

# NEWSLETTER

Sunday 28 February - Lent 2

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



## Today

Any time [Benefice Worship Service](#)

(youtube) with a homily from Revd Nick Bird

This Sunday, as we continue our journey through Lent, we hear Jesus' call to follow in the way of the cross.

Wherever this path may lead, we know that Jesus walks with us and the way of the cross is also the way of life.



No internet access? You can listen to our Sunday services anytime by phone for the cost of a local call. Just dial 899433.

11.30am [Post-service coffee \(zoom\)](#)



## This week

Monday 1 March

9.00am [Morning Prayer \(zoom\)](#)

Tuesday 2 March

9.00am [Morning Prayer \(zoom\)](#)

Wednesday 3 March

9.00am [Morning Prayer \(zoom\)](#)

7.00pm [Compline \(zoom\)](#)

Thursday 4 March

9.00am [Morning Prayer \(zoom\)](#)

7.00pm [Lent Course \(zoom\)](#)

Sunday 7 March : Lent 3

Exodus 20.1-7; 1 Corinthians 1.18-25; John 2.13-22

Any time [Benefice Worship Service](#)

(youtube) with a homily from Revd Canon Terry Joyce

11.30am [Post-service coffee & chat \(zoom\)](#)

## Let us Sing!

A reflection by Revd Canon Terry Joyce

There's so much that we've not been able to do over the last year, but as we now look forward to better days ahead, I realise that I've so missed singing in church. It might only seem a small thing in the big picture, and I'm really thankful that there have been wonderful opportunities to maintain worship online and through the few 'in the flesh' services that have been available. But I'm now ready to be able to let out the praise of God in our corporate worship through some of our fantastic hymns and songs.

Even though we've had words available, casting our eyes over them or even speaking them is a lesser experience than singing them. Singing reaches the parts of us that words alone cannot reach. Singing is an affair of the whole person, in which not just the voice and body, but also the mind and the heart are involved. Singing with others is also different to singing alone. I know there is more to worship than singing. However, without the opportunity to sing, worship seems a limited experience. On one occasion when the apostle Paul describes what happens when Christians come together, it is the singing of "a hymn" (literally a 'psalm') which heads the list of activities (1 Cor 14.26).

Paul also wrote "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly... and with gratitude in your heart sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs to God" (Colossians 3:16). So I look forward to the day when we can all tear off our masks and fulfil the injunction of James "Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise" (James 5.13). To adapt the words of Charles Wesley's dedication of his original collection of hymns, congregational singing 'raises or quickens our spirit of devotion, it confirms our faith, and it kindles and increases our love to God and to others'. Let us sing!

Terry Joyce



## Community Support Group — we are still here to help

If you would like someone to collect your shopping, or walk your dog, or if you'd like a friendly chat on the phone, please get in touch. Contact Rev Nick Bird 01904 489349 or [revnickbird@gmail.com](mailto:revnickbird@gmail.com) and he will put you in touch with your local contact.

## Parish Churches News & Events

### St Nicholas Church PCC secretary vacancy

Our current PCC secretary (Eve Scoreby) is vacating this role at the next APCM (due to take place in May). The role is not particularly onerous and would suit someone who has some word processing experience.

If you think that you may be able to take on this important and much valued work please let me know. If you would like to find out more, before committing yourself, Eve would be happy to discuss what is involved. She can be contacted on 07746765274 or via email [eve\\_scoreby@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:eve_scoreby@hotmail.co.uk).

Please can everyone pray that a suitable successor can be found. Carole White (Churchwarden) 07508834565 or email [carolewhite333@hotmail.com](mailto:carolewhite333@hotmail.com)

### Lent Course - Thursdays @ 7pm

This Thursday, in the second session of our [Lent course via zoom](#), we will look at the theme of 'Wilderness'. Each session lasts one hour and begins, after a short prayer, with a 10 min introduction on the topic, followed by the opportunity to explore the week's theme in more depth in small groups for those who wish to stay. You are welcome to join us - it doesn't matter if you missed the first session. Future sessions: 11 March - Judas; 18 March - Sin; 25 March - Forgiveness. More details on the [Lent section of the St Nicholas Website](#).



