

NEWSLETTER


Sunday 28 March - Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50.4-9a; Philippians 2.5-11; Mark 14.1 -15. end



Today

Any time [Benefice Worship Service](#)
(youtube) telling the story of Holy Week, from Palm Sunday to Jesus's death and burial

 *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 - Holy Week

Monday 29 March

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

Anytime [Holy Week reflection \(youtube\)](#)

Tuesday 30 March

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

Anytime [Holy Week reflection \(youtube\)](#)

Wednesday 31 March

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

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

Anytime [Holy Week reflection \(youtube\)](#)

Maundy Thursday 1 April

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

Anytime [Maundy Thursday Service \(youtube\)](#)

Good Friday 2 April

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

Anytime [Holy Week reflection \(youtube\)](#)

10am-4pm All parish churches open for private prayer

Holy Saturday 3 April

8.00pm First Communion of Easter : St Nicholas*

Anytime [Holy Week reflection \(youtube\)](#)

Sunday 4 April : Easter Day

Isaiah 25.6-9; Mark 16.1-8

6.00am Dawn Service : St Nicholas churchyard*

10.30am Easter Communion : Holy Trinity, Stockton†

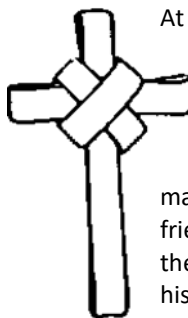
10.30am Easter Communion : St Nicholas, Dunn*

Any time [Benefice Easter Worship Service \(youtube\)](#)

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

A Special but Difficult Journey

A reflection by Judith Hewitt



At funerals I often talk about life as a journey with all its ups and downs, and this coming week we have the conclusion of Jesus' journey of His earthly life.

Perhaps before we begin this last journey we may wish to reflect back on the life of Christ, on his friends, the people he met, the stories he told, and the times he shared with others and times spent on his own. Jesus life was in so many ways no different to ours, but ... it was.

Jesus knew where this week was going to lead, but those around him didn't. The crowds were so pleased to see him on Palm Sunday, but all had changed by Friday.

Why not follow Jesus through this week? You could read each day, starting at Luke 19, or use the Holy Week reflections which will be shared on our [youtube channel](#) each day. What do these words say to you about the last days of Jesus' life here on earth?



Jesus knew he had to make this journey, difficult as it was. As he went through the week, he knew his heavenly Father was with him every step of the way and this gave Jesus the courage he needed to face a most humiliating death on a cross.

We are on the journey of life and we will have difficulties on the way, and this year has been a difficult one, but we haven't been on our own; our heavenly Father has been with us.

Booking for services in/at the church buildings

† For services in Stockton, please 'book' with Ennis, 400364, ennisjacksonuk@yahoo.com.

* For services in Dunnington, please 'book' with Nick, 489349, revnickbird@gmail.com.

Any changes to the services listed will be shared on the St Nicholas Church website stnicholasdunnington.org.uk.

There will be no Easter Service at Dunnington Methodist Church, but see overleaf for details of online Methodist worship.



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 and he will put you in touch with your local contact.

Parish Churches News & Events

Change your clocks!

Don't forget that the clocks 'spring forward' this Sunday 28 March.



Save the date!

Revd Mark Poole is to be ordained Priest on Saturday 3rd July at 2:00pm in Holy Trinity church, Stockton on the Forest. We are very much hoping that many will be able to gather to worship and celebrate with him and hopefully share an afternoon tea together following the service. Further details to follow.



Broadcast of York Mystery Plays for Easter

BBC Radio York will be broadcasting the York Theatre Royal Mystery Plays' version of the Crucifixion on Good Friday and the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Our very own Ged Murray is part of these productions. The Crucifixion focus on the banter of the soldiers and Pontius Pilate, and so highlights the banality of the evil Jesus faced. The Resurrection is much more focused on the three Marys, the Angel and Jesus. The plays will be broadcast at 6.30am & 1.30pm on Good Friday & Easter Sunday and will then be available for downloading from [BBC Sounds](#).



Easter Trails

will be set up at each of the parish churches from 27th March. Prizes & Easter craft packs can be collected from St Nicholas's Church, Dunnington & Holy Trinity, Stockton on the Forest on Saturday 3rd April between 10:00am & 12:30pm. [Email Lisa Horton](#) (Children & Family Worker) for more details. The trails will use the 'In search of Easter' materials which are part of Scripture Union's 'On The Trail' series.



Benefice Family Worship

There will not be a Family Worship service in April. The next one will be on **Sunday 2 May**. Contact Lisa Horton horton2517@sky.com, Rev Mark Poole revmarkpoole20@gmail.com or Judith Hewitt judithmhewitt@btinternet.com for more information.

Scarecrow Trail

Do sign up to display a scarecrow during the trail 1-3 May, using the leaflet that came through your door, or the online [Scarecrow Trail form](#).



Revd Nick Bird, acting up

Nick has been called upon to be the acting Diocesan Director of Ordinands whilst his colleague is on sick leave. This may only be for a matter of weeks, but might continue for longer. This is likely to take up the equivalent of about two days a week.

Benefice Weekend at Wydale Hall

Our weekend at Wydale is ON! 17th to 19th September 2021. It will be led by Rev Rachel Hirst and we will have Lisa with us to lead the younger people. It would be good to know if you are planning to join us, as soon as possible. The cost for the weekend, including all meals, is £159, with a reduction for children. Application forms will be available soon, but a deposit of £10 per person, with the names and a contact number, of those attending, can be sent to Judith Hewitt, 7, Water Lane.

Dunnington Methodist Church

With the prospect of a possible opening of the Chapel at Pentecost, 23rd May, it has been agreed to bring forward the Church Council meeting from 25th May to **Thursday 22nd April at 2.30pm**. We hope that many of you will be able to attend (obviously subject to Covid regulations and as long as government guidelines allow).

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

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.

Holy Week. There will be video meditations for each day of Holy Week available to watch on Facebook and the [Circuit YouTube channel](#). These are being created by the Yorkshire North & East District.

There will be a short zoom Morning Prayer at 9am from Monday to Saturday of Holy Week - zoom link available from Ruth Duck. Ruth Duck will be leading a Maundy Thursday service at 6.30pm (contact Ruth for the link).

There will also be zoom meditations on Maundy Thursday at 7pm and Good Friday at 2pm (contact Keith Albans or yorkcircuitoffice@gmail.com for the link).

Easter Sunday. There will be a livestreamed service on Easter Sunday at 8.30am which will be available to watch (both live and afterwards) on the Circuit YouTube service. This will include a love-feast.

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.

Flourish 2021. The Flourish District event that was to have taken place this September has now been postponed, and we are awaiting a new date, probably in autumn 2022.

Praying for our Circuit. The church on the Circuit Prayer Rota for **28 March is Tholthorpe**. 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.

Lord, you've guided us through the difficult days of Lent, encouraging us along the way. We pray as we move towards the darkest day, that you'll not forsake us but remind us of our Saviour's ultimate gift and promise of new, abundant, eternal life for all who believe and trust in him, your precious son, Jesus. Amen

From [Methodist Lent & Easter prayers](#)

Lectionary Corner

28 March: Palm Sunday
1 April: Maundy Thursday
2 April: Good Friday
3 April: Easter Eve

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

To receive this newsletter by email, [email Victoria](#). It is also available to download from the [St Nicholas Church website](#).

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

Next newsletter on **Easter Sunday 4 April** Email items to grapevine.rev@gmail.com by **9.00 am** on **Maundy Thursday 1 April**