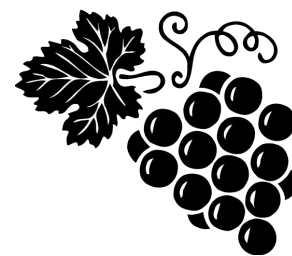


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serving the Parishes of

**Dunnington, Stockton on the Forest
Warthill & Holtby**

BEATITUDES

FOR A GLOBAL PANDEMIC

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO STAY INDOORS



FOR THEY HAVE PROTECTED OTHERS

BLESSED ARE THE UNEMPLOYED AND THE SELF-EMPLOYED



FOR THEIR NEED OF GOD IS GREAT

BLESSED ARE THE CORNER SHOPKEEPERS



FOR THEY ARE THE PURVEYORS OF SCARCE THINGS

BLESSED ARE THE DELIVERY DRIVERS AND THE POSTAL WORKERS



FOR THEY ARE THE BRINGERS OF ESSENTIAL THINGS

BLESSED ARE THE HOSPITAL WORKERS; THE AMBULANCE CREWS, THE DOCTORS, THE NURSES, THE CARE ASSISTANTS, AND THE CLEANERS



FOR THEY STAND BETWEEN US AND THE GRAVE, AND THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS SURELY THEIRS

BLESSED ARE THE CHECKOUT WORKERS



FOR THEY HAVE PATIENCE AND FORTITUDE IN THE FACE OF OVERWORK AND FRUSTRATION

BLESSED ARE THE REFUSE COLLECTORS



FOR THEY WILL SEE GOD DESPITE THE MOUNTAINS OF WASTE

BLESSED ARE THE TEACHERS



FOR THEY REMAIN STEADFAST AND CONSTANT IN DISTURBING TIMES

BLESSED ARE THE CHURCH WORKERS; THE DEACONS, PRIESTS AND BISHOPS



FOR THEY ARE A COMFORTING PRESENCE IN A HURTING WORLD AS THEY CONTINUE TO SIGNPOST TOWARDS GOD

BLESSED ARE THE SINGLE PARENTS,



FOR THEY ARE COPING ALONE WITH THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND THERE IS NO RESPIRE

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE ALONE.



FOR THEY ARE CHILDREN OF GOD AND WITH HIM THEY WILL NEVER BE LONELY

BLESSED ARE THE BEREAVED.



FOR WHOM THE WORST HAS ALREADY HAPPENED. THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE ISOLATED WITH THEIR ABUSERS



FOR ONE DAY - WE PRAY - THEY WILL KNOW SAFETY

BLESSED ARE ALL DURING THIS TIME WHO HAVE PURE HEARTS; ALL WHO STILL HUNGER AND THIRST FOR JUSTICE; ALL WHO WORK FOR PEACE AND WHO MODEL MERCY



MAY YOU KNOW COMFORT. MAY YOU KNOW CALM. AND MAY THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND THE LOVE OF GOD, AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, BE WITH US ALL. AMEN

TEXT: JAYNE MANFREDI

CartoonChurch.com

Readings for February 2021

7 February - 2 before Lent

Proverbs 8.1, 22-31; Colossians 1.15-20; John 1.1-14

14 February - Sunday before Lent

2 Kings 2.1-12; 2 Corinthians 4.3-6; Mark 9.2-9

21 February - Lent 1

Genesis 9.8-17; 1 Peter 3.18-end; Mark 1.9-15

28 February - Lent 2

Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16; Romans 4.13-end; Mark 8.31-end



From the Registers

Dunnington, Holtby Warhill, & Stockton on the Forest

Funerals

We commit to God's loving care:

Pauline Hebditch
15 January, Stockton

Margaret Warrillow
19 January, Stockton

Douglas Willis
28 January, Stockton (crem)

Snowdrops

Dear Friends,

As I stood at my kitchen window the other day, I saw something white among the green leaves. I went out to look and saw the bud of a snowdrop. It brought a smile to my face as, to me, it is one of the symbols of hope that we all need at the moment.

It also made me wonder about the symbolism of the snowdrop, so I turned to my computer. I read that, according to legend, the snowdrop first became a symbol of hope when Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden of Eden. It is said that, when Eve was about to give up hope that the cold winters would never end, an angel appeared and transformed some of the snowflakes into snowdrops.

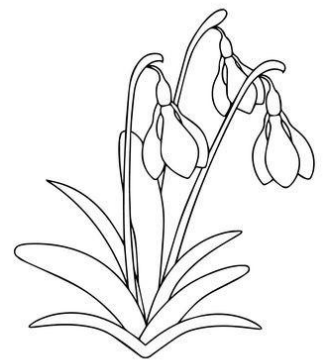
We are all feeling that this pandemic is never going to end, but there is hope, hope in the skill of the scientists who have produced the vaccines to fight Covid 19.

Snowdrops are also known as 'Candlemas bells' as they are one of the first flowers to bloom, signifying the arrival of Spring. Often the first time we see snowdrops is as the snow is melting.

Candles are lit during a Candlemas service, (around 2nd February) reminding us that Jesus came to be the light of the world. It is the light of Christ that brings us hope for each new day, if we trust each day to Him.

With all good wishes for 2021

Judith Hewitt, Reader



Loving your neighbour

When my religion tries to come between me and
my neighbour,
I will choose my neighbour.
Jesus never commanded me to love my religion.

