THE CHURCHES OF DUNNINGTON, STOCKTON ON THE FOREST, WARTHILL & HOLTBY

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 18 April : Easter 3

Acts 3.12-19; Luke 24.36b-48



Today

Any time Benefice Worship Service (youtube) led by Revd Mark Poole and with a homily from Revd Keith Albans



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)

7.00pm Ignite Youth Group (zoom) contact Mark Poole for details



This week

Monday 19 April	
9.00am	Morning Prayer (zoom)
Tuesday 20	April
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9.00am <u>Morning Prayer (zoom)</u>

Wednesday 21 April

9.00amMorning Prayer (zoom)7.00pmCompline (zoom)

Thursday 22 April

9.00am	<u>Morning Prayer (zoom)</u>
7.00pm	Informal Prayer Time (zoom)

Sunday 25 April : Easter 4

Acts 4.5-12; John 10.11-18

- Any time <u>Benefice Worship Service</u> (youtube) led by Revd Nick Bird and with a homily from Revd Canon Terry Joyce
- 11.30am Post-service coffee (zoom)



Reopening our buildings for worship

Holy Trinity Stockton on the Forest

On **Sunday 25 April** Holy Trinity Stockton on the Forest will be recommencing Sunday services at 10.30am, and the Wednesday morning 10am Holy Communion service will begin on the 28th. All are welcome, but reserving a place for the Sunday service will still be necessary via our churchwarden Ennis Tweddle (<u>ennisjacksonuk@yahoo.co.uk</u> or 400364).

St Nicholas Dunnington

Sunday 2nd May will see St Nicholas Dunnington starting their 8am Holy Communion service, but NOT the 10.30am service as yet. The 9am Wednesday morning Holy Communion service will begin again on the 5th May. It is not expected that reserving a place will be necessary, as the church's capacity, using the nave, is twice that of the average congregation for these particular services. However, if it turns out that demand is greater than expected, we shall make sure that places can be reserved.

Warthill and Holtby are still under consultation and no decision has been made as yet.

Reflection on a popular hymn

by Judith Hewitt

We often associate 'Abide with me' as a hymn being sung at sports events, when the words are sung, probably without thinking about their meaning. This hymn was written by Henry Francis Lyte when he felt his life here in earth was nearing its end.

The inspiration for the words came from the story we have as one of our Easter readings, of the two friends on the Emmaus road, when they wanted the stranger, Jesus, who had walked with them to 'stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over'.

Lyte took those words and made it a prayer to God asking him to remain with him throughout life and through his death, which he knew was not far away.

If you look carefully at the words, pray over them, ask the Lord to be with you, to abide with you, throughout all your life.

Whatever happens in life we can always trust the Lord to be there to guide us, to support us and to encourage us.

Judith Hewitt



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 <u>revnickbird@gmail.com</u> and he will put you in touch with your local contact.

Parish Churches News & Events

Saturday 17 April - St Nicholas Church open for private prayer The church will be for private prayer on Saturday, from 12noon to 5pm, for reflection, prayer and the lighting of candles.

St Nicholas Electoral Roll

St Nicholas Church Annual Meeting is on Sunday 16 May and it is now time to revise our Electoral Roll, will be displayed in church from 1 May. Please send any applications, or changes (e.g. change of address), by **Monday 26 April** at the latest. Forms are available from Alison Gilmour: 14 Greenside Close, 489148 or <u>allie.48@yahoo.com</u>. They can be delivered, or scanned and sent to you. The Roll is now displayed with only your name and title available to view (addresses are no longer public).

PCC secretary vacancy.

If you've got the time and necessary word processing skills and have been hoping that someone else would volunteer to take on the role of PCC secretary, then I'm sorry to say they haven't. Maybe God is calling YOU to step up to the mark? Eve, our current PCC secretary is happy to receive informal enquiries to discuss what is involved (<u>eve_scoreby@hotmail.com</u>).

