the Registers

Dunnington, Holtby
Warthill, &
Stockton on the
Forest

Baptisms

none

Weddings

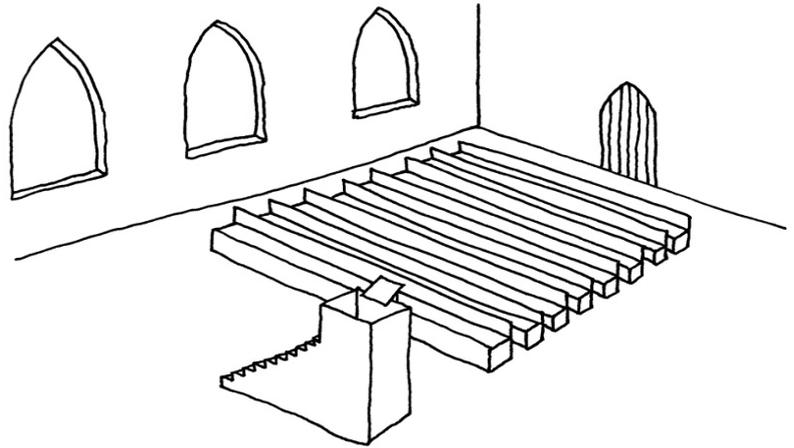
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Funerals

We commit to God's loving care:

Dorothy Simey
16 December, Dunnington

THE CHURCH IS EMPTY



THIS IS BECAUSE EVERYONE IS BUSY



HELPING AT THE
FOOD BANK



DELIVERING
PRESCRIPTIONS



CREATING
ONLINE WORSHIP



RUNNING THE
DEBT ADVICE CENTRE

This CartoonChurch.com cartoon by Dave Walker originally appeared in the Church Times. CartoonChurch.com

Christmas is not cancelled

Dear Friends,

The phrase 'It'll be over by Christmas' has been around since World War 1, but it has re-emerged this year thanks to Coronavirus and the Prime Minister. Sadly the reality in 2020, as in 1914, is somewhat different and there is no doubt that it will have a profound effect on how we mark and celebrate Jesus' birth this year. But one thing is for sure – Christmas is **not** cancelled, and neither is the Good News at the heart of it any different!



Two things which I have reflected upon amongst you previously this year speak to my understanding of what we celebrate at Christmas. There was the statement from a former prisoner saying, "A lot of people can now relate to where I have been. In the same way I can now relate to their fears and insecurity." Lockdown, for all that it is hard and unwanted, has perhaps offered unexpected opportunities to empathise with the experience of others – Terry Waite has made this point out of his experience.

Similarly, on Remembrance Sunday I contrasted the modern practice of 'othering' – defining one's opponents in such a way as to separate you from them – with God's approach of 'de-othering' by being in Jesus to work for the 'at-one-ment' of all. And, for me, that begins – and perhaps ends – with the incarnation. Because this is so much more than God "relating to where we have been" or feeling empathy with the human experience – it is God becoming "flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone", or a Charles Wesley puts it, "Our God contracted to a span incomprehensibly made man."

I find in these two examples powerful illustrations of what is at the heart of the Christian gospel – what John's gospel expresses as "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth." And while this year may be a low-key and stripped-back celebration, perhaps it will help us glimpse its essential truth and see a very human story of vulnerability and openness to God, of hospitality and welcome, and to living in response to government edicts. So, my prayer for us all is that the essential truth of 'God with us' will become a fresh reality that we can treasure in our hearts.

With every blessing for Advent and Christmas,

Keith Albans, Methodist Minister

Mapping the peaks

Friends,

Last week our family received some terrible news. To round off 2020 (a year that, had it been a scented candle, would carry l'odeur of a slurry lake at one of our local farms), our beloved car spectacularly failed its MOT. After some ten years of fun and frolics, (Citroen) Picasso ain't painting no more.

All this happened to coincide with my annual retreat, which is one of the great privileges of being a priest. Usually I would hole up somewhere like a monastery, and enter into the rhythm of prayer and silence, but this is 2020 and not much is usual. So, with nowhere to go, I decided to take a long walk each day, either town or country, and spend time in recollection, to wonder as I wandered. Having chosen to scrap our faithful friend (and, yes, it did have a slight whiff of taking a much loved furry companion to the vet for a final visit), I made the positive choice to not mourn the loss (or be frustrated by the cost), but to celebrate a passing.

For a whole day I recalled all the family holidays over the past decade where our car had transported us, and the fun we had, often with friends or family: Skye, Wick, Ullapool and Inverness; Derry, Dublin and Dingle; Penzance, Snowdonia, Buxton and Jedburgh; Bilbao and Santander; Sienna, Florence, Assisi and Rome; and somewhere entirely forgettable in France, apparently, of which I have no memory at all - sorry!

To look back fondly on the adventures of a growing family brought great joy from a situation that may have summonsed annoyance, and I was deeply grateful. The really interesting question now is whether one can do the same for 2020? When I plot the route of memory through the year, I could count the cost, the inconvenience, the disruption and separation (though I openly admit to having travelled more unscathed than some others, and my heart truly goes out to those who have lost work or opportunity or even family), or I can count the blessings, joys, moments of grace and gift. They will all be there in the mix, and none of it is denied, but as the year draws to a close, do I choose to map the peaks or the troughs? Perhaps we know which will bring greater joy.

May this pandemic pass and the children of the earth come out to play once more. And to each and every one of you, I wish you peace and love, and a blessed New Year.

Nick Bird, Your Rector



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and Joy



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DATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

All items for the **FEBRUARY 2021** edition of the magazine must be received by the Editor no later than **WEDNESDAY 13 JANUARY**

Email grapevine.rey@gmail.com or place in the tray in the Tower Room at St Nicholas Church, together with your name and contact details.

For all other enquiries, please call Victoria on 01904 489817 or e-mail as above.

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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS IN THE CHURCHES

FAMILY NATIVITY TRAIL
 IN THE VILLAGES OF DUNNINGTON, STOCKTON ON THE FOREST, WARTHILL
 & HOLTBY
 FROM 2ND DECEMBER 2020

FOLLOW THE TRAILS AROUND THE VILLAGES AND READ THE STORY OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS.
 POSTERS WILL BE VISIBLE ON FENCES, LAMP-POSTS, GATES ETC.

**A TRAIL MAP WILL BE AVAILABLE
 ON ST NICHOLAS CHURCH WEBSITE.**

FOR THOSE WHO LIKE A LITTLE BIT OF A CHALLENGE FIND THE WORDS HIDDEN ON THE POSTERS
 AND PUT THEM TOGETHER TO MAKE A VERSE FROM THE BIBLE. THE FIRST TEN PEOPLE TO
 MESSAGE (Horton2517@sky.com) WITH THE BIBLE VERSE AND THE BOOK IT IS FROM WILL GET A
 SMALL PRIZE.

CRAFT PACKS ARE AVAILABLE-PLEASE
 MESSAGE ME ON THE ABOVE EMAIL TO REGISTER.

PLEASE REMEMBER SOCIAL DISTANCING RULES AT ALL TIMES.



Nativity Trail

A Nativity Trail is now in place in each of the four villages (poster above).

Download a trail map from stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/news/nativity-trails.php and follow the trail to read the story of the first Christmas on the posters, which will be displayed on fences, lamp posts, gates etc. The trails will be in place until the schools go back in January

Please remember social distancing rules at all times.

Nativity Trail Challenge

find the words hidden on the posters and put them together to make a verse from the bible.

Nativity Trail Craft Packs

Craft packs are also available - please message Lisa Horton on Horton2517@sky.com to register.

Dunnington Methodist Church

Christmas is all about surprises, usually the kind we love: surprise gifts, surprise visits, surprise hugs and kisses; but 2020 has been another sort of surprise entirely! This year we will only have seen each other once (physically) during Advent and the Christmas season, although we have been blessed by the gift of technology enabling us to keep in contact in other ways.

As a church we try to focus on the greatest surprise of all, the birth of a tiny and helpless baby, at a time when many of us have felt 'tiny and helpless' I am sure. I have read that when John Wesley was near to death he cried out the words "The best of all is God is with us". Good words for the worst of times!!

As we move on into 2021 we will continue to keep in contact via technology and by the delivery of paper copies of services and the newsletter. A special thank you to Diane who does all the deliveries and to Victoria and the team who produce the Newsletter. Happy birthday to the Grapevine too!

Website: www.yorkmethodist.org.uk/

YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/channel/UCMZII3vyksFEonZ-EQbbhuQ

Facebook: www.facebook.com/yorkmethodistcircuit/

Contact Anne 01904 481656 or Diane 01904 489495.

Happy Christmas and New Year from Dunnington Methodist Church



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS IN THE CHURCHES

This year we will be celebrating the birth of Christ in a variety of ways, and we very much hope that you will join us!