Barbara Brown Taylor

Friends,

When writing my letter each month I'm inclined to keep things broad – not too religious, political, personal or fluffy. Whilst I am mindful that the Christian faith has been a dominant force in shaping our laws, language and culture, it is not necessarily professed by all readers. Some denominational clergy roles are explicitly congregational chaplains, but a Church of England vicar is priest to the whole community, without exception – whether one is a joiner, Jewish or Jedi. It's a thing of wonder about the good old CofE, and so I try to write something that can be approached by all. So please excuse me whilst I rant about my loathing for politicised religion in America, and what that might have to say to us.

Over recent months and years we have seen in the U.S.A. what happens when politics and religion are mixed in partisan and divisive ways. White conservative evangelicalism has allied itself, or allowed itself to be hijacked, in ways that have amputated its own moral platform, and from which it may never recover. "Jesus, Jesus" they cry, as many of them have also chanted "Trump, Trump", and waved a bible around in the same way that one might place a full stop at the end of an argument. Maybe "Jesus" should never be the chant of the religious, but rather "justice, justice". I find it impossible to understand why the 'sanctity of life' argument seems not to extend to the Black Lives Matter movement, those on death row, or poor children without adequate health care provision.

Barbara Brown Taylor's words challenge me to the core through their simple truth. The bible says nothing of abortion or gay marriage or gun ownership (which is not to say that the scriptural tradition, of which we are all heirs – like it or not – does not speak into the full breadth of our contemporary concerns), or other matters that predominate in the culture wars of North America, however much some religious leaders spout that 'The bible teaches...' But the Good Book is replete with references to the requirement for justice and equity, concern for the vulnerable and the alien (read 'immigrant'), and care for our neighbour.

To be clear (and this is entirely the point of Jesus' story about the Good Samaritan – a phrase we still hear often in popular culture), our neighbour is not the person who lives in our street or our village, the person who looks and sounds like us. Our neighbour is anyone who needs us, and anyone whom we need.

So be suspicious of anyone who professes a faith that divides neighbours. In this time of covid-anxiety and social-distancing, neighbours are sacred, and neighbourliness is moral duty. This is not about partisan religiosity, or religion in particular. It is about being human on the side of good.

Nick Bird
Your Rector



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DATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

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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.

The Magazine Editorial Policy can found on Page 9

Saturday Coffee at the Methodist Church

A Happy New Year to everyone who supports this popular event. We are still unable to re-open BUT as soon as we have a date we will let everybody know.



Your support is greatly appreciated and we look forward to meeting old friends as well as new. Everybody is most welcome.

Stay safe

Jocelyn Auton (co-ordinator) and team

Revd Mary Willetts RIP

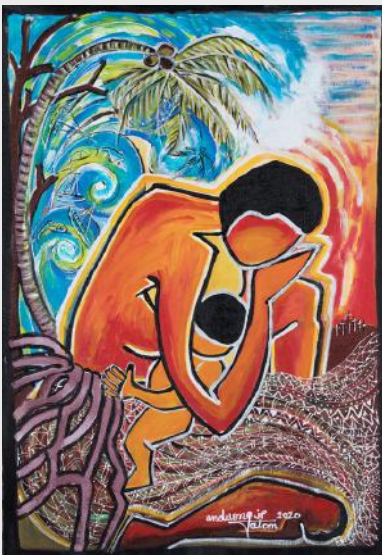
It is with great sadness that we share the news of the death of The Revd Mary Willetts, who passed away on 16 January 2021 in York Hospital. Mary will be remembered for her faithful service to the people and churches of Warthill, Holtby and Stockton on the Forest over many years. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

World Day of Prayer

5th March

'Build on a Strong Foundation'

As we go to print this service is unlikely to happen at Dunnington Methodist Church, but we are hoping to have something online. If you would like a copy of the service booklet, please contact Jocelyn.



Community Support Group

We are still here to help



If you would like someone to collect your shopping, or to walk your dog, or if you'd like a friendly chat on the phone

Contact Rev. Nick Bird
01904 489349 : revnickbird@gmail.com
who will put you in touch with your local contact

Phone Tree

We realise that, as this pandemic continues, and with the colder weather, many people are feeling lonely and perhaps would appreciate a friendly phone call.



If you live in Dunnington, and would like someone to ring you, occasionally, please ring Judith Hewitt, 488331, and she will put you in touch with someone.

Dunnington Methodist Church

Dear Friends

The Church Building remains closed at this time, but we hope you all remain safe and well and look forward to a point in time when we can all meet together safely.

As we move on into February, and with thoughts of Spring hopefully not too far away, we will continue to keep in contact via technology and by the delivery of paper copies of services and the newsletter

Methodist Services online

Website: www.yorkmethodist.org.uk/

YouTubechannel: www.youtube.com/channel/UCMZlI3vyksFEonZ-EQbbhuQ

Facebook: www.facebook.com/yorkmethodistcircuit/

If there is anything we might be able to help you with, do not hesitate to call one of the stewards

Anne Castle 01904 481656

Diane Conway 01904 489495

Chris Spedding 01904 481867

Many Thanks



CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

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!

<https://tinyurl.com/y28h5aec> (or search YouTube for 'St Nicholas Church').

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.



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

<https://tinyurl.com/y2h1hgvs>

Weekday Worship via Zoom

During the period of lockdown we are not having any services in our church buildings, but there is live worship over zoom:

Morning Prayer

Every morning Monday - Thursday at 9.00am

LIVE worship via Zoom <https://tinyurl.com/y2whk8c9>

Compline (Night Prayer)

Every Wednesday at 7.00pm

LIVE via Zoom <https://tinyurl.com/y3upjx3k>

Both Morning Prayer and Compline are short services (c. 15 minutes). You are welcome to leave as soon as the service is over or stay for a chat.



