



# NEWSLETTER



## Sunday 7 February - 2nd before Lent

Proverbs 8.1, 22-31; Colossians 1.15-20; John 1.1-14

### Today

**Any time** [Benefice Worship Service](#)  
(youtube) with a homily from Nicky Gladstone  
**11.30am** [Post-service coffee & chat via Zoom](#)  
**4.00pm** [Family Worship via Zoom](#)



### This week

**Monday 8 February**  
9.00am [Morning Prayer via zoom](#)  
**Tuesday 9 February**  
9.00am [Morning Prayer via zoom](#)  
**Wednesday 10 February**  
9.00am [Morning Prayer via zoom](#)  
7.00pm [Compline via Zoom](#)  
**Thursday 11 February**  
9.00am [Morning Prayer via zoom](#)

### Sunday 14 February : Sunday before Lent

2 Kings 2.1-12; 2 Corinthians 4.3-6; mark 9.2-9

**Any time** [Benefice Worship Service](#)  
(youtube) with a homily from Andy Hagon  
**11.30am** [Post-service coffee & chat via Zoom](#)

### Community Support Group



We are still here to help

If you would like someone to collect your shopping, or to walk your dog, or if you'd like a friendly chat on the phone

Contact Rev. Nick Bird  
01904 489349 : [revnickbird@gmail.com](mailto:revnickbird@gmail.com)  
who will put you in touch with your local contact

### A New Song?

*a reflection by Revd Mark Poole*

Dear Friends,

My heart is warmed and my spirit thankful when I hear that people I know are finally being vaccinated against Covid-19. Set this against the backdrop of spring flowers rising from the depths of the earth and bursting forth in a fanfare of dazzling beauty, accompanied by the birds singing sweetly in the trees and I could possibly be forgiven for feeling like singing 'The Hills Are Alive with The Sound of Music' at the top of my voice!

As winter melts into Spring, maybe, just maybe, the lamentations of lockdown will morph into a chorus of celebration birthing for us all, in the words of the Psalmist, a 'new song in my mouth.' (Psalm 40 verse 3). And the song will be new, as the addition of 'new normal' to our everyday vocabulary testifies. And the song should be new, for I am sure we have all had cause to reflect on the positive changes a pandemic has brought locally and globally. So why do the strings strumming in my soul sound discordant?



I have read that an unprecedented global scientific effort has led to the development of a number of coronavirus vaccines, which promise to help the world's most vulnerable from the devastating disease. A perfect prelude to any new song. In collaboration like never witnessed, teams across the world worked concurrently on multiple stages of development condensing ten years' laboratory experiments into less than twelve months. Again, these are melodies that are music to my ears. Governments have pledged that vaccines will be available to those who most need them, not just to those who can afford to buy them. Harmonies are blending perfectly. Although governments in high-income countries have placed massive orders for multiple vaccines, the World Health Organisation has introduced Covax – a scheme to ensure vulnerable people in low and middle income countries also receive supplies. Yes! These are the kind of lyrics I want to sing from the hills until my voice is hoarse!

But then, the buried news item that brought dissonance to the whole musical score. So far, 95% of all vaccinations have taken place in just ten countries and only two low and middle income countries have even begun immunisation programmes. I pray that justice, love and fairness will be the overtures of the new song before it is too late and all that remains are the old dirges.

Mark

## Parish Churches News & Events

### Family Worship Today

We are re-starting Family Worship today, Sunday 7 February, at 4pm. Do join us for a short, creative service held over Zoom. The theme is Love and the service will be led by [Lisa Horton](#), [Judith Hewitt](#) and [Revd Mark Poole](#). Contact them, using the email links above, for login details. [More details online](#).

### Heart Tree

From 11 February, at each parish church, there will be a 'Heart Tree' and resources available to add a heart of your own. Choose a heart, write the name of someone you love, or who really needs to feel God's love, and hang it on the tree.

### Ash Wednesday

Our benefice Ash Wednesday service this year will be online and will replace our popular Compline service on Wednesday 17 February at 7pm. It will be a marking of the beginning of the season of Lent, and our intention to keep this penitential season both faithfully and lovingly.

