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

# **NEWSLETTER**

### **Sunday 18 July: Trinity 7**

Jer. 23.1-6; Eph. 2.11-end; Mark 6.30-34, 53-end



#### **Today**

8.00am Holy Communion: St Nicks, Dunnington

Revd Canon Terry Joyce

9.00am Holy Communion : St Mary, Warthill

Revd Canon Nick Bird & Revd Mark Poole

10.30am Holy Communion : St Nicks, Dunnington†
Revd Mark Poole (with music by Laudate)

10.30am Morning Worship: Holy Trinity, Stockton\*

Revd Canon Nick Bird

<u>Benefice Worship Service</u> (youtube) with a homily from Revd Mark Poole

Dial 899433 anytime to listen to our online Sunday service for the cost of a local call.

#### This week

Monday 19 July

9.00am Morning Prayer (zoom)

**Tuesday 20 July** 

9.00am Morning Prayer : St Mary, Warthill

Wednesday 21 July

9.00am Holy Communion : St Nicholas, Dunnington10.00am Holy Communion : Holy Trinity, Stockton

7.00pm Compline (zoom)

Thursday 22 July

9.00am Morning Prayer (zoom)

#### Sunday 25 July: James the Apostle

Jer. 45.1-5; Acts 11.27-12.2; Matt. 20.20-28

8.00am Holy Communion : St Nicks, Dunnington

10.30am Benefice Communion : Holy Trinity, Stockton\*

Benefice Worship Service (youtube)

6.00pm Evensong: Holy Trinity, Holtby

7.00pm Re-Ignite Youth Group: St Nicks, Dunnington

## NOTE - THERE WILL BE NO 10.30AM SERVICE AT ST NICHOLAS CHURCH ON SUNDAY 25 JULY.

All are welcome instead to the Benefice service at Holy Trinity Stockton where we will be saying our goodbyes to Revd Canon Terry Joyce and his wife Debbie. Places must be booked via the churchwarden Ennis Tweddle.

\* book via the churchwarden Ennis Tweddle (<a href="mailto:ennisjacksonuk@yahoo.co.uk">ennisjacksonuk@yahoo.co.uk</a> or 400364)

† book via the churchwarden Carole White 07508 834565

Face coverings must be worn in the church buildings.

#### Saints' Days

A reflection by Judith Hewitt

This week saw us celebrating the life of St Swithin on 15th July. If St Nicholas Church was open Alison would have put some information about him in the lectionary corner. If you have the internet, you can <u>download the lectionary information</u> from our website and read more about him.

Saint Swithin was a Saxon Bishop born and educated in the kingdom of Wessex. He was famous for charitable gifts and building churches.

As with many saints, there are many tales told about them and no one really knows if they are true. There was one miracle attributed to Swithin while he was alive and that was of an old lady's eggs being smashed by workmen building a church. Swithin picked them up and, it is said, they miraculously became whole again.

Swithin died on 2 July 862 and, according to tradition, asked to be buried humbly. His grave was just outside the west door of the Old Minster, so that people would walk across it and rain would fall on it in accordance with his wishes.

On 15 July 971 Swithin's remains were dug up and moved to a shrine in the cathedral, leading to that day being his feast day. The removal of his remains was accompanied by ferocious and violent rain storms that lasted 40 days and 40 nights and are said to indicate the saint's displeasure at being moved. This is probably the origin of the legend that, if it rains on Saint Swithin's day, the rain will continue for 40 more days.

I wonder what we will be remembered for when we die, for in God's eyes we are all saints and all have something to offer to those around us.

Judith

St Swithin's Day if thou dost rain

For forty days it will remain

St. Swithin's Day if thou be fair

For forty days 'twill rain nae mair.

If you need help/support but don't know who your local Community Support Group volunteers are, please contact Rev Nick Bird 01904 489349 or <a href="mailto:revnickbird@gmail.com">revnickbird@gmail.com</a> and he will put you in touch with your local contact.



#### **Parish Churches News & Events**

**Christian Meditation Group.** This group is currently meeting at 4pm on the fourth Wednesday of the month in St Nicholas Church. The next meeting is Wednesday 28th July.

Thank you, from Revd Mark Poole. Thank you so very much for the many messages, emails and cards full of love, prayer and support and affirmation to commemorate my ordination as priest last Saturday. I shall treasure these for a very long time. Thank you very much also for your overwhelming generosity shown in the gift of a cheque and the most beautiful Communion set in a smart leather satchel. I absolutely love it!