Monthly Prayer Meeting

Revd Mark Poole invites you to join him for an informal time of prayer via Zoom. The next meeting is on **Monday 15th February**.

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 judithhewitt@btinternet.com

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.



Thank
YOU

The Children's Society



We have received a letter of thanks from The Children's Society for the £165.00 we collected for them as part of our Christingle celebrations and we know that some people have also made donations directly to the Society.

Thank you to everyone who gave.

The Society says: *It's thanks to the money raised in churches and congregations like yours that we are able to transform the hopes and happiness of thousands of children in this country who face abuse, exploitation and neglect and bring the full light of Christingle into their lives.*

The impact we can have on a young person's life is all driven by you – our volunteers, supporters and campaigners. When you attend a Christingle and support The Children's Society you are helping us to fight for the hope that is within all children.

You can read more about the impact your support has here - childrenssociety.org.uk/impact.

Thank you once again for helping to make sure that children in this country can look forward to a hope filled, brighter future.

IDAS (Women's Refuge)

About £400 in supermarket vouchers was taken to the IDAS offices in time for the women to buy gifts and items to help them celebrate Christmas. We have received a 'thank you' letter from IDAS.



One Family!

In Autumn 2020 the York Methodist Circuit family and youth team introduced One Family! It is a venture where families from across the York Methodist Circuit can come together on-line, with families from the Goole and Selby Circuit (and anyone else who would like to take part) to worship, learn more about Jesus and enjoy spending time together as one big family.

It is a relaxed, informal style of church for families with primary school aged children, although of course younger and older children are very welcome too. There are opportunities to enjoy Bible stories, songs, games, crafts, baking and other activities all together, as well as to share experiences and make friends in smaller breakout rooms.



We meet monthly via Zoom on the **2nd Tuesday of the month** from 6pm for about an hour.

Please note that One Family is intended for families, and for safeguarding reasons, children cannot attend the live session unless an adult is visible on screen.



What is it?

- RELAXED, FRIENDLY, INTERACTIVE CHURCH FOR FAMILIES
- JOIN US VIA ZOOM FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME
- BIBLE STORIES, CRAFTS, BAKING, GAMES, INTERACTIVE PRAYER, SONGS, DISCUSSION IN BREAKOUT ROOMS
- OPPORTUNITY TO GET TO KNOW OTHER FAMILIES

Who is it for?

**THE WHOLE FAMILY, PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH CHILDREN AGED 5-11
(CHILDREN SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT WHO IS VISIBLE ON SCREEN)**

When is it?

**2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH STARTING ON 13TH OCTOBER
5PM - 6PM**

ALSO AVAILABLE ON YOUTUBE ON THE 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH



Please contact Lorraine, Lydia or Heather for more information

lorraine.jones@methodistyouth.org.uk

lydia.harrison@methodistyouth.org.uk

heather.lewis@methodistyouth.org.uk

Children & Families

Lisa Horton, our Benefice Children and Families' Worker, produces a weekly newsletter especially for children in our Benefice. Anyone is welcome to receive it!

You can access the Children's Newsletter on the St Nicholas Church website at <https://stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/news/childrens-newsletter/> or email Horton2517@sky.com to be added to Lisa's mailing list.

Lisa also manages a private Facebook page for families in the Benefice. Contact her for more information.



YORK MINSTER Parish Passes 2021

The Parish Pass entitles church members of parishes and benefices in the Diocese of York to visit York Minster and the Undercroft for sightseeing during normal opening hours.

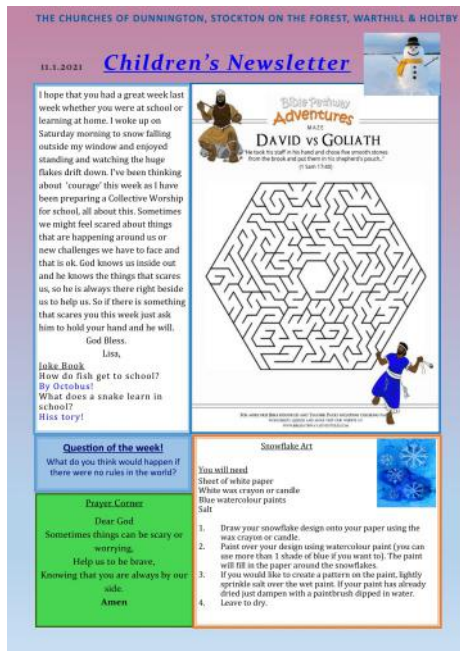
In 2021, the Parish Pass scheme is going digital!

Due to the impact of Covid, in a change from previous years, those planning to visit York Minster need to **make a reservation in advance**, because the number of people visiting each day is strictly limited. You need to make a reservation for a specific date and time from the www.yorkminster.org website.

NB. When you visit you need to take proof of residency in the Diocese, a copy of the Parish Pass and your reservation.

If you do not have internet access, please 'phone 01904 557275 to make a Parish Pass booking for a specific date and time.

Eve Scoreby, Dunnington PCC
Secretary 07746765274 or eve_scoreby@hotmail.com



“The Fallen” - Remembered

The Bomber Crash at Holtby (part 4). 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. The last three of the seven are named below.

One of two Wireless Operator/Air Gunners on board was 1256530 Sgt **Laurence George Harvey**, age 22. He was a Londoner, born on 8 Apr 1920 in Hackney, and apparently known as 'Laurie'. His parents were George Alfred Harvey, an electrical cable joiner in the Post Office engineer department, and Daisy Maude (Watts), a confectioner, who had married in South Hackney Church in 1919.