### Children's Society House Boxes – Dunnington.

FYI if you have one of these boxes - I have been informed by the Society that opening and counting should be delayed until later this year due to the current lockdown/restrictions. Please watch for future updates or you can contact me on 07746765274 or [eve\\_scoreby@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:eve_scoreby@hotmail.co.uk).



Thank you. Eve Scoreby, Box Co-ordinator, Dunnington

### St Nicholas Church Dunnington - Roof and Heating appeal

*Renew, Restore and Rejuvenate*

Donations are starting to come in. Thank you so much to those who have already contributed! If you are able to donate to enable us to take forward these projects, this would be very much appreciated. Cash or cheques (payable to Dunnington PCC) can be put through the Rectory Letterbox. Please mark the envelope with "Fabric Donation". Donations can also be given online using the [Golden Giving Fabric link](#). Your contributions will help us make a real difference. Thank you, Peter and Carole.



## Lectionary Corner

1 March: David, Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales c.601

2 March: Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary 672

[This week's full lectionary info](#).

## Scam alert

North Yorkshire Police have alerted us to a new scam email circulating informing you have been shortlisted to receive a grant of £1million from the NHS.

**Remember - The NHS will never ask for your bank details.**

If you receive such emails you can forward them to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk) and then delete from your inbox.



## Dunnington Methodist Church

Dear Friends

It is lovely to see the first signs of spring appearing again and to begin to look forward to enjoying some of the things we have missed so much over the past year. As the Church Building still remains closed at this time we hope you remain safe and well and have all received your first dose of the vaccine, which is such a gift to us all. We look forward to a point in time when we can meet together safely. In the meantime, we hope you will be able to access services online or via the printed version which Diane kindly delivers.

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 or Chris Spedding 01904 481867.

## News from the Methodist Circuit

### World Day of Prayer

A video service for this year's World Day of Prayer will be available on the Circuit YouTube page in time for Friday 5th March. Many of you will have received the service booklet prepared by the Christian women of Vanuatu. Thank you to Jocelyn for organising this and to Diane for delivering them. If anyone wishes to make a donation, please use the envelope provided, filling in the appropriate information if you wish to gift aid it, and return it to Jocelyn (12 Greenside, Dunnington).



### Worship.

Online worship produced by the Circuit can be found on the [Circuit YouTube channel](#) and a [list of online worship services around the Circuit](#) is available.

### Dial a Sermon.

For those unable to access the circuit YouTube service online, an audio recording of the most recent readings and sermon is now available by telephone. Dial 01904 948409 and, after a short delay (20 seconds), the audio file will play (usually around 10-15 minutes long). You will be charged as for a local call according to your current phone package.



### Praying for our Circuit.

The church on the Circuit Prayer Rota for **28th February is Stamford Bridge**. Let us thank God for the work of God in that place, and pray for the church as they consider how best to respond to God's call at this time.



**Circuit Newsletter.** You can download our latest Circuit News from the [Circuit website](#)

### Change of email

Please note that Nick Dawson (Circuit treasurer) should now be contacted on [nickdawson@yorkmethodist.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:nickdawson@yorkmethodist.onmicrosoft.com)

### Office hours

Please note that Lois Cross, Circuit Support Manager & PA to the Superintendent, is currently working Monday to Wednesday and will not be available on Thursdays or Fridays.

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To receive the Methodist Circuit News, please [email the Circuit office](#) or phone 07984 019995.

Next newsletter on **Sunday 7 March** [Email items to grapevine.rey@gmail.com](mailto:Email items to grapevine.rey@gmail.com) by **9.00 am on Thursday 4 March**