Online

Throughout lockdown we have been posting a weekly Sunday worship service on our YouTube channel www.youtube.com/channel/UC_10sXmB7N5CKsD60_eRXjg (or go to youtube.com and search for 'St Nicholas Church').



Some special Christmas services you may wish to join us for are:

- * **Christingle** (a family favourite) - already posted on the channel
- * **Carol Service** - Sunday 20 December
- * **Crib Service** - Saturday 24 December
- * **Christmas Day Service** - a short and joyful service on Sunday 25 December



The services are normally shared on the channel the day beforehand. Many of us worship 'together' at 10.30am on a Sunday morning, using the video service prepared for that day, but you can watch them anytime! All the services we have shared online remain on our YouTube channel for viewing.

To be added to the list of people who receive a weekly email invitation to the service when it goes live, please email Nick Bird on revnickbird@gmail.com

Phone

Know someone without internet access? They can listen to the audio version of the weekly service by phone at any point during the week. It's the cost of a local call and very simple to do - just dial 899433.



In our church buildings

Sunday 20 December 4.00pm **Family Carol Service** at Holy Trinity, Stockton on the Forest
6.00pm **Carol Service** at Holy Trinity, Stockton on the Forest

Christmas Eve 6.00pm Stand on your doorstep and ring bells or sing a carol together to share the joy of Christmas!

Thursday 24 December 7.00pm **Christmas Eve Communion** Service at St Nicholas Church

Christmas Day 9.30am **Christmas Day Communion** Service at St Nicholas Church

Friday 25 December 10.30am **Christmas Day Communion** Service at St Nicholas Church

10.30am **Christmas Day Communion** Service at Holy Trinity, Stockton on the Forest



Book
Now!

**BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL FOR ALL SERVICES
IN THE CHURCH BUILDINGS**

Book
Now!

For Dunnington Services, please book by ringing Nick Bird on 489349 or email revnickbird@gmail.com

For Stockton Services, please book by ringing Ennis 400364 or email revnickbird@gmail.com

Singing, unfortunately, is not permitted in the church buildings, and the services will be shorter than usual in order to reduce risk. The outside doors will also be left wide open to increase ventilation, so come prepared. Finally, because we have to manage numbers (we are limited to 40 people in Stockton and 30 in Dunnington), we are asking people to book themselves in ahead of time to avoid disappointment.

There are no services planned in Holtby or Warthill over Christmas, but

St Mary's Church in Warthill will be open for private prayer on Christmas day 1.00—4.00pm

STAY UP-TO-DATE »

For up to date information on Benefice Services, in case plans need to change or services are cancelled, please refer to the St. Nicholas Church website stnicholasdunnington.org.uk or contact Rev Nick Bird 489349.



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS IN THE CHURCHES

The Children's Society



The Children's Society last year received £1.2 million from Christingle services. If you can support the Society's work with vulnerable children please do so via our Christingle fundraising page <https://thyg.uk/CUS048186> or you can leave a donation at The Rectory in Dunnington or with Ennis Tweddle in Stockton in a marked envelope. Thank you!

Women's Refuge



Every year, we at St Nicholas Church, collect toys and toiletries to go to IDAS to support women and children affected by domestic violence. This year we instead collected money and bought supermarket gift tokens so that the women could get the gifts they needed.

Angels

Why not put an angel, home-made or bought, up in your window as a sign of light and hope in this Christmas season for people to see as they walk around our Villages.



St Nicholas Church Preparations for Christmas

The Nativity figures will begin their journey to Bethlehem on Thursday 17th December, when the Christmas Tree will also be put up.

Do visit St Nicholas Church on Thursdays 9.30 to 12.00 and Sundays 2.00 to 4.00pm.

St Nicholas will also be open for prayer on Christmas Day after the Christmas Morning services until mid-afternoon.



Carol Singing in Dunnington

We are planning to sing Carols in

The Glebe car park on **Monday 21st December** at 4.00pm

The Green, near Greenside, on **Wednesday 23rd December** at 6.00pm

Please keep in groups of 6, with those in each group standing at least 2 metres apart.

Carol sheets will be provided but you can also download one to your phone from stnicholasdunnington.org.uk where you can check any last minute changes, or contact Judith judithmewitt@btinternet.com

We are not going house to house Carol Singing as we want to keep those we visit safe.



Eat the pies

More info
on page 13



Save the foil

REGULAR WORSHIP & PRAYER

Sundays online



Our weekly online Sunday worship is continuing, with a service of the Word, with songs and prayers, posted on our YouTube channel each Sunday and remaining available thereafter.

The services are normally shared on the channel the day beforehand. Many of us worship 'together' at 10.30am on a Sunday morning, using the video service prepared for that day, but you can watch them anytime!

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Coffee and chat

Do join us for a catch up over Zoom at 11.30 each Sunday, once people have had a chance to participate in the service. Contact Rev Nick Bird revnickbird@gmail.com for login details.



Sundays in our church buildings

Holy Trinity Church, Stockton's is holding Sunday services in the church building. Places are limited to 40 people, and must be reserved ahead of time by contacting Ennis Twedde (Churchwarden) 400364/ennisjacksonuk@yahoo.co.uk. Places will be booked on a first come, first served basis.

It is mandatory by law for face coverings to be worn, unless one is exempt. Please only sit in designated seats and take your service sheet home afterwards. The service is about 30 minutes long, and, sadly, no singing or hanging around afterwards to chat is permitted at present

Weekdays in our church buildings

Morning Prayer takes place each week in each of the four Anglican churches, with the usual safety precautions (face masks, hand sanitising and social distancing). The churches are also open for private prayer twice a week. Days and times below.

Holtby

Morning Prayer (service): Mondays 9.00am
Open for private prayer: Thursdays 10am - 1pm and Sundays 1pm - 4pm

Warthill

Morning Prayer (service): Tuesdays 9.00am
Open for private prayer: Thursdays 1 - 4pm and Sundays 1pm - 4pm

Stockton

Morning Prayer (service): Wednesdays 9.00am
Open for private prayer: Wednesdays 1pm - 4pm and Sundays 1pm - 4pm

Dunnington (St Nicholas)

Morning Prayer (service): Thursdays 9.00am
Open for private prayer: Thursdays 10am - 12pm and Sundays 2pm - 4pm

Wednesday Evening Compline

Each week we have a short service of night prayer held live over Zoom at 7.00pm on Wednesday evening <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86707839332>. The service lasts for about 10 minutes, but there is the opportunity to stay and chat afterwards for those who wish to.



Monthly Prayer Meeting

Revd Mark Poole invites you to join him for an informal time of prayer via Zoom. The next meeting is on **Thursday 14th January.**

zoom | **PRAYER MEETING**

Each session lasts about an hour, commencing at 7:00pm, and is an opportunity to pray for the needs of our communities, our nation and our world especially during these difficult times. It is also an opportunity for us to pray for God's mission in our villages as we seek to serve in His Kingdom.

You are very welcome to join us. If you know anyone else who worships elsewhere and who may like to join us then please let them know the dates and forward the Zoom link so they can join us.

The Zoom invitations are sent out a few days prior to each evening. Please email Revd Mark Poole revmarkpoole20@gmail.com to receive an invitation.

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

Do you want someone to pray for you?



Every week in our intercessions at Church we offer prayers for the sick, bereaved or those in any kind of need.

Please let Judith Hewitt have any names. Call Judith on 488331 (we have call guardian so you will need to say who you are!) or email her at judithmewitt@btinternet.com

Christmas Break

There will be no online service, morning prayer or compline in the week between Christmas and New Year.

This is to give the clergy and other church staff and volunteers a well-needed break!

St Nicholas Church Mission Statement

The PCC of St Nicholas church has formulated its mission statement for 2020/2021. It summarises our overall purpose as a church serving its community. It is intentionally short in the hope it is memorable...

'A Christ-like presence with the people of Dunnington'

It is supported by a rationale which explains that this is our mission statement because...

'We believe that, in Jesus, God has revealed the most compelling way to be fully human and fully alive. God is calling us to respond to His love, to flourish as a community and to practise the way of Jesus filled with his Spirit and rooted in the Bible and the Holy Sacraments.'

We aim to embody this by being a church community that shows and shares the love of Jesus by providing to all:

- A **home** of encounter, acceptance, safety, warmth and shelter
- A **place** of refuge for those who are struggling
- An **opportunity** for community enrichment
- An **inspiration** for worship, repentance, restoration, holiness and love
- An **oasis** for spiritual well-being, nourishment and transformation in the aftermath of a global pandemic
- A **commitment** to justice and the care of God's creation

This document has emerged from the extensive work carried out by the PCC through its engagement with the programme 'Leading Your Church Into Growth' and is intended to capture the very heart of this work.

Watch out for updates in the future about how we are putting it into practice. If you have any ideas of how we can do this then please do get in touch.