Laurie joined the RAF Volunteer Reserve, and sometime in 1940/41 enlisted for war service. His family chose to have the burial at Eastbrookend Cemetery in Dagenham, Essex, where his grave is marked by a private family headstone. One of Laurie's two siblings was Barbara Rosemary, who married John Clifford and died in 1993.

1182739 Flight Sgt **Ronald Leonard Stevens**, age 20, was another Wireless Operator/Air Gunner on bomber W1228. He was born in 1921 in the Lambeth district of London, to William Joseph Stevens and his wife Florence Maud (Huggins). About 1940/41, having joined the RAF Volunteer Reserve, he enlisted at Cardington for war service.

Ronald's parents were in Morden when he died, and his war grave is in Morden Cemetery. The epitaph chosen by his parents for the headstone reads: "He like others his life did give; the price of freedom that we might live."

The flight engineer on board W1228 was 536790 Sgt **John Taylor**, age 26. He seems to have been appointed a Class F Reservist for the RAF before war-time service, but I have so far been unsuccessful in tracing further details and family origin.

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

Fr Val Hollands (faithirV@googlemail.com / 01904 489 283)

Warthill 100 Club



Once again we would like to thank all those who supported our 100 Club in 2020 and we would very much appreciate your support in 2021. As we are in lockdown once again this could be our only church fundraiser this year.

Tickets are £12 for the year, there is a monthly draw of £25 and two draws in December, each of £25 and are available from any member of St Mary's PCC, including:

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

Mobile Library Lockdown Arrangements



During the national lockdown Explore Centres at York, Tang Hall and Acomb are open from Monday to Saturday for pre-booked appointments. There is access to PCs and printers and pre-ordered books for collection at all three libraries. Rowntree Park Reading Cafe is open 7 days a week 9am to 4pm for takeaway. A click and deliver service for vulnerable customers continues through the Home Library Service.

All other libraries, including the Mobile Library, are closed during the lockdown.

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We will keep our opening times and services under review. We aim to support communities and be responsive to the needs of all our users during this period.

For detailed information visit our Explore during lockdown page.

Email: mobile@exploreYork.org.uk
Website: www.exploreYork.org.uk

Burial Policy - Holy Trinity, Stockton on the Forest

The burial policy for the above church has been updated by the Church Council after concerns raised about the limited remaining space.

'Coffin burials in the churchyard of Holy Trinity, Stockton on the Forest, will only be permitted for those who have a right of burial (a parishioner resident in the parish at the time of death; a person whose name is on the electoral roll of the parish at the time of death; a person who dies in the parish), and those who have received the explicit written permission of the Parochial Church Council. All requests for the burial of ashes will be accepted. Consent for a coffin burial for those who do not have a right of burial will not usually be given'.

Agreed by the PCC 12th January 2021

Revd. Nick Bird



Crisis point for Stockton on the Forest Village Hall!

Unless we find a new bookings secretary soon the village hall will permanently close to all bookings (including car park takeaways) on 31st March 2021.

Could you volunteer a few hours a week to coordinate bookings? Could be run as a job share. Full training and expenses.

Contact sotfnews@gmail.com for details.



Foil for Snappy raised over £2000 in 2020!

Overall in 2020 the Foil for Snappy recycling collection brought in an massive **5482kg** of metal recycling raising **£2152.04** for The Snappy Trust, who have been supporting disabled children and young adults in York throughout the pandemic. This was £1870.04 from the recycling itself and £282.00 in donations of scrap metal taken directly to L. Clancey & Sons at Murton.

For those who are interested the breakdown is as follows;

- Aluminium foil 2843kg, up 57% on 2019
- Aluminium drinks cans 1459kg, up 23%
- Steel cans 150kg, down 45% (this is great, they're not worth much and take up space)
- Household cables 343kg, up 27%, we did really well on broken Christmas tree lights
- Other metals and scrap 687kg

Huge thanks to everyone who has saved their aluminium foil, drinks cans and household cables for us. The collection will continue throughout 2021. Can we make this another record year for recycling?

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 (but are closed during the current lockdown).

For more information go to <https://www.thesnappytrust.org/foilforsnappy> or follow us on Twitter [@foilforsnappy](https://twitter.com/foilforsnappy)

Karen Nash



Holtby Trader International Quiz

Lingo



After Brexit, are we losing our links with the rest of the world? A few words from other languages may help you feel a bit more internationally-orientated - providing you know what they mean.

Try matching these up these phrases

Ad nauseam	Well informed
Au courant	A free hand
Bona fide	Endlessly
Carpe diem	Careful when you buy
Carte blanche	Make the most of life
Caveat emptor	In good faith
Comme il faut	Old hat
Coup de grâce	Just right
Cri de coeur	Killer blow
De rigueur	Essential
Déjà vu	Miraculous ending
Deus ex machina	Pitiful appeal

Answers on page 13



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
- Text is in sentence case, **not all capitals**
- 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.

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Dunnington Library

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Changes to First Bus Timetables

First altered a number of service timetables from Sunday 10th January 2021, as a result of the lockdown.

Our thanks to Tony Walmsely for sharing this information and for creating an updated Dunnington Bus Timetable which can be downloaded from the St Nicholas Church website <https://stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/news/bus.php>



Dunnington CE Primary School

It has been a very different start to the new term at Dunnington School and certainly not one we were expecting or hoping for. However, the school remains open for some children who come into class full of enthusiasm and ready to learn. The children who are at home have adapted very well to remote learning and in Year 3 they have been keeping up with their work via Seesaw.

We are currently writing about Trolls which is linked to the stories we wrote at the end of last term.