Thank you to all those who worked so hard in preparing for the day and on the day itself including all bakers and 'washer uppers' for the wonderful afternoon tea. My family and friends felt so very welcomed in church and at the village hall and we all enjoyed the occasion so much. Thank you also to all those who, although they weren't able to join in physically, nevertheless were with me in spirit and prayer.

The collection raised £255 for the Mother's Union in Mara diocese in Tanzania which will help to provide porridge for young children each morning. Thank you very much for your generosity.

Emma and I are so deeply grateful and touched by the welcome, love and support you have shown us over this past year despite the challenging times we have all been living through.

Benefice Weekend at Wydale 17th to 19th September. Booking forms are available on the <u>St Nicholas</u> <u>Church website</u>, from Benefice Churches when they are open, or from Judith Hewitt.



#### **Dunnington Methodist Church**

**Dear Friends** 

Now we have had our final service at the Methodist Chapel, there is unlikely to be any 'news' directly from Dunnington until later in the year. The stewards will continue to copy the news from the circuit to this newsletter until the last week in August after which time we would encourage you to ask to be put on the mailing list personally. (Details on the right).

If there is anything else we might be able to help you with, do not hesitate to call one of the stewards: Anne Castle 481656, Diane Conway 489495 or Chris Spedding 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> services around the Circuit is available.

**Conference Business Digest.** A summary of the business that took place at this year's Methodist Conference is available electronically. If you require a paper copy of this, please contact Diane.

**Suspicious emails.** Please continue to be aware of suspicious emails, even if they appear to come from someone you know or a minister. Please do not respond to emails asking you vaguely 'for help' or asking you to buy something for them. If you are unsure if an email is genuine please phone the individual to

check or email them at the email address listed in the Circuit directory (do not just click reply to the suspicious message). Often if you look at the address the message has come from it will not be the person's actual email address, so it is worth checking.

**Circuit Celebration service and farewells.** You can still watch the service online at <a href="https://youtu.be/-dK23MJEakl">https://youtu.be/-dK23MJEakl</a>

<u>Place of Welcome</u> Afternoon Drop ins at Central. There will be a meeting on Wednesday 18th August at 2pm in the Carecent room at Central Methodist Church, to discuss the proposed afternoon community drop ins. Anyone who is interested in volunteering or simply finding out more is welcome to join us.

**Poppleton Quiz.** Please contact Frances Priestnall for the latest quiz (<u>davidpriestnall@hotmail.com</u>). So far the quizzes have raised £11,092 towards the Ruach redevelopment project. Phase one, the building of a new hall, is coming along nicely.

**Praying for our Circuit.** The church on the Circuit Prayer Rota for 18th July is **Clifton**. 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.



We remember the work of MHA (Methodist Homes) and all those who are in residential care. The last 18 months have been a difficult time for both residents and staff, so please pray for opportunities to connect safely with the outside world and with family and friends, and for staff to have time to recuperate over the summer.

Receiving the Circuit News. Anyone is welcome to receive the Circuit News. Contact Lois Cross, Circuit Support Manager & PA to the Superintendent, on <a href="mailto:yorkcircuitoffice@gmail.com">yorkcircuitoffice@gmail.com</a> or 07984 019995. (Please note that Lois is currently working flexibly and there may be some delay in responding to emails. Thank you for your patience).

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#### **Lectionary Corner**

19 July: Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, and his sister Macrina, deaconess. Teachers of the Faith c. 394 and c. 379

22 July: Mary Magdalen

This week's full lectionary info.

#### Nick Bird's Epic Challenge

Revd Nick is taking on another epic (crazy?) 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.



The purpose is to raise money towards repairing the Tower Room roof at St Nicholas Church, as part of our Building Work Appeal, so that we can continue to host community activities for years to come.

Sponsorship forms are available in the churches, or you can give online using the dedicated <u>GoldenGiving link</u>. More details at <u>stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/news/walk.php</u>

To receive newsletters by email, contact <u>grapevine.rey@gmail.com</u>. They are also available on the <u>St Nicholas Church website</u>. To receive the Methodist Circuit News, please contact the office by email <u>yorkcircuitoffice@gmail.com</u> or phone 07984 019995.