*Revd Mark Poole, Curate and
Carole White, Churchwarden*
revmarkpoole20@gmail.com



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St Nicholas Parish Church Beyond 2020

St Nicholas Parish Church, Dunnington launches £100K appeal "Renew, Restore, Rejuvenate"

We need to undertake major building work to ensure our much-loved historic village church can be preserved into the future providing a place for worship and much valued community activities. Most significantly the Tower Room roof needs a complete rebuild and the heating system needs replacing. Taking this opportunity to improve the church's environmental footprint is an important objective.

As you appreciate this work is well beyond our normal maintenance and improvements budget. While we will be applying for grants to help with the work it is clear we are going to have to raise a significant amount of funds ourselves.

We would love to have the support of the whole village in taking this work forward, which will help our case with approaching external funding providers. Expressions of support help and ideas on how we might develop the church would be much appreciated.

If you were able to provide a financial donation to help, to make this project happen this will be very welcome. Cash or cheques (made payable to Dunnington PCC) can be put through the Rectory Letterbox (Church Street) or via your normal church contacts. Please mark the envelope with "fabric donation". This will ensure your donation is assigned to the fabric fund used specifically for this work.

Donations can also be made online via the St Nicholas Church Dunnington website stnicholasdunnington.org.uk.

Click on the link [goldengiving Fabric](#) on our home page and your gift will be tagged as specifically for this purpose.

Thanking you in anticipation of your help with this. By the village working together on this investment we can ensure our church is renewed, restored, and rejuvenated to serve ourselves and future generations.

Peter Helm and Carole White
Churchwardens

"A Christ-like presence with the people of Dunnington"

St Nicholas Church Annual Meeting 2020

The 2020 ACPM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) for the Parish of St Nicholas, Dunnington, took place on Sunday 22 November 2020 at 2.00pm via Zoom.

The election results, as well as the papers and reports presented at the meeting, can be found on the St Nicholas church website at <https://stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/news/acpm2020.php>

'Abiding in Christ'

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Every year churches of different denominations gather for worship and prayer between 18th and 25th January. In Dunnington we usually invite those from different denominations to share in worship together.

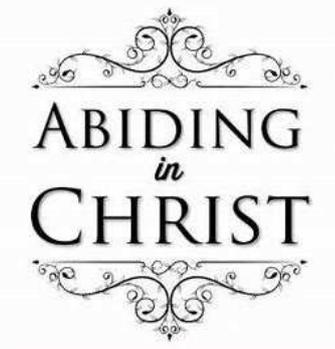
This year there will be an online service with Bishop Alison, Bishop of Hull as the preacher.

The sisters of the Community of Grandchamp, in Switzerland, were invited by the World Council of Churches to produce material for this year's week of prayer.

Bob Fyffe, General Secretary, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, says of the material:

'They have offered something uniquely precious: an opportunity to engage with a form of prayer that is both very ancient and yet at the same time so apposite for our times. The ancient rhythm of prayer found in many religious orders and their traditions teach us that when we pray, we pray not just on our own or with those who share the same physical space, but with the whole Church, the Body of Christ, of Christians in other places and in different times.

Their tradition of prayer and spirituality, despite the things that hurt and separate us, invites us into shared prayer and silence together. Surely a most precious gift in troubled times. Come with us this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and enter into a place of community and blessing. Simply "be" in this place and be carried by the prayer and the reality that it is God, in Christ and through the Holy Spirit, who carries us and accompanies us. Always.'



Save The Dates!

1st to 3rd May
Scarecrow Trail in
Dunnington



11th June
Concert by Sax Forte in St
Nicholas Church

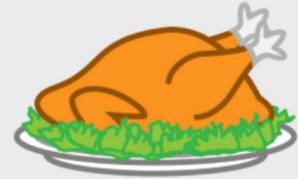
17th to 19th September
Benefice Weekend at Wydale



Fun, Food and Fellowship and Parish Lunch

As soon as we are able to we will publish dates for these events, as I know many of you are missing sharing time with others.

Judith



"The Fallen" - Remembered

The Bomber Crash at Holtby (part 3). The seven RAF aircrew members who all died in this incident on 8 Sep 1942 were, like many others, brave young men flying in aircraft built only for a deadly purpose in war, and were exposed to lethal risk on every flight. Their homes were not in this village, but it was here they fell. Two more of the seven are described below – others next month.

The observer on W1228 was 123276 Pilot Officer **Arnold Robson**, age 26. He was born on 25 Nov 1915 in Tow Law, Co. Durham, to William B. Robson and his wife Laura (Walton) who had married there in 1913. Arnold joined the RAF Volunteer Reserve, and was granted an emergency commission as Pilot Officer (Observer) on 7 Mar 1942.

His home was in Howden-le-Wear, County Durham, and his body was buried in St Mary's Churchyard there. His war grave is in front of the church entrance, where the headstone bears the epitaph "Worthy of everlasting remembrance" as requested by his parents.

Arnold had a brother William; and a sister Edith who married Frederick Baker in 1942 in Chester-le-Street, had a son and a daughter, and died there in 2000. Following the crash, Arnold was posthumously promoted to substantive rank of Flying Officer on 1 Oct 1942.

778696 Sgt **Cecil Richard Rundle**, age 31, was an Air Gunner on the bomber, possibly the Rear Gunner at the tail of the aircraft. He was born on 2 Mar 1912 in Ghanzi, Botswana, Africa, and was the eldest in a family of four children born to Frank Wallis Rundle and his wife Maria Petronella (Van Niekerk) of Southern Rhodesia.

Cecil worked as a handyman. He joined the RAF Volunteer Reserve in Rhodesia, and enlisted there for war service – one of the many who came from territories overseas to fight as part of the British and Allied Forces in the Second World War.

His grave is in the war cemetery section of St Catherine's Churchyard at Barmby Moor.

Fr Val Hollands (faithirV@googlemail.com)

WARTHILL

CHRISTMAS 2020 & JANUARY 2021

			Church Services	Church / Community Events	
Sunday	20	December	Online Carol Service (YouTube) p.5		
Tuesday	22	9.00am	Morning Prayer : St Mary		
Wednesday	23	7.00pm	Compline (Zoom) p.7		
Thursday	24		Online Crib Service (YouTube) p.5	1-4pm 6.00pm	Church open for private prayer On your doorstep, ring bells or sing a carol!
Friday	25		Online Christmas Service (YouTube) p.5	1-4pm	Church open for private prayer
Sunday	27		NO SERVICES	1-4pm	Church open for private prayer
Thursday	31			1-4pm	Church open for private prayer
Sunday	3	January	Covenant Service (YouTube) p.7	1-4pm	Church open for private prayer
Tuesday	5	9.00am	Morning Prayer : St Mary		
Wednesday	6	7.00pm	Compline (Zoom)		
Thursday	7			1-4pm	Church open for private prayer
Sunday	10		Online Worship Service (YouTube)	1-4pm	Church open for private prayer
Tuesday	12	9.00am	Morning Prayer : St Mary		
Wednesday	13	7.00pm	Compline (Zoom)		
Thursday	14	7.00pm	Prayer meeting (Zoom) p.7	1-4pm	Church open for private prayer
Sunday	17		Online Worship Service (YouTube)	1-4pm	Church open for private prayer
Tuesday	19	9.00am	Morning Prayer : St Mary		
Wednesday	20	7.00pm	Compline (Zoom)		
Thursday	21			1-4pm	Church open for private prayer
Sunday	24		Online Worship Service (YouTube)	1-4pm	Church open for private prayer
Tuesday	26	9.00am	Morning Prayer : St Mary		
Wednesday	27	7.00pm	Compline (Zoom)		
Thursday	28			1-4pm	Church open for private prayer
Sunday	31		Online Worship Service (YouTube)	1-4pm	Church open for private prayer

St Mary's Church Christmas Day Opening



St Mary's Church
Warthill will be open for private prayer
on Christmas day 1.00—4.00pm.

Warthill collection for The British Legion

THANK YOU, to all who
donated to the appeal
for The Royal British
Legion in Warthill. A
very generous £250.00
was collected in lieu of
the Poppy Appeal,
which was cancelled due to Covid 19
restrictions this year.



Warthill 100 Club

We would like to thank all those who supported our 100
Club in 2020. Below is a list of winners for the year. This is
one of our main fund raising activities, this year it will
have been our only one.

Tickets for 2021 will be available to buy from the
following people:

Joyce Dalby 01904 489471
Derek Linley 01904 489700
Sue Wilson 01904 488262



We would very much appreciate your support in 2021. Tickets are £12 for the year,
there is a monthly draw with a prize of £25.00 and two draws in December each of
£25.00.