We have discovered that trolls eat anything and particularly like scavenging through dustbins for tasty treats. Mrs Todd and Mrs Jones have been receiving some great paragraphs.

In art, we have been trying to use household objects to create some masterpieces using inspiration from Darrell Wakelam. His ideas have enabled us to do the same projects in class and remotely. So far, we have created Pasta Fish and Egg Box mice. Have a look at some photos and see what you think.

Stay safe,

Mrs Todd and Mrs Jones Year 3



DUNNINGTON /AWOC



FRIENDS OF HAGG WOOD



Although winter may have Hagg Wood in its grip there is still plenty to see and enjoy if it is within your permitted exercise allowance. A walk to the wood in early January highlighted just how lucky we are to live in this village and how precious our surrounding countryside is, not least during lockdown if we can enjoy it safely within the rules. Many people have been taking their daily exercise whilst carefully keeping their distance along the adjacent lanes and bridleways, including joggers, cyclists, walkers and dog walkers. Both walkers and runners should indeed be thankful for the extensive network of local footpaths and bridleways they have inherited from the past to enable them to enjoy the physical and mental health benefits of fresh air and local exercise in the nearby countryside, whilst following the Countryside Code and now all the social distancing rules. We look forward to happier times when even more enjoyment can be possible for both young and old.

Some enthusiasts have been exploring new hobbies in their own gardens. One couple used macro-photography to take beautiful pictures of frost covered leaves and flower heads. There are now clip-on macro lenses for smartphones available at relatively cheap prices. As usual there has been lots of interest in sight for the birdwatcher. A mixed flock of Fieldfares and Redwings were seen in a field off Intake Lane, and about thirty linnets were on crops that had gone to seed, all supervised by a solitary Buzzard perched in a tree. This is the time of year when small birds often gather in large parties to feed together, and it is not uncommon for tits and finches to be in the company of tree-creepers and nuthatches.

Our website www.fohw.org.uk has more information on our local Community Woodland of Hagg Wood and on our own activities, and you can also get in touch via our website <https://haggwood.wordpress.com/contact/>. Spring is now not too far away, and with it the promise of new plant and animal life, and fresh hope.

AWOC York

AWOC York (ageing without children) will be holding its monthly meetings for everyone who doesn't have any children, or any nearby children or family to support them.

How: on Zoom for the foreseeable future

When: second Wednesday of the month 2-4pm

WED 10 FEB	Later Life Hub – <i>Angie Francksen</i>
WED 10 MAR	Age UK York – <i>Nicola Edwards</i>
WED 14 APR	Cashless Society – <i>Anthony Lewis</i>
WED 12 MAY	National Trust – <i>David Morgan</i>
WED 9 JUNE	Maintaining Your Wellbeing – <i>June Tranmer</i>
WED 14 JULY	Getting Your End of Life Plan Actually Done! – <i>Jane Duncan Rogers</i>
WED 11 AUG	Be Independent – <i>Jo Bell</i>
WED 8 SEPT	Living with Dementia – <i>Neil Cutler & Jill Quinn</i>
WED 13 OCT	Social Prescribing – <i>Christine Marmion</i>
WED 10 NOV	Welfare Benefits
WED 8 DEC	Christmas meal at the Cross Keys???

Just give Sue Lister, AWOC York Coordinator, a ring on 01904 488870 to be added to her email list to receive the meeting link.

You can find more information about our local group at www.awocyork.org.uk and an overview of the issue on the national site at www.awwoc.org.

Dunnington WI



We had a very good Zoom meeting on Tuesday 5th January, members of the committee spoke about the resolutions for this year.

1. A call to increase awareness of the subtle signs of ovarian cancer.
2. Stop Women dying prematurely from coronary heart disease.
3. Racism and discrimination.
4. Protect your nature space to create wild-life friendly communities.
5. Stop the production of peat bogs to tackle climate change.

Discussion then took place on these subjects in smaller groups then members voted for their choice of which resolution they wished to go forward to National Federation.

We ended the evening with a quiz, which was great fun and won by Betty Law.

Our next meeting again by Zoom is on **Tuesday 2nd February** at 7pm, the speaker will be Tony Walmsley 'Buses: A Cinderella In Our Midst ?'



Please do join us it is lovely to see you and be able to chat to those members we have not seen since March !

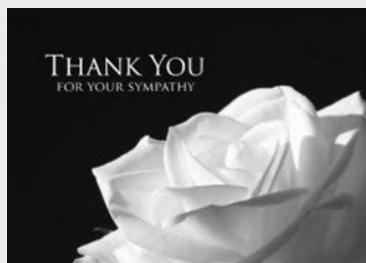
Happy New Year. I wished someone that a few days ago, their reply was "Really" !!

I found that rather sad. We have come this far so let's all keep smiling and enjoy what we have in these difficult times.

Take care and stay safe

Margaret Eastwood
President Dunnington WI





Dorothy Simey

Together with Tony and Ian Woodliffe, I would like to thank all those friends and neighbours who sent messages of condolence and offers of support following the sad loss of Dorothy on 29th November. It was both comforting and rewarding to know that she was so highly regarded by so many. The amount collected in her memory currently stands at £665, which is shared between St Nicholas Church Fabric Fund and Dunnington Cancer Research. She will be missed by so many people but her memory will remain with us for ever. Thank you.

Ken Simey

Dunnington Playing Field Association

Boxing Day Walk 2020

It was good to see a few people out on boxing day and I hope you all enjoyed the walk. I am pleased to say that £300 was raised for Alzheimer's Research and Mind. The Just giving page will remain open for another week for anyone who would like to donate. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/dunningtonplayingfields>

Thank you to those who booked a table at the Sports Club and gave so generously.

