

# NEWSLETTER



## Sunday 23 May : Pentecost

Acts 2.1-21; John 15.26-27, 16.4b-15

### Today

8.00am Holy Communion : St Nicks, Dunnington

10.00am Worship Service : Dunn. Methodist Chapel  
*Revd John Schofield*

10.30am Holy Communion : Holy Trinity, Stockton\*  
*Revd Canon Nick Bird*

Any time [Benefice Worship Service](#) (youtube)  
*with a homily from Revd Canon Nick Bird*



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

6.00pm Re-ignite (Youth Group) Treasure Hunt & BBQ : St Nicks, Dunnington  
*(note earlier start time this month)*

### This week

#### Monday 24 May

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

#### Tuesday 25 May

9.00am Morning Prayer : St Mary, Warthill

#### Wednesday 26 May

9.00am Holy Communion : St Nicholas, Dunnington

10.00am Holy Communion : Holy Trinity, Stockton

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

#### Thursday 27 May

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

7.00pm Holtby ACPM : Holy Trinity Church

### Sunday 30 May : Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6.1-8; John 3.1-17



8.00am Holy Communion : St Nicks, Dunnington

10.30am Holy Communion : Holy Trinity, Stockton\*  
*Revd Canon John Harrison & Revd Mark Poole*

Any time [Benefice Worship Service](#) (youtube)  
*with a homily from Revd Keith Albans*

\* places for Sunday services at Stockton must be reserved via the churchwarden Ennis Tweddle ([ennisjacksonuk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ennisjacksonuk@yahoo.co.uk) or 400364).

### Customs

*a reflection by Revd Mark Poole*

At the Annual Meeting of St Nicholas Church, Dunnington last Sunday, we were invited to engage with the ancient practice of Lectio Divina. We prayerfully read a passage from Luke's Gospel (4:14-21) seeking communion with God and discerning what He might be saying to us. I was blessed to be in a 'Zoom Room' with three prophets! I have since been reflecting on this sacred time we shared as the Scriptures were opened to our hearts and minds.

We read of Jesus going to the synagogue 'as was his custom,' and God seemed to be inviting us to explore the notion of 'custom' and what this now means for us in this time and place. Since the pandemic ruptured life as we knew it, our customary patterns of worship have changed dramatically. However, the 'Spirit of the Lord' has been upon us, and the Church throughout the world has witnessed new and glorious expressions of worship, service and mission.



As we emerge from lockdown, we now find ourselves in a season of liminality. What is our custom now? What will become our custom? How will we become the body of Christ 'anointed...to bring good news to the poor....proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour?' (Luke 4:18-19).

Of course, we yearn to worship together and experience all the dimensions and expressions of community living and loving as Christ's body here on earth as soon as it is safe to do so. But can we return to patterns of worship, service and mission exactly as they were pre-COVID 19, a season of steady yet significant decline in church attendance? Are we not on the threshold of change? Is this time not a gift from God to re-imagine how we proclaim the Gospel?

We cannot ignore that in his earthly life Jesus challenged the customs of his time and that in his risen and ascended glory he continues to do the same through the Holy Spirit for the sake of His Kingdom. Inevitably, this may feel uncomfortable and disturbing. However, in a week where we have been earnestly praying 'Your Kingdom Come,' and as we look to the feast of Pentecost this Sunday celebrating the birthday of the Church, what could be a better time for transformation and revival?

*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](mailto:revnickbird@gmail.com) and he will put you in touch with your local contact.

## Parish Churches News & Events

**Re-ignite Youth Group** meets TODAY, Sunday 23rd May, at the earlier time of at 6:00pm at St Nicholas Church, for a treasure hunt around the village followed by a BBQ outside the Tower Room. We will also meet on Sundays 27th June and 25th July. There will be no meeting in August. Contact [Mark Poole](#) for more information.



**Holtby's APCM** will be held on Thursday 27th May, 7pm, in Holy Trinity Church.

**Christian Aid.** If you still would like to donate to Christian Aid please can you deliver your donation to 7 Water Lane, 12 Greenside or The Rectory as soon as possible. Thank you.



**Benefice Prayer Meeting.** The meeting on 25th May has been cancelled. The next two will be via Zoom on Tuesday 29th June and Monday 26th July. There will be no meeting in August.

**Family worship** is now taking place in St Nicholas Church again each month. The next dates are **13th June** (not 6th June as previously advertised) and 4th July, both at 4:00pm. All welcome.



**Benefice Weekend at Wydale.** It is now time to book your place for the weekend, 17th to 19th September. Booking forms are available on the [St Nicholas Church website](#), from Benefice Churches when they are open, or from Judith Hewitt.



**Nick's sponsored walk.** Nick will be helping raise money to repair the Tower Room roof by taking on another epic challenge - on Friday 23rd July, at about midday, he plans to leave Hull and walk the Yorkshire Wolds Way continuously to Filey, a total distance of 80 miles. More details to follow.

## Dunnington Methodist Church

Dear Friends

We look forward to seeing those of you who have reserved a place, this Sunday 23rd May at 10.00 am when John Schofield will be leading us in worship for Pentecost. Please arrive no earlier than 9.55am. 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 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.

**Circuit Newsletter.** The [Summer 2021 Circuit Newsletter](#) can now be found on our website.

**Bible month group.** There will be a Bible Month group meeting on Thursday



evenings at 7pm in June to study the groups material. Contact Keith Albans, Ruth Duck or the Circuit office for the zoom link.

**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.



**Place of Welcome volunteers.** Prior to the Covid pandemic, York's Place of Welcome met every Wednesday afternoon between 1pm and 3pm in the Carecent room at Central Methodist Church. From July we are wanting to extend this to include Monday, Tuesday and Friday afternoons, so there is a daily provision for a welcoming community space in the city. (Carecent already host a similar drop in on Thursday afternoons.) Volunteers needed! - to help make cups of tea and coffee - to donate tea and coffee, cakes and biscuits - to sit and chat with visitors and make them feel welcome. If you are interested, please [contact Deacon Judith Stoddart](#) by email or on 07508 870 431.



**Vacancies: Synod representatives.** We have two vacancies for representatives from the Circuit to the District Synod - if you would be interested in taking on this role please let Lois or Keith know. Synod generally meets twice a year and you can find out more about it on the [District website](#).

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

**Personal and Spiritual Development course at St Bede's.** This hugely popular course runs over 2 years (one Saturday and ten sessions each term). The next course is due to start in September and will run on Tuesday mornings from 10.00 until 12.20. There will be a Taster session online using zoom on Tuesday 25th May. For details and application form contact St Bede's Pastoral Centre Tel: 01904 464900.

**Praying for our Circuit.** 23rd May is Pentecost, when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the early church. Methodists also celebrate [Aldersgate Sunday](#), marking the occasion when John Wesley felt his heart 'strangely warmed' as he experienced God's love in a personal and life-giving way. Ask God to 'warm' your heart with love and experience of the Holy Spirit.



## Lectionary Corner

23 May: Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

24 May: John and Charles Wesley, evangelists, hymn writers, 1791 and 1788

25 May: The Venerable Bede, Monk at Jarrow, Scholar and Historian, 735

26 May: Augustine of Canterbury, first Archbishop of Canterbury, 605

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

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Next newsletter on **Sunday 30 May**. [Email items to grapevine.rey@gmail.com](mailto:grapevine.rey@gmail.com) by **9.00 am on 27 May**