Winners in 2020

Jan. No 41, James & Clare Wilson
Feb. No. 18, Kerry Mortimer
Mar. No. 4, Valerie Kerrison
Apr. No. Ian Wilson
May. No. 81, Jane Wilson
Jun. No. 8, Joanne Gill
Jul. No. Mick Musson

Aug. No. Becky Kendall
Sep. No. 90, Kath Thompson
Oct. No. 21, Jean Kendall
Nov. No. 27, Kathy Alexander
Dec. No.26 Sandra Free & No. 61, Mike
Proctor

CHRISTMAS 2020 & JANUARY 2021

			Church Services	Church / Community Events	
Sunday	20	December	Online Carol Service (YouTube) p.5		
Monday	21	9.00am	Morning Prayer : St Mary p.7		
Wednesday	23	7.00pm	Compline (Zoom) p.7		
Thursday	24		Online Crib Service (YouTube) p.5	10am-1pm 6.00pm	Church open for private prayer On your doorstep, ring bells or sing a carol!
Friday	25		Online Christmas Day Service (YouTube) p.5		
Sunday	27		NO SERVICES	1-4pm	Church open for private prayer
Thursday	31			10am-1pm	Church open for private prayer
Sunday	3	January	Covenant Service (YouTube) p.7	1-4pm	Church open for private prayer
Monday	4	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Holy Trinity		
Wednesday	6	7.00pm	Compline (Zoom)		
Thursday	7			10am-1pm	Church open for private prayer
Sunday	10		Online Worship Service (YouTube)	1-4pm	Church open for private prayer
Monday	11	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Holy Trinity		
Wednesday	13	7.00pm	Compline (Zoom)		
Thursday	14	7.00pm	Prayer meeting (Zoom) p.7	10am-1pm	Church open for private prayer
Sunday	17		Online Worship Service (YouTube)	1-4pm	Church open for private prayer
Monday	18	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Holy Trinity		
Wednesday	20	7.00pm	Compline (Zoom)		
Thursday	21			10am-1pm	Church open for private prayer
Sunday	24		Online Worship Service (YouTube)	1-4pm	Church open for private prayer
Monday	25	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Holy Trinity		
Wednesday	27	7.00pm	Compline (Zoom)		
Thursday	28			10am-1pm	Church open for private prayer
Sunday	31		Online Worship Service (YouTube)	1-4pm	Church open for private prayer

Holtby Village Hall Management Committee

Registered Charity No 1190336

Holtby Village Hall Management Committee has recently been registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. This gives it a formal and legal basis for its ongoing administration of Village Hall matters.

As a committee, we expect to meet charity requirements of responsibility, accountability, and transparency when carrying out our role, and to continue to provide a facility which is a public benefit in our community.

Our formal objective is therefore

“The provision and maintenance of a Village Hall for the use of the inhabitants of Holtby and the surrounding area (defined as a 2.5 mile radius of Holtby), without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including use for

- a) Meetings, lectures and classes
- b) Other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation, provided in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving the conditions of life of the inhabitants.”

The trustees of the charity are Chris Spedding, Chris Utley, Mairi Bailes, Dave Bailes and Bernard Simpson.

We look forward to being able to re-open in 2021 so we can once more open the Hall to provide a focus for leisure time activities for the local community.

You can find more out about our CIO online at www.gov.uk/charity_commission by clicking on ‘Find a charity’ and entering Holtby Village Hall.



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STOCKTON ON THE FOREST

CHRISTMAS 2020 & JANUARY 2021

			Church Services	Church / Community Events	
Sunday	20	December 4pm 6pm	Online Carol Service (YouTube) <i>p.5</i> Family Carol Service : Holy Trinity* <i>p.5</i> Carol Service : Holy Trinity* <i>p.5</i>	1-4pm	Church open for private prayer
Wednesday	23	9.00am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer : Holy Trinity Compline (Zoom) <i>p.7</i>	Various 1-4pm	Mobile Library <i>p. 13</i> Church open for private prayer
Thursday	24		Online Crib Service (YouTube) <i>p.5</i>	6.00pm	On your doorstep, ring bells or sing a carol!
Friday	25	10.30am	Online Christmas Day Service (YouTube) <i>p.5</i> Christmas Day Communion : Holy Trinity* <i>p.5</i>		
Sunday	27		NO SERVICES	1-4pm	Church open for private prayer
Wednesday	30			1-4pm	Church open for private prayer
Sunday	3	January 10.30am	Covenant Service (YouTube) <i>p.7</i> Morning Worship : Holy Trinity*	1-4pm	Church open for private prayer
Wednesday	6	9.00am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer : Holy Trinity Compline (Zoom)	Various 1-4pm	Mobile Library <i>p. 13</i> Church open for private prayer
Sunday	10	10.30am	Online Worship Service (YouTube) Morning Worship : Holy Trinity*	1-4pm	Church open for private prayer
Wednesday	13	9.00am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer : Holy Trinity Compline (Zoom)	1-4pm	Church open for private prayer
Thursday	14	7.00pm	Prayer meeting (Zoom) <i>p.7</i>		
Sunday	17	10.30am	Online Worship Service (YouTube) Morning Worship : Holy Trinity*	1-4pm	Church open for private prayer
Wednesday	20	9.00am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer : Holy Trinity Compline (Zoom)	Various 1-4pm	Mobile Library <i>p. 13</i> Church open for private prayer
Sunday	24	10.30am	Online Worship Service (YouTube) Morning Worship : Holy Trinity*	1-4pm	Church open for private prayer
Wednesday	27	9.00am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer : Holy Trinity Compline (Zoom)	1-4pm	Church open for private prayer
Sunday	31	10.30am	Online Worship Service (YouTube) Morning Worship : Holy Trinity*	1-4pm	Church open for private prayer

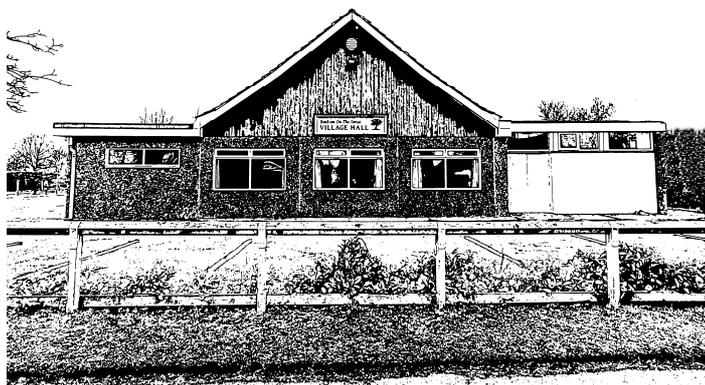
* Booking is essential for services marked with an asterisk. Details of how to book on pages 5 & 7

Stockton on the Forest Village Hall—2020 Review

The Village hall committee would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Denby and Jill Hawkins who are retiring at the end of this year. They have been heavily involved with the running of the hall for many, many years and will be greatly missed in their current roles as Chairman/Clerk of Works and Bookings Secretary. We wish them all the very best for the future.

The position of Bookings Secretary is still vacant for 2021. Can you spare a few hours a week to help your community? If you would be interested in getting involved please get in touch. We are looking to move the village hall diary to an online bookings system so this voluntary role could be run as a job share. Expenses paid and full training will be given.

As for the hall itself the committee have been very busy behind the scenes this year. During the first lockdown the heating system boilers and control systems were replaced with an energy efficient, split room system and the asbestos was removed. This was a huge expense but has made the hall fit for many years ahead.



Ready for the reopening in June a full covid-19 risk assessment was produced and the hire agreements modified. Sanitising stations and signage has been provided throughout the hall and we even have our own venue QR code. Very sadly due to the restrictions most of the regular village societies were not able to recommence meetings in the summer but we have been ticking over with a few exercise classes, some one off bookings and the NHS Blood Donors Service who are now a regular visitor.

The diary is filling up for 2021 with all the regular village groups hoping to be able to return in the New Year, fingers crossed we will all be back together again soon.

Karen Nash

STOCKTON ON THE FOREST

Foil for Snappy

This year has been really difficult for everyone but throughout the pandemic my handful of volunteers and I have continued to collect the aluminium recycling from across the city to raise much needed funds for Snappy, when all their main fundraising opportunities had been cancelled. In fact recycling rates went up during the lockdown and this year we will have collected more metal recycling than in any other year so far.

At the beginning of December I launched my annual Christmas recycling campaign 'Eat the pies, Save the foil' to encourage everyone in York to recycle their mince pie cases, other aluminium foil, drinks cans, broken Christmas tree lights and household cables to help raise money for The Snappy Trust.

We know that money is very tight for lots of people, and that lots of charities are struggling, but we are hoping that people will be happy to donate their 'rubbish' to help us to help Snappy. A single mince pie case weighs less than one gram but if everyone in York saved just one mince pie case we would collect 200,000 cases which then becomes a significant amount of metal to recycle.