Josette Farmer

Contact 488322 or email dunningtonplayingfields@yahoo.co.uk



Dunnington Parish Council

Access to Hagg Wood

Further to our article in the December 2019 issue regarding the closure of the track from Intake Lane into Hagg Wood some progress has been made in respect of this matter albeit slowly. If you do not already know two applications were made in 1997 seeking to record two separate public footpaths from Intake Lane into Hagg Wood one of which relates to the track.

Both these applications were the subject of an initial public consultation in the Autumn of 2019 and the City of York Council concluded that there was sufficient evidence for both applications to be determined as public footpaths and Orders were made on 24 February 2020 for these to be effective on 10 February 2020. A further public consultation was subsequently held in the Spring of 2020. However due to a number of continuing objections these Orders could not be implemented and the City of York Council referred the matters to the Secretary of State (Planning Inspectorate) in late Summer last year for them to deal with. In the meantime the track is likely to remain closed.

City of York Council has indicated that it is likely both cases will go to inquiry. At the moment the Planning Inspectorate appear to be trying to hold these inquiries during the Summer for covid reasons. Inquiries have to work to a set timetable which is usually around 26 weeks. This means that the Planning Inspectorate need to set the timetable by the end of March 2021 to hold an inquiry before the end of September 2021. If they do not get these matters under way by then, in a worst case scenario, it could be that the inquiries will not take place until Summer 2022. However if the covid vaccine is effective and the majority of people have been vaccinated towards the end of this year the situation may change and face to face inquiries should be possible. Alternatively the inquiries could be held during peak virus time if all the parties were willing to take part in a virtual inquiry. Unfortunately, as you can see, there is a certain amount of speculation as to what will actually happen which does not help matters. In addition, to complicate the situation even further, the Planning Inspectorate also has a large volume of cases to deal with so for the time being it is a matter of watch this space. As yet the City of York Council has not heard from them.

Whilst both these cases are in Kexby and Scoreby Parish because the majority of people who access Hagg Wood do so from our Parish it is considered that this information is in our residents public interest. This article is factual and based on information that is in the public domain.

The latest information containing details, including all the documents, in respect of both cases can be found on the City of York Council website:

<https://www.york.gov.uk/PROWNotices>

(Once there, click on the "current PROW notices" link and you can access the relevant documents under references ROW 359130 and ROW 3257816)

Updates will be provided as and when any further information becomes available.

Gill Shaw
Chairman
Dunnington Parish Council

DUNNINGTON / QUIZ ANSWERS

Dunnington Parish Council

Intake Lane

As many of you will have seen various work has been undertaken along the single section carriageway of Intake Lane in an effort to combat the indiscriminate parking that takes place and has done so for a number of years. It has been a challenge to say the least to get to this stage as the Lane is very popular, especially for walkers and cyclists, and everyone's requirements have had to be taken into account including the residents, land owners and farmers. Deliveries need to be made, dustbins emptied, fuel delivered and it is essential that access is maintained including the existing rights of way and the national cycle track. There have been times when the police have had to get involved and the emergency services have raised concerns about not being able to access the full length of the Lane. On occasions both residents and farmers have not been able to access their homes and fields whilst going about their normal everyday business and some have been verbally abused. I am sure you will agree this is a most unsatisfactory state of affairs.

As a consequence the Parish Council has been working with the City of York Council, and Ward Councillors, to come up with a sensitive solution that will go some way towards addressing the matter in a rural environment although it is accepted that whilst ever the Lane is used for all these many activities the work that has been undertaken, using Ward funding, will not solve the problem completely. Details of the work that has been agreed with the City of York Council can be found on the Parish Council website. In addition a "no waiting at any time" restriction on the grass verges outside the residents homes has been approved by the City of York Council which makes it an offence to park there. The police have already recently issued tickets further down the Lane for people who have parked inconsiderately. The opportunity has also been taken to plant cowslips, spring bulbs and sow wild flower seeds along the verges in and around the new fencing which should provide a good show later this year.

Now that this work has been completed the situation will be kept under review before deciding whether it is necessary to take any further action. In the meantime please be aware that there is, and always has been, a very limited amount of parking space available at the end of the Lane so please only use it if it is absolutely necessary to do so.

For those of you who are familiar with and use the Lane, which is adopted and maintained by the City of York Council as far as the bridge over the drain, it is in an awful state of repair and needs some serious work to address the problem. The Parish Council and Ward Councillors are now pursuing this matter with the City of York Council although we suspect it will not be a quick win.

If anyone has any suggestions to further improve the experience of using this part of the Lane for the benefit of everyone please let the Parish Council know so that the matter can be considered.

*Gill Shaw
Chairman*

Dunnington Parish Council

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.

As we are in lockdown there will not be a February ride. Hopefully our next ride will be on **Tuesday 9th March**, assuming we will be out of lockdown and able to meet in small groups. Bring a drink & snack if cafes are not open by then.

Helmets and bright coloured clothing are recommended and please bring a spare inner tube in case of puncture. Do come and join us. Any queries to Margaret Eastwood. 07791 599661.

Answers to the Holtby Trader International Quiz

on page 9

Lingo

Ad nauseam	Endlessly
Au courant	Well informed
Bona fide	In good faith
Carpe diem	Make the most of life
Carte blanche	A free hand
Caveat emptor	Careful when you buy
Comme il faut	Just right
Coup de grâce	Killer blow
Cri de coeur	Pitiful appeal
De rigueur	Essential
Déjà vu	Old hat
Deus ex machina	Miraculous ending



THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Walk on

The Coronavirus has prompted many people to get out and exercise in the open air at least once a day. Walking is obviously the best way to do this, and we are blessed in the Benefice with a wide range of public footpaths, which at the moment are being extensively used.

