

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 21 November: Christ the King

Readings: Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14; Revelation 1.4b-8; John 18.33-37



Today

- 8.00am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington
Rev Nick Bird
- 9.00 am Holy Communion: St Mary, Warthill
Rev Nick Bird
- 10.30am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington
Rev Nick Bird
- 10.30am Morning Worship: Holy Trinity, Stockton
Judith Hewitt

At St Nicholas

- 8.00 Holy Communion: Rev Nick Bird
- 9.30-10.00 Church open for quiet prayer and reflection
- 10.00-10.30 Coffee, reflection, prayer and music
- 10.30 Holy Communion: Rev Nick Bird

 [Online Benefice Worship](#) (YouTube)

This week

Monday 22 November

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

Tuesday 23 November

9.00am Morning Prayer: St Mary, Warthill

1.45pm Little People, Play and Praise: St Nicholas Tower Room

Wednesday 24 November

9.00am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington

9.45am Bereavement Café: St Nicholas Tower Room

10.00am Holy Communion: Holy Trinity, Stockton

2.00pm Christmas Card folding: St Nicholas Tower Room

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

Thursday 25 November

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

12.00pm Funeral of Cyril Egarr

Saturday 27 November

10.00 -11.30 Christmas Fayre and Coffee Morning:
Reading Rooms

Sunday 28 November: Advent Sunday

Readings: Jeremiah 33.14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3.9-end;
Luke 21.25-36

10.30am Benefice Communion: Holy Trinity, Stockton

Please note, the only morning service on Sunday 28th will be the Benefice Communion at Stockton.

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A reflection for Stir-up Sunday from Judith Hewitt

In the Common Worship Lectionary (the chosen readings for a particular day) this coming Sunday is Christ the King, but if we look back in prayer books it will be referred to as Stir-up-Sunday.

Why?

Stir-up Sunday gets its name from the opening words of the collect for the day in the Anglican Book of Common Prayer: "Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people".

But Stir-up Sunday is a festive tradition associated with the Victorian era. On Stir-up Sunday, families traditionally get together in their kitchen to mix and steam Christmas pudding. I can remember as a child gathering together with the rest of the family on a Sunday, not sure if it was Stir-up Sunday to all stir the pudding and to have a wish after my father had added the brandy.



Christmas puddings are made so far in advance of Christmas Day to give them time to mature, in particular so that the alcohol really infuses the pudding. There is also a tradition that the pudding would have 13 ingredients to represent Jesus and his disciples.

This coming Sunday, 21st November, is also the last in the Churches year. As with all endings of the year a time to look back over the last twelve months, but as Advent begins on 28th November the chance to look forward to what God has planned for us in a new year.

In the words 'Stir up the wills of your faithful people' we are asking God for something important. We are praying that God will stir up our wills, so that we might get on with doing the good works that he has planned for us to do. Then, as a consequence, we pray that we might receive our abundant reward.

Collect for Stir-up Sunday

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Christmas Fayre and Coffee Morning

Saturday 27th November

Reading Room - 10.00 to 11.45

Tombola, raffle, cakes, gifts, craft stalls and refreshments.

All proceeds to St Nicholas Church.



Parish Churches News & Events

Benefice Prayer Meeting: There will be a benefice prayer meeting via Zoom on Monday 29th November starting at 7pm and finishing at 8pm prompt. All are very welcome to join and a link will be emailed nearer the time.

Bereavement Café. We will be ready to welcome anyone who has suffered a bereavement, either recently or a while ago, on Wednesday 24th November from 9.45 in the Tower Room. There is an opportunity to talk, over a drink, and to light a candle in memory of your loved one.

Cyril Egarr. Cyril's funeral will be at St Nicholas Church at 12.00 on Thursday 25th November. He died very peacefully at Beaumont Manor Care Home at Stamford Bridge.

Methodist Women in Britain: York Circuit Advent Service, December 3rd at 10:00 am for 10:30 am. Melbourne Terrace Methodist Circuit Hub. 10:00 refreshments for 10:30 am start Please come, all are welcome.

Readers and Intercessors at St Nicholas: We are beginning to prepare the rota from January to April. We will assume that if we do not hear from you, that you are still willing to be part of this ministry. If you would like to join the rota, please contact Judith Hewitt by 28th November.

Christingle: There will be Christingle services on Sunday 5th December 10.30am at Holy Trinity, Stockton, and at 4.00pm St Nicholas, Dunnington. If you would like to take a 'candle' for your donation to the Children's Society there are now some in the Tower Room.

Benefice Christmas Card: We are producing a card, in house, this year and we will need some help with folding them. We will be gathering in the Tower Room on Wednesday 24th November from 2.00pm and would love to have your help!

Midweek meditation at Lidgett Methodist Church: A chance to be still and silent in the middle of our busy weeks. Every Wednesday, 7.30am in room 3 for 30 minutes. All are welcome to use the silence for whatever you need. Stillness, meditation, mindfulness, prayer. A safe, inclusive space. No agenda. A chance to regroup ourselves in the middle of a busy week and before work or school. Please respect the silence when you arrive.

St Nicholas Church Christmas Fayre: Please can you bring tombola or raffle prizes to the Tower Room. There is also a list on the table to sign if you can help on the day, Saturday 27th November. Cakes can be brought to the Reading Room on the day.



PLACE OF WELCOME COMMUNITY DROP INS

All being well, our Carecent / community afternoon drop ins at Central Methodist Church have started last week. We still need volunteers for Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Please get in touch if you are able to help. We are looking in particular for people to help make tea and coffee and also to sit and chat with people.

Thank you. Judith Stoddart
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Sunday Coffee at St Nicholas: Serving coffee is part of our ministry of welcome. Talking over coffee is part of the sharing and caring that we want all to experience. For this to happen we would like people to volunteer to serve coffee before and/or after the 10.30 service. If you can help, please sign your name against a date/s on the list on the rota board, that are convenient to you.



PCC Members, please save the date! There will be a Social Evening for all PCC members, and their partners, from across the Benefice on Tuesday 7th December at 7.00pm in the Tower Room.

Zoom worship: Strensall Methodist Church have restarted their weekly Zoom worship and prayer on Thursday mornings, 09:00 to 09:45. Members of all churches or none are welcome. To get a Zoom link please contact Rev John Hayward:
John.Hayward@methodist.org.uk

Christmas Gifts for IDAS: If you would like to support the work of IDAS (Woman's Refuge), this Christmas, they would once again like supermarket vouchers, so the 'mums' can do their own shopping. They can accept a limited number of toys and toiletries. Please take your donation to a Benefice Church service, or leave at 7 Water Lane, Dunnington, by 9th December.



Lectionary Corner at St Nicholas

21 November: Christ the King

23 November: Clement, Bishop of Rome, Martyr c.100

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Next newsletter on **Sunday 28th November** [Email items to grapevine.rey@gmail.com](mailto:grapevine.rey@gmail.com) by 9.00 am on Thursday 25th November.