I read that it is estimated around 370 million mince pies will be eaten in the UK this festive season which is potentially 240 tonnes of aluminium foil pie cases that could, and should, be recycled.

The nearest outdoor collection bins are in the recycling areas at Deans Garden Centre, Sainsbury's and Asda Monks Cross. Some of the benefice churches also have collection points.

More information about Foil for Snappy can be found on the website <https://www.thesnappytrust.org/foilforsnappy>

or follow us on twitter @foilforsnappy

Karen Nash

Mobile Library

Every fortnight on Wednesday



23 December 2020

6 & 20 January 2021

3 & 17 February 2021

9.55-10.05	Hopgrove Lane South
10.10-10.30	Stockton Ln, Beansway
10.40-11.20	SOTF - Stoneriggs
11.25-12.00	SOTF - Fox Inn/School
12.05-12.15	SOTF - The Village Hall
12.20-12.35	SOTF - Westfield House
13.30-13.45	Holtby - Church Rise

For more information

Tel: (01904) 552655

Email: mobile@exploreYork.org.uk

Website: www.exploreYork.org.uk



Luke 2:8-20

And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

**'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.'**

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.'

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.



Unique gifts from Foil for Snappy

Looking for that unusual or unique gift for Christmas; or just something different for yourself?

Foil for Snappy have been saving all the steel bottle caps donated in the metal recycling collection and using them to create mosaics.

Each one contains more than 500 pieces and the designs are based on the colours available so they are very limited edition. Boxed as jigsaw kits for you to put together yourself, you could even glue the bottle caps down to create a stunning piece of wall art if you want.

Only £15 each with all proceeds going to **The Snappy Trust**.

(More designs will be available as soon as we have collected enough bottle caps of the needed colours; an Owl, Minster and Butterfly are almost complete)

Contact Karen on (01904) 870759 or email softnews@gmail.com for details.



Books by John Nursey

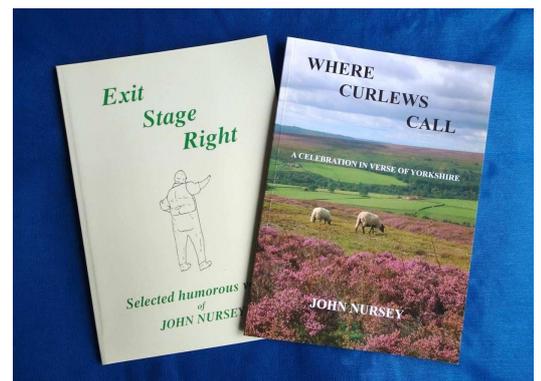
***** Last few remaining with Tom at the village shop *****

Looking for a Christmas stocking filler? Or just a treat for yourself?

Local writer John Nursey has created two books of verse 'Exit Stage Right' and 'Where Curlews Call' containing a selection of poems; some humorous, some thought provoking, but all celebrating Yorkshire life.

They are being sold in aid of The Snappy Trust at the bargain price of just £3 each or £5 for the pair. No longer available to buy new at Waterstones or Amazon this could be your last opportunity to own these lovely limited edition books.

Perfect to post as a Christmas gift for someone.



CHRISTMAS 2020 & JANUARY 2021

Church Services				Church / Community Events	
Saturday	19	December		9am-1pm	Library open <i>p.16</i>
Sunday	20		Online Carol Service (YouTube) <i>p.5</i>	2-4pm	St Nicks open for private prayer
Monday	21	4.00pm	Carol singing : The Glebe car park <i>p.5</i>	10-1.30	Library open
Tuesday	22	Dec		2-5.30pm	Library open
Wednesday	23	6.00pm 7.00pm	Carol singing : The Green, nr Greenside <i>p.5</i> Compline (Zoom)		
Thursday	24	7.00pm	Online Crib Service (YouTube) <i>p.5</i> Christmas Eve Communion : St Nicks* <i>p.5</i>	6pm	On your doorstep, ring bells or sing a carol!
Friday	25	9.30am 10.30am	Christmas Day Service (YouTube) <i>p.5</i> Christmas Day Communion : St Nicks* <i>p.5</i> Christmas Day Communion : St Nicks* <i>p.5</i>		St Nicks open for private prayer after services until mid-afternoon
Sunday	27		NO SERVICES	2-4pm	St Nicks open for private prayer
Thursday	31			10-12	St Nicks open for private prayer
Saturday	2	January		9am-1pm	Library open
Sunday	3		Online Covenant Service (YouTube) <i>p.7</i>	2-4pm	St Nicks open for private prayer
Monday	4			10-1.30pm	Library open
Tuesday	5			10.20am 2-5.30pm 7pm	2nd Tuesday Cycle Ride <i>p.19</i> Library open WI meeting (Zoom) <i>p.17</i>
Wednesday	6	7.00pm	Compline (via Zoom)		
Thursday	7	9.00am	Morning Prayer : St Nicks	10-12 2-5pm	St Nicks open for private prayer Library open
Saturday	9	All day	Christmas tree recycling <i>p.17</i>	9am-1pm	Library open
Sunday	10		Online Worship Service (YouTube)	2-4pm	St Nicks open for private prayer
Monday	11			10-1.30pm	Library open
Tuesday	12			2-5.30pm	Library open
Wednesday	13	7.00pm	Compline (Zoom)		
Thursday	14	9.00am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer : St Nicks Prayer meeting (Zoom) <i>p.7</i>	10-12 2-5pm	St Nicks open for private prayer Library open
Saturday	16			9am-1pm	Library open
Sunday	17		Online Worship Service (YouTube)	2-4pm	St Nicks open for private prayer
Monday	18			All day 10-1.30pm	Dunnington Christmas Trail <i>p.16</i> Library open
Tuesday	19			All day 2-5.30pm	Dunnington Christmas Trail <i>p.16</i> Library open
Wednesday	20	7.00pm	Compline (Zoom)	All day	Dunnington Christmas Trail & Father Christmas <i>p.16</i>
Thursday	21	9.00am	Morning Prayer : St Nicks	10-12 2-5pm	St Nicks open for private prayer Library open
Saturday	23			9am-1pm	Library open
Sunday	24		Online Worship Service (YouTube)	2-4pm	St Nicks open for private prayer
Monday	25			10-1.30pm	Library open
Tuesday	26			2-5.30pm	Library open
Wednesday	27	7.00pm	Compline (Zoom)		
Thursday	28	9.00am	Morning Prayer : St Nicks	10-12 2-5pm	St Nicks open for private prayer Library open
Saturday	30			9am-1pm	Library open
Sunday	31		Online Worship Service (YouTube)	2-4pm	St Nicks open for private prayer

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Dunnington Library

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OPENING TIMES

Mon 10.00 - 1.30 Thur 2.00 - 5.00
 Tue 2.00 - 5.30 Sat 9.00 - 1.00

We are open for drop-in browsing.
 We are currently unable to offer PC use due to social distancing requirements.
 Nor can we offer access to the usual magazines and newspapers at the moment, sorry.

Christmas Closure

The library will be closed for Christmas Thursday 24 December — Friday 1 January, re-opening on Saturday 2 January.

York Explore Library events

All York Explore Library events are currently online. Details at www.exploreyork.org.uk

York Cards available

£6 for over 18's/under 18's free

The Poppy Appeal 2020



This year's Poppy Appeal was very different from all previous years, with only Costcutter, the Newsagents shop and Gulf Garage on the A1079 offering poppies to the public. However, in spite of (or perhaps because of) limited availability the kind people of Dunnington, along with the churches and Parish Council, seem to have been extra generous this year resulting in a total collection of £921.

This is a remarkable 84% of last year's total and an extraordinary achievement in the circumstances! On behalf of both the Royal British Legion and for myself, I wish to thank everyone for their wonderful generosity and continued support.

Gordon Peel, Poppy Appeal Organiser

Dunnington Christmas Trail

Let's spread some Christmas community cheer!

Friday 18, Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 December 2020



The trail will run on Friday 18, Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 December. Additionally on Sunday 20 December there will be a limited number of slots to see Father Christmas and also Christmas treats donated by Patacakes the Bakery and The Old Butchers Coffee Shop, mulled wine donated by Twine & Barrel and The Cross Keys, hot chocolate with cream and marshmallows donated by Miller Food Service available to purchase and a giant Christmas cookie donated by Just Baking Marvellous for a raffle.

How Dunnington Christmas Trail works

Map - £2+ per map

Father Christmas & a Map - £5+ (limited time slots available) on Sunday 20th December between 3.30pm-5.45pm.

ALL profit will be going to York Foodbank so please bring some money to join in the fun and support this amazing cause.



How to order a map or book a slot to see Father Christmas:

Get in touch by:

email info@dunningtoncommunityevents.org.uk

messaging 07762067005

or on Facebook - Dunnington Community Events.

