

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 9 January: Baptism of Christ

Readings: Isaiah 43.1-7; Acts 8.14-17; Luke 3.15-17, 21-22



Today

- 8.00am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington
Rev Mark Poole
- 9.00am Holy Communion: Holy Trinity, Holtby
Rev Nick Bird
- 10.30am Holy Communion: Holy Trinity, Stockton
Rev Nick Bird and Rev Mark Poole
- 10.30am All Age Worship: St Mary, Warthill
Judith Hewitt
- At St Nicholas**
- 9.30am Church open for quiet prayer and reflection
- 10.00am Coffee, reflection, prayer and music
- 10.30am Holy Communion: Bishop David Smith
- 2.30pm Star Party: St Nicholas Tower Room
- 4.00pm Family Worship

 [Online Benefice Worship](#) (YouTube)

This week

Monday 10 January

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

Tuesday 11 January

9.00am Morning Prayer: St Mary, Warthill

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

Wednesday 12 January

9.00am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington

9.45am Coffee Time: St Nicholas, Dunnington

10.00am Holy Communion: Holy Trinity, Stockton

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

Thursday 13 January

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

Saturday 15 January

10.00 am Community Café: St Nicholas Tower Room

Sunday 16 January: Epiphany 2

Readings: Isaiah 62.1-5; 1 Corinthians 12.1-11; John 2.22-40

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A reflection on the Baptism of Christ, by Judith Hewitt

During Advent we read of the teachings of John the Baptist encouraging the people to repent and be baptized in preparation for the coming of Christ. We then had the birth of Christ and this coming Sunday we remember his baptism, which many see as the start of his public ministry.



In the Church of England we usually think of baptism as the welcome of a baby or young child into the church family, followed by Confirmation when we are old enough to make the promises our god-parents made on our behalf, and to publicly proclaim that we are a Christian and want to follow and trust Jesus.

For many other Christian denominations baptism is for adults and would be total immersion. This might take place in a river or in a special pool in a church. As you step slowly into the water your journey faith would begin. You would be guided and held by possibly two people as you fall back into the arms of another. At that point you must have complete trust in that person.

It is that complete trust God wants us to have in him. It is also that complete trust Jesus had in His heavenly Father and was shown when the Holy Spirit descended on him as a dove and the words 'You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased.'

Judith



Grapevine Contributions: A reminder that any items for the **February** edition of The Grapevine must be submitted by **Wednesday 12th January**. Please email Lou at: grapevine.rey@gmail.com, or leave on the desk in the tower room office. Thank you!

Parish Churches News & Events

Star Party: We welcome the younger members of our Benefice to a Star Party from 2.30pm at St Nicholas Church on Sunday 9th January. Crafts, games, worship and bring and share tea.

Sunday Coffee at St Nicholas: If you are able to serve coffee either before or after the service, there is a new list on the rota board. Coffee before needs to be ready for 10.00, please. We do appreciate all who volunteer to help with refreshments.

Thank you: There is a 'thank you' letter from IDAS on the notice board at St Nicholas. We sent vouchers to the value of £240 and a bag of books and toys.

Burns Night: Informal Burns Supper Friday 28th January 2022, 7.00 pm in the Tower Room, Dunnington. Haggis, tatties and neeps (alternative veggie haggis option) plus soup and dessert.

Bring your own drink

Dress – Smart Casual (but feel free to wear your kilt if you wish)

Tickets £7.50 - numbers are limited so don't delay! - contact Judith Hewitt 488331; Eve Scoreby 489008; Joan Verrier 481626 or Diane Benson 07951 582672.



A Quiet Space: Do you see articles about the benefits of doing meditation or relaxation and think "That's all well and good, if I could find somewhere quiet to try it out away from all the distractions of home and family!"

At St Nicholas Church we are fortunate to have both the space and some experience of doing this.

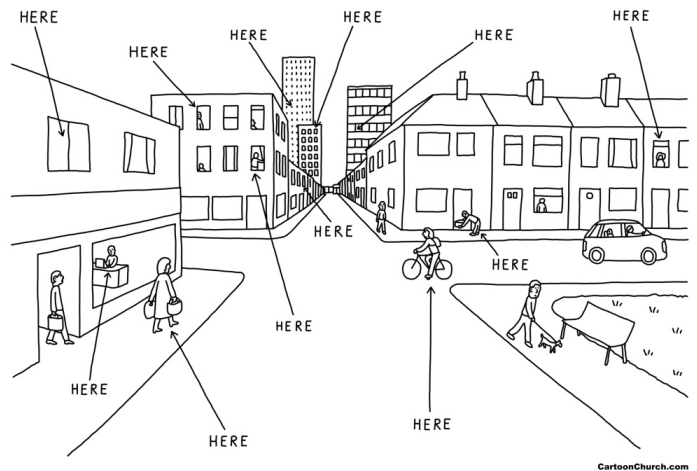
Whilst we have been running monthly Christian Meditation sessions at St Nicholas Church for several years now, we thought that we would now like to offer a **secular, non-religious course** as an introduction to engaging in this beneficial practice.

These sessions will take place in the Tower Room of St Nicholas Church over just three consecutive Tuesday evenings in February 2022. Places are limited to 10 so **booking is essential**.

If you are interested, please contact Carole White on 07508 834565.



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IMPORTANT: Updated Covid-19 Guidance

The Church of England have recently published new guidance in light of the ever-changing COVID-19 situation. Please note that this guidance applies to **all churches in the benefice**. A key point to note is that the wearing of face coverings is now a legal requirement (unless exempt). [Click here](#) or visit tinyurl.com/newcovidguidance to read the guidance in full.

Lectionary Corner at St Nicholas

9 January: Baptism of Christ

12 January: Aelred of Hexham, Abbot of Rievaulx 1167

13 January: Hilary, bishop of Poitiers, Teacher of the Faith 367

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Next newsletter on **Sunday 16th January** [Email items to grapevine.rey@gmail.com](mailto:grapevine.rey@gmail.com) by **9.00 am on Thursday 13th January**.