However, if the same paths are trodden every day, some of the glitter wears off.

One good way of extending and varying your range is by using 3 booklets of walks produced on behalf of the NSPCC

Dunnington Strolls

10 circular walks of 2-5 miles from the Cross Keys

Holtby Hikes

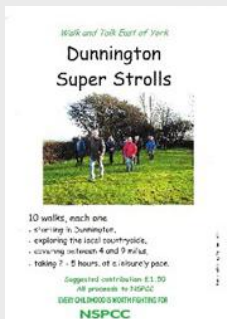
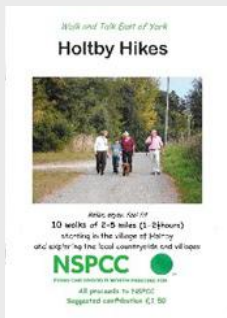
10 circular walks of 2-5 miles beginning at Holtby Church

Dunnington Super Strolls

10 circular walks of 5-8 miles beginning at the Cross Keys.

Another title, **10 on 10**, with 10 long-ish walks, each starting at a stop on the No 10 bus route from Stamford Bridge to Poppleton, is probably best left for the moment, because of restricted use of public transport. More anon.

These titles are all available for a suggested donation of £1.50 from Dunnington News, York St. Thanks to the generosity of Nick, all the proceeds will go to the NSPCC.



Derek Utley

Health Walks



Post-Brexit and Pandemic blues?

This half-day walk will take you to familiar and less-familiar places.

It's taken from *Dunnington Super Strolls*, available from Dunnington News for a suggested donation of £1.50 – all proceeds to the NSPCC.

3 Brecks Wood 6.5 miles

*A charming little wood through Warthill leads to Brockfield Hall
For a shorter version of this walk, simply start at Holtby Church.*

From the Cross Keys, go north-east along Petercroft Lane, and at the end cross Holly Tree Lane. Go along the path, through 2 gates, and left round the hedge.

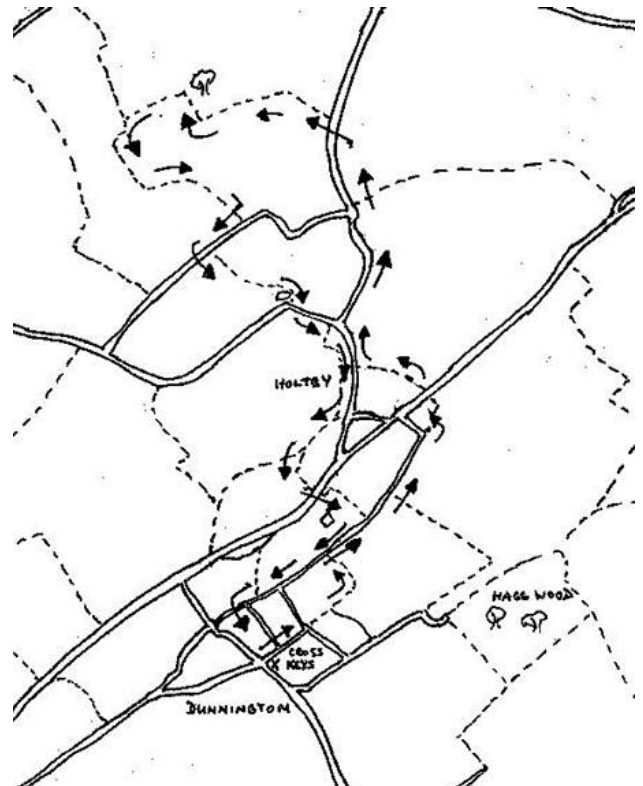
Go up to Eastfield lane and turn right. After ½ mile, as the tarmac road bends left, the map shows a path straight on to an oak tree, then across the A166 and through the Rectory field to Holtby Church. But as the Rectory is muddy at this time of year, instead of following the oak tree, veer left up the slope of Eastfield Lane, cross the A166, and turn down Panman lane to Holtby and its church. Go down past the church and take the right fork to Warthill.

After ½ mile go through Warthill, passing the Agar Arms and St Mary's Church.

Some 400m after the Agar Arms, as the road bears right, take a signposted path to the left between houses and over a bridge into a field. Go diagonally left, to a stile opposite, and cross to the corner of the next field. Negotiate the muddy stile area and bear left along a farm track for 300m. Turn right into the calm atmosphere of **Brecks Wood**: a quiet little wood of mainly deciduous trees.

As you emerge, turn left into Carrbank Lane, coming from Stockton. Follow this for ½ mile, past **Brockfield Hall**, an early 19th century country house built for the Agar family, open to the public in August. Turn right into Ruddcarr Lane and after 300m turn left towards Mount Pleasant Farm. Just before the farm take a gap in the hedge on the right, and turn immediately left. Skirt the house and follow the hedge to a rough stile Slant left across another field towards Weir Pond House. Come out on to Holtby Lane, with Weir Pond on the right, turn left and just before the junction take a path to the right, behind the houses.

Walk 300m up to Back Lane and turn right. After 200m veer left by a bench, through a gate and along the hedge for 150m to another gate on the left. Go through the newly-planted Holtby Wood, cross the A166, up the bank and round the edge of the golf course. At the bottom, turn right into Eastfield Lane, and after ½ mile turn left down Garden Flats Lane then right, back along Petercroft Lane to the Cross Keys.



Our Wildlife Community – National Nestbox Week

Every February there's a special week called National Nestbox Week. It is around the 14th of February because the nesting season for many birds begins about that time.