All updates leading up to the event will go on the Facebook page Dunnington Community Events:

<https://www.facebook.com/Dunnington-Community-Events-134297633257478>

so please like the page to keep up to date.



Supporting York Against Cancer

Ann, our chair lady, presented a cheque for £7000 to York Against Cancer. This is normally presented at our November coffee morning. This is a brilliant achievement considering the shop has been closed for many months.

We would like to wish all our customers a happy and healthy 2021, and hope that we can open our shop early in the new year.

Carol Martin

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Derwent Lions Rocking Rudolph

After giving the matter much consideration, we have decided that Rocking Rudolph will not be visiting the villages this year collecting money for good causes. Ethically, given the current situation, it does not feel appropriate and this is compounded by the risks of an inability to comply with the Covid Rules on Social Distancing and Rule of 6, together with safeguarding our volunteers. This will be the first time in at least 30 years years that Rudolph has not been touring the villages in our patch but we trust you will understand the reasons for this.

It may be possible to arrange some small scale visits to schools and Care Homes and we will be contacting these establishments regarding this.

We are also working on some on-line ideas, so please keep up to date by visiting <https://derwent.lionsclub.co>

If you would like to donate to Derwent Lions so that we can continue to provide financial support to good causes, including local foodbanks, please see our Just Giving page via the above website. Any donations will be most gratefully received.



Derwent Lions Christmas Tree Recycling

raising funds for St Leonards Hospice

Following the success of last years' collections, on **Saturday 9th January** 2021 Derwent Lions will be recycling Christmas trees in Dunnington.

If you book your collection through our website, we'll collect your tree from your house, recycle it and save you getting needles all over your car! This year, all proceeds will go to St Leonards Hospice. Like other charities, they have been greatly affected by being unable to host their usual fund-raising activities.

Once you've booked your tree collection online, and in advance of 9/10th January weekend, it would help us if trees could be placed outside to allow our volunteers to collect while complying with social distancing rules.

Our colleagues in "Just Helping" will be emailing people who have used our service last year with further details.

Please see <https://derwent.lionsclub.co/> more information. The preferred option for payment is via the web site, but if that's not for you, contact us via email Derwentlions@gmail.com or ring Lion John on 0345 833 2816.

Derwent Lions are very grateful to all the help Toby Johnson, Tree Surgeon, gives us with this project.

The collection is obviously dependent on Covid regulations at the time allowing us to complete the collection.



St Leonard's Hospice
Caring for Local People



Dunnington WI



Following on from a successful Annual Meeting in November on Zoom, we recently held our first Zoom monthly meeting.

Committee members talked about what they had been doing in lockdown. Barbara Harrison told us about their Italian adventure, with stunning photographs. Christine Fisher told us about her bead work showing us examples of what she had made. Christine Bayne told us about items she is selling to help women in Mongolia. Margaret Eastwood spoke about their cycling adventures. Audrey Willits talked about her walking and how peaceful it was. Elaine Barr told us how her retirement plans and daughter's wedding had to be put on hold. Meg North told us about her treasures shelf which is full of keepsakes from the past. We would love to hear from members about their experiences during lockdown.

Our next Zoom meeting is on **Tuesday 5th January** at 7pm when we will discuss the resolutions and vote on them. Details of these can be found on page 23 of the latest W.I. Life magazine, please do read them and join us on 5th January. Even if you can't join us we do need your vote.



Wishing you a peaceful Christmas & all good wishes for 2021

Stay safe and keep well.



Holtby Trader International Quiz

Yuletide anagrams



*Confused by Christmas?
Sort these out if you can.*

**Denotes a two-word answer*

1. Lets in
2. Tuff gins
3. *Ant casuals
4. Elite most
5. Cot kings
6. Hurl pod
7. Try uke
8. Pertness
9. *Epic mine
10. Hi legs
11. *Able regaling
12. *Me swine
13. *Alcove criers
14. German
15. *Axing body
16. Mans own
17. Cog sore
18. *Archive stems
19. *Apostate roots
20. *Fuddy pigging
21. *Tinsel thing

Answers on page 23



Improving our Environment and Boosting Biodiversity

The Parish Council would like to say a huge thank you to all the local volunteers who helped prepare the ground and plant a new hedge along the western edge of Dunnington Cemetery in Eastfield Lane. Our initial plan of a big working party was quickly changed to working in pairs over a much longer period to comply with Covid-19 requirements.

This project was generated by the enthusiasm of Juliet, Steve and Derek who are keen to promote more tree planting in our area. They presented some ideas at a Parish Council meeting last year and we agreed to look at the land that we owned. The Cemetery Group was tasked with taking this forward and planting is almost complete.

The Woodland Trust provided two large hedge packs free of charge – a total of 820 saplings. A Wildlife Pack plus a Year-Round Colour Pack were chosen so the range of plants includes hawthorn, dogwood, wild cherry, silver birch, rowan, hazel, blackthorn and common oak. Some saplings will also be used to in fill in the gaps on the eastern boundary hedge. In years to come these will not only provide beautiful blossoms and bright berries, they will also supply food and shelter for wildlife.

A new Yew hedge was also planted running east to west to mark out the phase two section of the cemetery. This has been funded by a Ward Grant from City of York Council.

Most of the planting was done over the weekend of 28 and 29 November and although it was a bit damp, the chat was cheery and everyone worked too hard to be cold.

We hope our efforts will inspire residents to think about planting for insects and wildlife the next time a new garden project comes to mind – and if you already do this, thank you.

If you want to know more about what the Woodland Trust can provide, from individual trees to small and large packs, you will find more information here - <https://shop.woodlandtrust.org.uk/tree-mixes-and-packs>

In the meantime, the Parish Council will continue to look at more options for parish council land so watch this space!

Liz Turnbull

Chair, Parish Council Environment Group

(On the facing page is a complementary article by one of the one of the organisers)



Nurturing Nature on our Local Patch

Many of us have sought solace in nature during these troubled times. On our doorstep, we are lucky to have Hassacarr Nature Reserve, the Millennium Garden, Hagg Wood, Holtby Wood, our churchyards and greens, our footpaths, mature trees, and hedge-lined lanes.

At the start of National Tree Week <https://treecouncil.org.uk/>, 14 volunteers (from 8-80 years of age) and a representative of Treemendous York <https://www.treemendousyork.com> braved a cold and damp weekend to give a little back to nature. Working in pairs and observing recommended precautions re COVID, they set to work on two new hedges in the Cemetery at Eastfield Lane.

Extending the pre-existing hedge along the West side by 110 metres, a mixed, native, deciduous hedge of 700 saplings has been planted. The species were selected for their support for wildlife (e.g. caterpillar-food foliage, pollinator-friendly flowers and berries for birds) but will also provide year-round colour. Every 6 metres a tree will be allowed to grow up to full height. The second hedge of about 250 yew will extend from East to West covering 50 metres. As an evergreen, yew provides vital shelter through the winter. It has been agreed with the Parish Council that both hedges will be managed for wildlife.



Many thanks to Derek Utley (resident 'Woodland Creation Champion') for procuring saplings from The Woodland Trust and advising on planting arrangements, to Steve Ashby for undertaking the arduous admin and to John Eastwood for rotavating the hedge lines. Much appreciation goes to the Parish Council, especially Liz Turnbull (Parish Council Environment Group), for their enthusiasm and support, for securing a ward grant for the project and for providing a large bottle of... hand gel. We have enjoyed working together and look forward to teaming-up for future projects.

Of course, it couldn't have been done without our volunteers so a big thank you to them too.

In the near future, we hope to provide more opportunities for our residents to be involved in community-led, wildlife-friendly activities to restore and enhance our local patch for the benefit of everyone. Watch this green space...

Juliet Pearce

2nd Tuesday Rides from Dunnington

The small group of cyclists go out on the 2nd Tuesday of the month leaving the Cross Keys at 10:30am for a ride of about 10 miles.

The January ride is on **Tuesday 5th January**, weather and circumstances permitting. Hopefully we will be able to stop for a drink and snack. However due to the ever changing situation probably best to bring a drink and snack with you. Helmets and bright coloured jackets are recommended and please bring a spare inner tube with you in case of puncture. Do come and join us. Any queries to Margaret Eastwood 07791 599661.

Wishing you all a peaceful Christmas and very best wishes for 2021



Dunnington Playing Field Association

An understatement to say it has been a difficult year but at least sport has resumed again.

Each section has put in a lot of work to ensure that covid rules are adhered to and we hope everyone who participates is enjoying their favoured sport in a safe environment.

Maintaining the Sports Club has been more of a challenge and we would like to thank those that have supported us when we have been open. Grants from Sport England and YCC have assisted us financially.

We are hoping that we can hold some functions with food being part of the occasion. We will be putting notices on Facebook/the website and around the village. Families can still do the **BOXING DAY WALK** and I am hoping to raise some money for Alzheimer's Research and MIND.

