

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 25 April : Easter 4

Acts 4.5-12; John 10.11-18



Today

Any time [Benefice Worship Service](#) (youtube)
led by Revd Nick Bird and with a homily
from Revd Canon Terry Joyce



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

10.30am Worship Service : Holy Trinity, Stockton

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



This week

Monday 26 April

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

Tuesday 27 April

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

Wednesday 28 April

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

10.00am Holy Communion : Holy Trinity, Stockton

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

Thursday 29 April

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

Saturday 1 May

10—4 Scarecrow Trail : Dunnington

Sunday 2 May : Easter 5

Acts 8.26-end; John 15.1-8

8.00am Holy Communion : St Nicks, Dunnington

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4.00pm Family Worship : St Nicks, Dunnington

The Present

That HRH Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh, died at 9:00am on the 9th of the month on the 99th day of the year aged 99 probably means absolutely nothing, but it is an interesting anomaly of time.

I have a propensity to become obsessed with time. If I am excited about something imminent, I want time to go quickly, counting down the remaining number of sleeps until it arrives. If I am on holiday, I want time to



go slowly, so that it feels like I have more time to enjoy it. I am either thinking about speeding up or slowing down time. It can be likened to taking a train ride, spending the whole time thinking about the destination, the point of arrival at the station, at the expense of cherishing each present moment of the journey with all its twists, turns and surprises along the way. Maybe that is why it is called the present. Each moment of life is a gift.

The Bible has much to say about time and not least about the importance of dwelling in the present moment, whatever the circumstances. The only thing that separates us from God, we who seek Him, is our awareness in the present moment of His presence. The Psalmist asks, 'Who shall stand in His Holy place?' (24:3) which is a trick question, since all we need to do is open our eyes to see that we are already standing in His presence in each present moment. God's gift of Himself to us.

Witnessing HRH, the Queen, sitting alone in St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle last Saturday at the funeral of her dearly beloved, was poignant and brought a tear to my eye. It seemed to capture a moment in time that was profoundly symbolic of all that has happened to us living in the shadow of a pandemic this past year. I hope with all my heart that in that very moment she knew God's presence with her.

And so, it reminded me of the ending of one of my favourite poems, 'The Station' by Robert J. Hastings.

'Stop pacing the aisles and counting the miles. Instead, climb more mountains, eat more ice-cream, go barefoot oftener, swim more rivers, watch more sunsets, laugh more and cry less. Life must be lived as we go along. The station will come soon enough.'

Revd Mark Poole



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.

Reopening our buildings for worship

Holy Trinity Stockton on the Forest

Today, **Sunday 25 April**, Holy Trinity Stockton on the Forest are recommencing Sunday services in the building 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 (ennisjacksonuk@yahoo.co.uk 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.

Other Parish Churches News & Events

Rev'd Nick Bird installed as Canon of York Minster

At Evensong at York Minster today (Sunday 25th April) at 4pm, Rev'd Nick Bird will be installed as a Canon. Congratulations Nick!

St Nicholas Electoral Roll

St Nicholas Church Annual Meeting is on 16 May and it is time to revise our Electoral Roll, which 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: allie.48@yahoo.com or 14 Greenside Close. 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 (eve_scoreby@hotmail.com).

Scarecrow Trail 1-3 May - LEND A HAND

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.



Scarecrow Trail 1-3 May - ENJOY!

Collect your trail maps from St Nicholas Church 10.00am—4.00pm Saturday, Sunday & Monday. Take Away refreshments will be available from the Tower Room. We will be operating a one way system at Church to keep everyone safe. Proceeds to St Nicholas Church Big Build fund to keep us warm and dry.



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 26th. 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

Services at the chapel will take place on **23rd May** (Pentecost) and on **27th June**. These will be subject to recommendations from the circuit and, of course, national guidelines regarding Covid 19. Booking a place will be necessary nearer the time, but we hope we can accommodate anyone who wishes to attend. In the meantime please continue to access services and events online as indicated below. 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 [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 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.

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!

Digital Resources

A [Digital Resources webpage](#) has been created on the circuit website with some selected useful links for digital church resources, training and information. In particular, there are two excellent manuals on using Zoom which can be downloaded. Please let Neil Craig neilc@yorkmethodist.onmicrosoft.com know of any further suggestions.

Praying for our Circuit. The church on the Circuit Prayer Rota for 25th April is **Acomb**. 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.



Anyone is welcome to receive the Circuit News, please ask them to email yorkcircuitoffice@gmail.com and ask to be put on the mailing list for the Circuit News.

Lectionary Corner

26 April: Mark the Evangelist (transferred from 25 April)

27 April: Christina Rossetti, poet 1894

29 April: Catherine of Siena, Teacher of the Faith 1380

1 May: Philip and James, Apostles

[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 **Sunday 2 May** Email items to grapevine.rey@gmail.com by **9.00 am on Thursday 29 April**