### Lent Course - Thursdays @ 7pm

On Thursday 25th February we begin our five week Lent course via zoom. Each session will last one hour and will begin, after a short prayer, with a 10 min introduction on the topic, followed by the opportunity to explore the week's theme in more depth in small groups for those who wish to stay.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84430657923>

25 Feb - Suffering

4 March - Wilderness

11 March - Judas

18 March - Sin

25 March - Forgiveness



### Dunnington Community Needs

To take forward our mission and grant applications for our building work we are keen to identify the priority community needs for Dunnington. Please do let us know your thoughts on this, reflecting your own experiences or observations on what is needed. These together with the research we are doing with local organisations and groups serving Dunnington, will be most valuable in helping our community. Many thanks.

Nick, Mark, Peter and Carole.

### St Nicholas Church Dunnington - Roof and Heating appeal

*Renew, Restore and Rejuvenate*

Donations are starting to come in. Thank you so much to those who have already contributed!

If you are able to donate to enable us to take forward these projects, this would be very much appreciated. Cash or cheques (payable to Dunnington PCC) can be put through the Rectory Letterbox. Please mark the envelope with "Fabric Donation". Donations can also be given online using the [Golden Giving Fabric link](#). Your contributions will help us make a real difference. Thank you, Peter and Carole.



### Church building closures

Unfortunately our parish church buildings remain closed for both public worship and private prayer. The four church councils have individually made this decision on the basis of the government's guidance to 'Stay at home' during the current wave of the pandemic. This decision will be regularly reviewed, usually towards the end of each month. Church closure decisions are taken with the consent and support of our bishop.

## Dunnington Methodist Church

Dear Friends. As the Church Building remains closed at this time we hope you remain safe and well and look forward to a point in time when we can all meet together safely. In the meantime, we hope you will be able to access services online, or via the printed version which Diane kindly delivers, and find out more about the Lent Course mentioned below. If there is anything 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

#### 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.

#### Lent Course

You are invited to join in an online six week Lent course focusing on John's Passion Narratives, with sessions on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays, beginning the first full week of Lent and ending in Holy Week. Contact Keith Albans, Ruth Duck or Alyson Christy for more details and to get the joining details.

#### Ash Wednesday (17 February)

An Ash Wednesday Morning Prayer will be held at 9am on zoom. Email [ruth.duck@methodist.org.uk](mailto:ruth.duck@methodist.org.uk) for the link.

Also, a reflective service for Ash Wednesday, 10am on Zoom. All welcome. Please email [localpastor@hwmc.org.uk](mailto:localpastor@hwmc.org.uk) for the link.

#### My Bubble

Donna Maria Taylor & Katie Hill (community artists from SOUTH BANK STUDIOS) have set up a Community Art project to help people through lockdown and isolation. We are inviting you to make a small artwork at home, on the theme: A YEAR OF CHANGE – "My Bubble", and then deliver or post it to us to put together, first as an online exhibition and then as a physical exhibition at Southlands Methodist Church to mark the re-opening of the church building when the restrictions are lifted enough to be able to do this. Of course we have no idea when this might be! [Further details about 'My Bubble'](#).

#### Praying for our Circuit

The church on the Circuit Prayer Rota for **7th February is Rufforth**. 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.

**Sunday 7th Feb is Racial Justice Sunday**. Could you seek to inform yourself about how people of colour have been harmed by prejudice and pray about how you could help challenge this?

#### Notice

Further to last week's announcement, the funeral service for Rev. Nigel Hannah will be held at York Crematorium on Monday 15th February at 12.20pm. Although we cannot be there in person, we continue to hold Eileen in our thoughts and prayers. The service will be livestreamed- please contact Judith Stoddart or Rory Dalgliesh for details.

Folk around the Circuit will also be saddened to hear that Rev. David Hall died recently. He and Janet were a great support to Stamford Bridge for many years, and moved over to Kendal a couple of years ago.

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 14 February** [Email items to grapevine.rey@gmail.com](mailto:Email items to grapevine.rey@gmail.com) by 9.00 am on Thursday 11 February