We are still looking for a Chair for the Playing Fields Management Committee. Full support will be given to ensure a smooth transition.

A little history – the land was purchased in 1948 following some forward thinking villagers who raised money to invest in War Savings then augmented it by raising surplus funds from the Home Guard (Dad's Army). It is held in trust by the Parish Council for the purposes of Physical Training and Recreation. The Playing Fields Management Committee was formalized in 1974 to manage the facility on behalf of the Parish Council.

Thank you again for your support.

Josette Farmer

Contact 488322 or email
dunningtonplayingfields@yahoo.co.uk

Hassacarr Nature Reserve

The past year has been a challenging one for the Dunnington Conservation Group due to Covid restrictions; however a small group of dedicated volunteers has managed to carry out essential work to keep the reserve open to the public and for the benefit of wildlife.

This is the first year we have not had any groups of children and naturalists visiting the reserve. We had to cancel the York Ornithological Club, Dunnington Brownies and Cubs; since we started in 1993 we have had around 5,000 children at the reserve enjoying activities such as pond dipping, mini-beasts, learning about identifying wild flowers and other wildlife as well as participating in arts and crafts.

With the restrictions in place we noticed an increase in numbers of dog walkers as well as young families who seemed genuinely interested in wildlife. Their interest meant we have had to keep topping up our leaflet holders.

Breeding bird numbers were down this year; this may have been down to the increased footfall or the very dry spring. For the first time we had a pair of Spotted flycatchers nesting but unfortunately they chose to build a nest close to the boardwalk, the busiest part of the reserve (groups meeting and some people letting their dogs in the water despite the request to keep dogs on lead). This resulted in the birds abandoning the nest. Vandalism was mainly limited to the life belt, provided as a life saver, being thrown into the pond during the school holidays. On a more positive note our Tawny owls raised two young; blackcap, chiffchaff, song thrush and long tailed tit were successful; and we recorded our 21st species from the Odonata genus - a hairy dragonfly.



Other interesting wildlife recorded throughout the year included: little egret catching and eating a broad bodied chaser, a female; mallard eating a great crested newt; and a socially distanced fox and grey cat staring at one another. Kingfisher was regularly seen as were kestrel, sparrowhawk and barn owl. Butterflies had a good year as we had sightings of most of the 23 species recorded at the reserve.

Now that winter is here as you take your daily exercise around the village and reserve look out for winter thrushes such as redwing, fieldfare, blackbirds and song thrushes feeding on berries, as well as siskin and redpoll feasting on alder and silver birch seeds. Along the ditches look for water vole, snipe, little egret or the blue flash of a kingfisher.

Stay safe, stay local and respect our endangered wildlife by keeping all dogs on a lead when walking alongside hedgerows and our nature reserve.

Terry
Voluntary warden



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Dunnington NSPCC Committee Closes

Sadly, after over 50 years, the Dunnington NSPCC Volunteer Fundraising Committee is closing.

The committee has been dedicated to raising funds to support the vital work of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. It is the leading children's charity in the UK specialising in child protection and is governed by a Royal Charter first granted by Queen Victoria in 1895.

Unfortunately, as time has gone on, we have not been successful in recruiting enough new members to our committee to replace those that have passed away or are no longer able to be active.

Over the years the committee has put on a variety of events such as Hidden Gardens, brass band concerts and talks and we have always appreciated the amazing support that we have received.

Businesses have displayed our posters. The Newsagents have also sold our tickets, the Dunnington Reading Room Committee have enabled us to put on events in the village hall and those that work on the Grapevine and the village Facebook page have helped us by advertising our functions.

Members of the public have assisted us in a range of ways including giving donations, opening their gardens, attending our events, and helping with refreshments or to set up and clear away.

Thank you to all of you that have helped us. All monies raised from our events went directly to the NSPCC and your contributions enabled them to be there to help vulnerable children at a time of need.

I would also like to publicly thank the committee members past and present who have dedicated their time and effort to put on events and raise funds to support the charity's important work.

Unfortunately, the need for the NSPCC is still there. During lockdown, 50 children a day turned to Childline after suffering abuse and neglect.

Although the Dunnington committee is closing there are various national fundraising initiatives. Anyone wishing to find out more about the NSPCC or continue to support this national charity can do so by going online at: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk>

Our Local Fundraising Manager Jackie Dawson would also be happy to hear from you if you wished to contact her at: Jackie.Dawson@NSPCC.org.uk

I hope you all stay safe and well.

Kay Federico

Chairperson Dunnington NSPCC Volunteer Fundraising Committee

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Our latest Newsletter can be found at **www.yorkinterfaith.org**

If you are already on our mailing list you will receive an invitation to join the meeting by email. If you are not on the mailing list, but would like to attend, find out more about any event mentioned in the newsletter, or indeed, join our group, you will be made very welcome. Please email **yorkinterfaithgroup@gmail.com** and feed back to us how you heard about York Interfaith. Alternatively, contact Anne Castle **am.castle@btopenworld.com**



Lockdown quilt made by the group

Parish Magazine Editorial Policy

We warmly invite contributions to The Grapevine. However, owing to limitations of space, we cannot publish everything received. Our priorities are to represent the four villages and publicise news and activities of local interest. Contributions must follow these guidelines:

- Articles are a **maximum of 350 words**.
- Articles are received as **unformatted text** in a Word document
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- Articles are received in **black and white**
- Articles are of relevance and interest to local people.
- Pre-formatted posters can sometimes be accommodated **by arrangement with the editor**. The text **must** be clearly legible when the poster is reduced to A7 size.
- Articles are, where possible, accompanied by a photo or other image. These should be submitted as **separate files** to the text.

NOTE: All articles are subject to acceptance by the Editorial Committee and may be edited as necessary before publication.

DUNNINGTON / THE GREAT OUTDOORS



Dunnington and Holtby Health Walks

A recent meeting of York Health Walk leaders showed a little light at the end of the tunnel of darkness we've been going through. And the amazing success of the clinical trials of a new vaccine have shed rays of hope. But, as with the Coronavirus itself, caution is recommended.



Happy Days

Dunnington in Bloom

Despite this being the strangest Christmas that most of can remember, in Dunnington one festive element at least is unchanged – our famous display of Christmas trees. It was good to see them being put in place at the end of November, in keeping with the general feeling that Christmas may not be as we would wish, but no one can prevent us from starting it a little earlier than usual!

Thank you to all have put their backs into the endless outdoor jobs that mean Dunnington has looked as good as ever during this difficult year. We look very cautiously forward to the possibility of a better New Year for everyone. There will be spring bulbs, new life in the tubs on Church Street and York Street, preparations for hanging baskets in due course. The natural world, such a saving grace for many in the last few months, will revive us and the Bloom team will be active whatever the weather.

Barbara Windle



FRIENDS OF HAGG WOOD



Our Community Woodland of Hagg Wood is a very valuable local natural environment that we need to protect and cherish. It provides plenty of green open space and fresh air for all to enjoy, with accompanying physical and mental benefits within each potential reach of Dunnington. However, to do this it needs to be readily accessible to all in our local community, including young and old, and the able and less able. It is a very great pity that access to it has been blocked along the main footpath from Intake Lane for over a year now, causing considerable inconvenience to many local people. This has also had the counter-productive effect of causing some people to decide to drive and park at the end of Intake Lane in order to make their walk further afield more manageable, though with Dunnington Parish Council now tackling this problem in a sensible way. If only we lived in more enlightened times when all local residents could easily access our local Community Woodland.

Let us hope that the generous Spirit of Christmas becomes more dominant than barricades along the path to human enjoyment, and the New Year brings more Joy than the darker days we have been experiencing in recent months. We look forward to Spring when numerous wild flowers can add to this beauty, and to a happier future when our Conservation Working Parties can be resumed. As soon as we safely can, we will also plan our regular trips to beautiful destinations and meetings with interesting talks. We always welcome new members, including young people wanting to protect and enhance our local environment for everyone's better future. Please visit our website www.fohw.org.uk for further details of how to join us. Have a look also at the Countryfile website www.plantbritain.co.uk for how, even in your own garden or green space, you can contribute towards a healthier and greener future.

If you have not already been in touch with us about the disruptive path blockage from Intake Lane, please do get in touch via our website <https://haggwood.wordpress.com/contact/> or by writing to FHW, 5 Church Lane, Dunnington, YO19 5PT. But even if you have contacted us in this way, you still need to fill in a User Evidence form that we can present to the Planning Inspectorate to assist our public footpath claim so please email davidmays10@gmail.com for a form so that you can play your full part in achieving a successful outcome in 2021.