We have been taking part in it for a few years now. In 2016, we put together a single nestbox (see photo) and in 2017 we bought a terrace nestbox for our sparrows. A blue tit used it instead! We have also put up other boxes including a larger one for our starlings. This year we are making two nestboxes: one with a hole for sparrows or tits, and an open-fronted box for robins or wrens.

In January some great tits were already investigating the 2016 nestbox. We're looking forward to putting up the new ones by our native hedge.

If you'd like to join in, you can buy kits for making boxes and ready-made boxes from the National Trust and CJ Wildlife. The RSPB also has a range of ready-made boxes. The BTO has lots of advice on types of boxes and where to place them <https://www.bto.org/how-you-can-help/providing-birds/putting-nest-boxes-birds>.

Alex



Trees and us (1)

They need us, we need them

Health and well-being

Shinrin Yoku (forest bathing)

Stress relief

Phytonicides
(anti-infection)



One of the knock-on effects of the recent rush of crises – climate, pollution, physical and mental health, economic, pandemic – has been a determination to **build back better**.

of which an important element is **build back greener**. One way to do this is to plant a large numbers of trees - witness the York Community Woodland of 50,000 trees planned for an area just outside York's northern ring road.

We are increasingly aware of the practical benefits which trees bestow on us: converting into life-giving oxygen the large amounts of carbon dioxide we pump into the atmosphere; producing timber for building, tools and paper pulp; holding back flood water; supplying food for us and for wildlife; supplying the basis for many medicinal products; and providing an environment for relaxation, exercise and entertainment, as dog walkers well know.

Less well known are some recently discovered benefits: houses within sight of trees are reckoned to be worth 7% more than the average; views of trees from the windows of houses or hospitals contribute to the rate of recovery of patients; and trees give off enzymes which reduce infection levels and stress when we relax in woodland. Several health centres located in woodland now offer this **forest bathing** as a very enjoyable therapy.

If this were not enough, trees also have a special relationship with us. More in the next issue of the Grapevine.

Derek Utley

Parishes Of Dunnington, Stockton on the Forest, Holtby & Warthill

Rector	Revd Nick Bird	The Rectory, 30 Church Street	489349	<i>Usual day off: Friday</i>
Associate Priest	Revd Canon Terry Joyce	The Rectory, Sandy Lane, Stockton	400811	<i>Usual day off: Friday</i>
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Holy Trinity Church, Stockton on the Forest

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St Mary's Church, Warthill

Churchwarden	Ann Proctor, 8 Church Rise, Holtby	489386
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Dunnington Methodist Church

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Stockton Foresters Drama Group	Pat Jennings	400327	Stockton Early Years Partnership	<i>no contact person at present</i>	
Stockton WI	Barbara Hardisty	400018	Stockton on the Forest School	Sarah Mills 400366	
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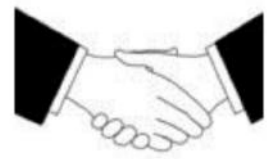
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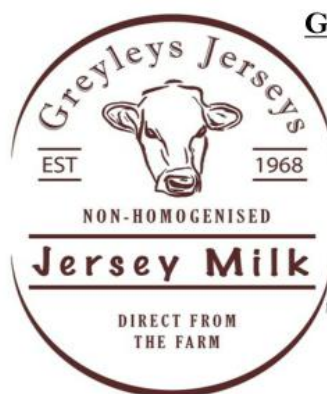
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Our garden is on the edge of York and normally welcomes around a dozen species each week in winter, according to my Garden BirdWatch records. The last few weeks though, it's been more like 15 or 16.



Long-tailed tits

What has been thrilling me recently though, is the number of flocks around. Are there more this year or am I looking more closely and more often? I've had mixed finch flocks, mixed tit flocks and even Robins and Dunnocks have been present in twos and threes – not at all usual. Mind you, birds don't often read bird books and don't always realise how they are supposed to behave.

My mantra has long been "the more you look, the more you see" and this includes studying the interactions within and between species, and the different feeding strategies they use. New to me this year has been watching Nuthatches. There are two around, though I don't think they are a pair, as one is very dominant, and they are never on the feeders together. If the dominant one is there, the other one pops onto a nearby bush and waits its turn. That said, they both send off any intruders of a different species, and given those beaks, who's going to argue?

They are persistent cachers too. They just never stop going back and forth, and can be seen hiding black sunflower seeds under stones on the path, in the flower beds and in all sorts of nooks. I fear a sunflower explosion this summer, and I know who is going to be expected to pull them all up. A pair of Coal Tits is also busy caching, though not quite as frenetically.

Usually, we have only one Robin around, but this year there are at least three and they can be seen swinging their handbags at each other, often with a third standing nearby watching proceedings. Robins have winter territories and will defend them robustly. Dunnocks, also usually

solitary, are hopping around under and on the feeders in twos and threes, though I've yet to see much unruly behaviour. I guess they could be young siblings.



Male Bullfinch

Another difference in feeding strategy to look out for is that of Blue Tits which usually take seeds away to eat, whilst Great Tits may do so too or may eat in situ. Conversely, Finches when solitary or in pairs will sit and scrunch seeds for several minutes. O.K., things are different when a flock arrives; then it's all about competition. Look more closely at finches feeding though, and you'll see some of them, Bullfinches especially, roll the seeds in their beaks to remove the skin, even with sunflower hearts.

About the only birds which feed amicably as a flock are Long Tailed Tits, and I've seen 6 or 8 spend several minutes on suet balls all together.

As I said....the more you look, the more you see!

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