

Churches in the Benefice of Rural East York
Dunnington, Stockton-on-the-Forest, Warthill & Holtby

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 11th December: 3rd Sunday in Advent

Readings: Isaiah 35: 1-10, James 5: 7-10, Matthew 11: 2-11



Today

- 8.00am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington
Rev Peter Moorhouse
- 10.30am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington
Rev Mark Poole
- 10.30am Christingle: St Mary, Warthill
Judith Hewitt
- 4.00pm Carol Service: Holy Trinity, Holtby
Rev Mark Poole
- 6.00pm Carol Service: Holy Trinity, Stockton
Rev Mark Poole
- 7.00pm Sundays @ 7
 [Online Benefice Worship](#)

This week

Monday 12 December

7.30pm Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 13 December

- 9.00am Morning Prayer: St Mary, Warthill
- 10.00am Messy Star Party Planning Meeting

Wednesday 14 December

- 9.00am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington
- 9.45am Coffee: St Nicholas Tower Room
- 10.00am Holy Communion: Holy Trinity, Stockton
- 7.00pm [Compline \(zoom\)](#)

Friday 16 December

10.00am Dunnington School Christmas Services

Saturday 17 December

10.00am Community cafe

Praying for the Benefice

As we pray and work together,
during this vacancy, may we grow together
and grow ever closer to our Lord Jesus Christ,
whose will we seek to obey.

Amen



Next Week

Sunday 18th December : 4th Sunday in Advent

Readings: Isaiah 7: 10-16, Romans: 1: 1-7, Matthew 1: 18-25

- 10.30am Holy Communion Benefice Service: Holy Trinity, Stockton
- 6.00pm Carol Service: St Nicholas, Dunnington

Thinking about being confirmed?

I have arranged for Bishop John of Selby to conduct a confirmation service at St Nicholas church in Dunnington on Sunday 12th March 2023.

Therefore, I would like to extend a warm invitation to folks of all ages from across the benefice to attend a series of lively, engaging and informative sessions to explore and learn about the Christian faith and what it means to be a disciple of Christ. This is open to anyone, whether you wish to be confirmed or not. The dates are as follows:

- Thursday 16th February (half term) 9:30am to 1:00pm including a light lunch
- Thursday 23rd February 6:30pm to 8:30pm
- Thursday 2nd March 6:30pm to 8:30pm
- Thursday 9th March 6:30pm to 8:30pm

An hour on the afternoon of Saturday 11th March for a run through the service for those who will be confirmed.

If you would like to register your interest and/or would like to know more then please do email me on:
revmarkpoole20@gmail.com or telephone me on 01904 400910.

Revd Mark

God IS OUR Refuge
AND Strength

Benefice News And Events

A big thank-you to the 20 people who came to help give the church a thorough clean last Saturday. The church is looking pristine, and when the clean brasses are brought out again at Christmas everyone will be dazzled!

Benefice Christmas Card. Thank you to everyone who has delivered the Christmas cards.

Supermarket Vouchers. We are collecting vouchers for IDAS (Women's Refuge) as part of St Nicholas Celebrations. Please could you let Judith Hewitt have your vouchers by 11th December. Thank you.

Benefice Prayer Meeting. The next one is on Monday 12th December at 7pm. It will take place live at Fair View, Warthill. YO19 5XW and all are very welcome.

Messy Star Party. The planning meeting for the party (Sunday 8th January) is on Tuesday 13th December at 10.00am in

the Tower Room.
We would love to have your ideas.



Dunnington School Christmas Services. We welcome the children, teachers and parents for the School Christmas Services on Friday 16th December.

Nativity Prayer Trail. Do explore the trail, outside and inside St Nicholas Church from Sunday 18th. There will be 7 nativity themed prayer stations, easy to access and suitable for everyone, of all ages. Spend time exploring each station as you reflect on the nativity story in the Gospels.

Poppleton Christmas Tree Festival. Come and see over twenty beautifully decorated Christmas trees at Poppleton Methodist church's Christmas Tree Festival. Saturday 17th 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sunday 18th noon – 4 p.m. Monday 19th 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Entry is free.

Christmas Quiz. Frances Priestnall has written a Christmas family quiz and all the answers are made up of the letters that you find in "Happy Christmas". Contact Frances by email at davidpriestnall@hotmail.com or by ringing 01904 703229. The price of the quiz is £1. The proceeds go to the Ruach redevelopment fund at Poppleton Methodist church.

Dunnington Carol Service. After our Carol Service on Sunday 18th December, we will be serving Mulled Wine, mince pies and shortbread. If you can offer either a few mince pies or some shortbread they will be gratefully received, thank you.

Carol Singing. We are singing Carols at The Glebe on Monday 19th at 4.30pm, at The Fox, in Stockton on Tuesday 20th at 8.30pm and on The Green in Dunnington on Thursday 22nd at 6.00pm.



Christmas Communion followed by soup and pudding. If you know anyone who might like to come on 23rd December, do ask them, lifts can be arranged. (Contact Judith 488331) If you can help, please sign the list in the Tower Room. This service is for anyone who might find it difficult to get to Church for their Christmas Communion.

The Bird Family. Nick, Diane and the family have now moved so please do not put anything in the Rectory letter box for them.

June's Poems. If you enjoy June's poems you can now buy, for a suggested donation of £2.00, a book of them. They are available when there is a service at St Nicholas or from June.

Just to let you know that there will be a newsletter for next week, 18th December, then the one for the 25th December will cover 2 weeks. Thank-you.

The new delivery date for January's Grapevine will now be Tuesday 20th December.

Lectionary Corner at St Nicholas

13 December: Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse 304

14 December: John of the Cross, Poet, Teacher of the Faith 1591



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Next newsletter on **Sunday 18th December** [Email items to grapevine.rev@gmail.com](mailto:grapevine.rev@gmail.com) by 9.00 am on **Thursday 15th December**