Trees and Christmas

Trees are far older than Homo Sapiens, and clearly a lot bigger. They give us food, fuel, building material and tools; they provide a place for relaxation, leisure and exercise; and, by a seemingly magical process convert the carbon we create into life-giving oxygen. And you can probably think of lots of other benefits they confer on us. They share 25% of our DNA, so it's not surprising that they play a vital part in our history and in our culture. They remind us of the passage of the seasons, particularly at Christmas, the tip-up point between darkness and light, fading and resurgence.

Early Christians attributed the birth of Christ to this period, toning down some of the pagan habits of feasting, and retaining the celebration of evergreen trees. So the berries of the holly represented the blood of Christ, and its branches the crown of thorns, while ivy and mistletoe had the ever-popular erotic connections.

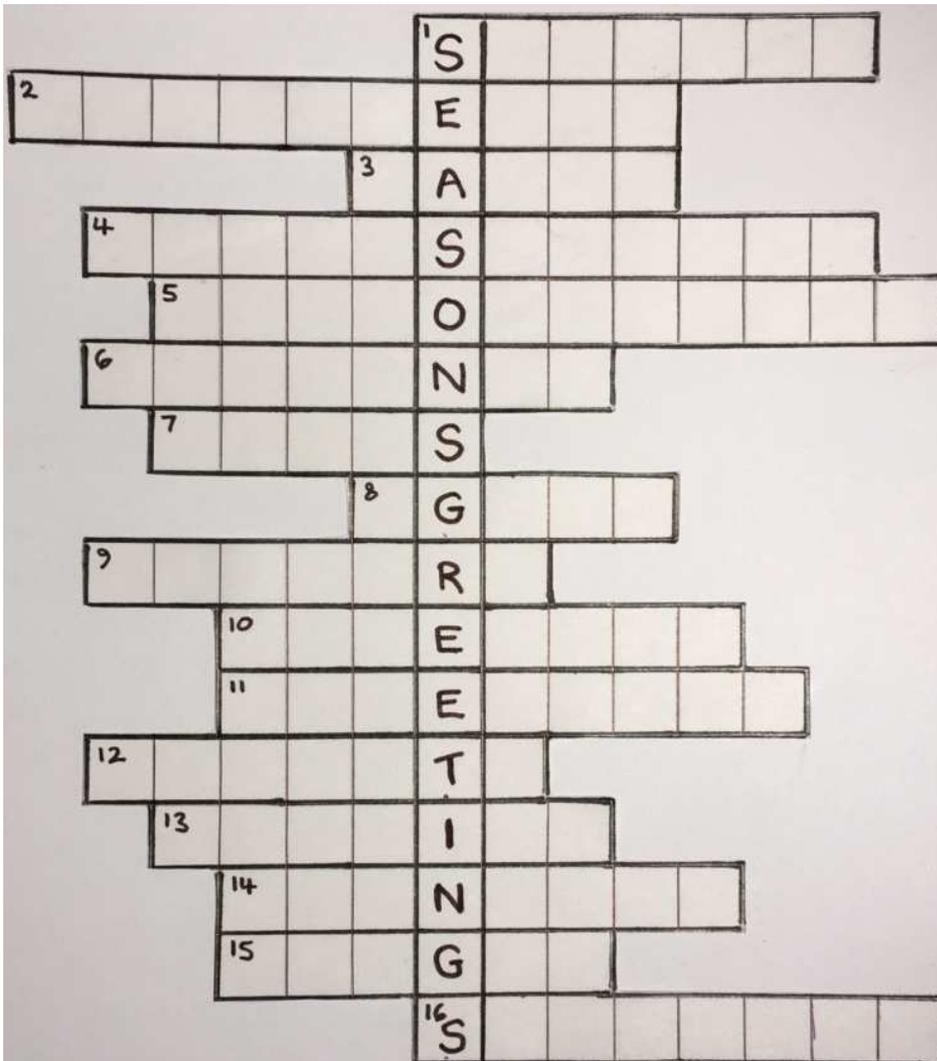
And of course Prince Albert introduced to our country the erection of a stout green tree which reminded us of the greenery soon to reappear in our woodlands.

Derek Utley



Our Wildlife Community Nature Puzzle

1. Sings while ascending vertically; 'little astronaut' in Robert MacFarlane's poem (7) (Spring, Scoreby Estate).
2. A fruit of bramble bushes; delicious with apple in crumbles (10) (Autumn, Hagg Lane).
3. A nut tree with soft hairy leaves, catkins known as 'lambs' tails' and tiny red flowers (5) (Holtby Wood).
4. Sociable songster of our homes and hedges; confessed to killing Cock Robin with his bow and arrow in a nursery rhyme (5,7) (in gardens with dense cover).
5. Brightly-coloured male sings 'a little bit of bread and no cheese' (12) (Spring, around Eastfield Lane).
6. The seeds of this tree are known as conkers – Horse _____ (8) (The Green in Dunnington).
7. Mammals that have a brush for a tail and leave a musky scent here and there along Eastfield Lane (5).
8. Elegant, white wader who is fond of fish (5) (occasionally at Holtby's Weir Pond).
9. common duck with a quacking call (7) (Warhill Pond).
10. Forms carpets of blue in woodlands in late April and early May (8) (Hagg Wood).
11. Named 'Ratty' in The Wind in the Willows, though not a rat, and endangered in England (5,4) (sometimes a resident at Hasscarr – dogs on leads please).
12. Bird of prey with forked tail that has been brought back from extinction in England (3,4) (sometimes above Stockton on the Forest).
13. Crested, farmland bird with a swooping display flight in courtship and calls 'peewit' (7) (Spring, Scoreby Estate).
14. The female calls "t-wit" and the male replies "t-woo" (5,3) (early evening, at Hassacarr).
15. Nocturnal mammal with a striped face whose footprints can sometimes be found in the mud on footpaths around Dunnington (6).
16. Excellent mimic of sounds who shape shifts in murmurations; name means 'little thing covered in stars' (8) (tall trees, e.g. ash at corner of Cedar Glade and Curlew Glebe).



Answers to the Holtby Trader International Quiz on page 18

Yuletide anagrams

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| 1. Lets in | Tinsel |
| 2. Tuff gins | Stuffing |
| 3. Ant casuals | Santa Claus |
| 4. Elite most | Mistletoe |
| 5. Cot kings | Stocking |
| 6. Hurl pod | Rudolph |
| 7. Try uke | Turkey |
| 8. Pertness | Presents |
| 9. Epic mine | Mince pie |
| 10. Hi legs | Sleigh |
| 11. Able regaling | Angel Gabriel |
| 12. Me swine | Wise men |
| 13. Alcove criers | Carol service |
| 14. German | Manger |
| 15. Axing body | Boxing Day |
| 16. Mans own | Snowman |
| 17. Cog sore | Scrooge |
| 18. Archive stems | Christmas Eve |
| 19. Apostate roots | Roast potatoes |
| 20. Fuddy pigging | Figgy pudding |
| 21. Tinsel thing | Silent night |

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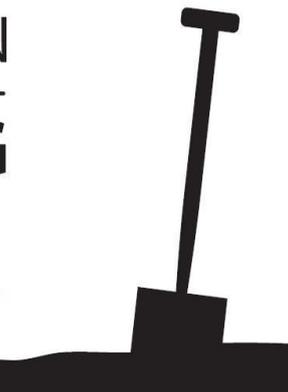
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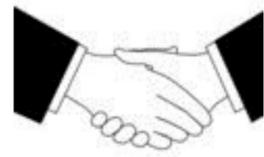
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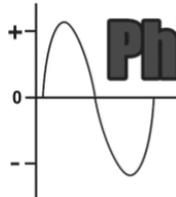
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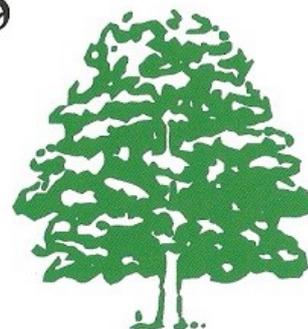
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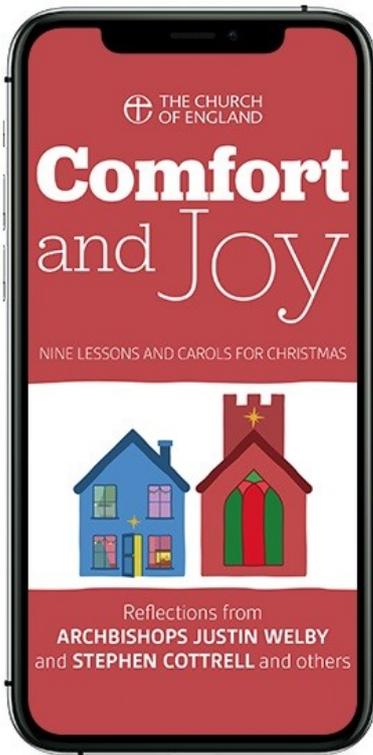
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