Revd Nick Bird installed as Canon of York Minster

At Evensong at York Minster, 4pm on **Sunday 25th April**, Revd Nick Bird will be installed as a Canon. Anyone wishing to attend that service can book a place through the <u>York Minster website</u> up to eight days beforehand. All are welcome.

Scarecrow Trail 1-3 May

Don't forget to return your form, or sign up on line, to register your scarecrow! We will need some help over the weekend to sell trail maps and to guide people through Church and to serve refreshments. If you can help, please let Judith (488331) know. We will also need some cakes or scones to sell as take away refreshments. Thank you.



Mental Health First Aid

Derwent Deanery is holding an open meeting, to which all are welcome, on the subject of Mental Health Awareness. This will be hosted by Paul Botting, our Lay Dean, on Zoom on **Monday 26th April** at 7.30 pm. If you would like to join us please email Alison (allie.48@yahoo.com) for the link before mid-day on the 23rd. It must not be passed around on social media or made public in any way, in line with Derwent Ings policy, so I will send upon request. I look forward to hearing from you. Alison.

Dunnington Methodist Church

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT A CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING IS PLANNED FOR **THURSDAY 22ND APRIL at 2.30 PM** at the Chapel. We hope that many of you, (both members who can vote and those on the community roll, or who have an interest in the life of the church) will be able to attend. Please leave a message with one of the stewards by this Sunday (18th April) if you are intending to come. Arrangements will be similar to those made for the Christmas Service. Please arrive no earlier than 2.25pm. Be prepared to wear a face covering in the building, maintain social distancing, and use hand sanitizer on entry and exit. Be aware that doors will be left open during the meeting so dress for the weather. The toilets will be available, but we will not be using the kitchen so bring a drink or refreshments from home if you wish. If there is anything else 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 this week

Worship. Online worship produced by the Circuit can be found on the <u>Circuit YouTube channel</u> and a <u>list of online worship</u> <u>services around the Circuit</u> is available. Holy Week and Easter services are still available on our YouTube channel if you missed any.

Dial a Sermon. For those unable to access the circuit YouTube service online, an audio recording of the most recent readings and sermon is 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.

Scam Emails. We have been alerted that a number of people within the Methodist Connexion have received bogus emails purporting to be from 'The Methodist Church in Britain' with TMCP's name in the email footer, asking recipients to click a link regarding database updates. These emails are not genuine and you should not click the links contained in them. If you are in doubt about any emails received purporting to be from TMCP or the Connexional Team, please contact them via their respective websites to check if it is genuine.

(Most fake emails can be identified by checking what address they were sent from- if it does not contain the name of the organisation it is supposed to come from, or is a random collection of letters and numbers, it is usually fake).

Save the date! Sunday 11th July at 3pm will be our Circuit Celebration service. This will be held at Acomb and we hope some people will be able to join us in person; the service will also be livestreamed. Watch out for more information in the coming weeks!

York Human Rights City Lecture.

The annual York Human Rights City Network lecture to mark the anniversary of York becoming the UK's first Human Rights City. We are



delighted that Professor Alan Miller of Strathclyde University and the Independent Co-Chair of Scotland's National Taskforce for Human Rights Leadership will be giving the lecture on the theme Human Rights Leadership: Local, National and International. This is the <u>link to the lecture</u>, which is hosted in conjunction with York University's open lecture series.

Praying for our Circuit. The church on the Circuit Prayer Rota for 18th April is **Acaster Malbis**. 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.



- 19 April: Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1012
- 21 April: Anselm, Abbot of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher of the Faith, 1109
- 23 April: George, Martyr, Patron of England c.304

This week's full lectionary info.

To receive this newsletter by email, <u>email Victoria</u>. It is also available to download from the <u>St Nicholas Church website</u>. To receive the Methodist Circuit News, please <u>email the Circuit office</u> or phone 07984 019995.

