

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

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 15th January: 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Readings: Isaiah 49.1-7: 1 Corinthians 1.1-9: John 1.29-42

Covenant Service Readings: Jeremiah 31: 31-34: John 15: 1-10



Today

- 8.00am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington
- 10.30am Covenant Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington
- 10.30am Morning Worship: Holy Trinity, Stockton
- 7.00pm Sunday @ 7: St Nicholas, Dunnington



[Online Benefice Worship](#)

This week

Tuesday 17 January

- 9.00am Morning Prayer: St Mary, Warthill
- 1.45pm Little People: St Nicholas Tower Room

Wednesday 18 January

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

Saturday 21 January

- 10.00 am Community café: St Nicholas Tower Room,

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE.
whoever comes to me
WILL NEVER BE HUNGRY.
JOHN 6:35

Next Week

Sunday 22nd January: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Readings: *Micah 6 v6-8: Luke 10v25-37*

- 10.30am **Benefice Holy Communion:** Holy Trinity, Stockton,
- 4.00pm Evensong: Holy Trinity, Holtby

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) 12:30pm to 4:00pm starting with soup and cake
- Thursday 23rd February 7:00pm to 8:30pm
- Thursday 2nd March 7:00pm to 8:30pm service rehearsal

All will take place at St Nicholas Church.

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

I AM
with you
ALWAYS
Matthew 28:20

Benefice News And Events

Community Café. Thank you to two volunteers to serve coffee, but we would like a couple more, if possible. Please speak to Jocelyn if you can help.

St Nicholas Coffee Rota. If you can serve coffee after our 10.30 service, please sign against a convenient Sunday. Thank you.

Home Bible Study Group is meeting again on alternate Wednesdays @ 2pm in various homes. Wednesday 8th February at 26 Gay Meadows, everyone very welcome.

Warhill 100 Club. This is our main fundraiser for the church. Tickets are available from Joyce Dalby 01904 489471, Linda Birkinshaw 01904 488106 or any other member of the PCC. Tickets are £12.00 for the year. There is a monthly draw of £25.00 and two draws in December.

Food Bank. Warhill Church has a box for food bank donations. The Church is open daily from 10.00 until 3.00 for you to leave donations. You can always check the York Food bank web site to find their current needs.

The Methodist Circuit news contains this comment. How can you commit to your walk with Christ over the coming year? Through supporting your church with skills or through financial giving?

Through serving the community in other ways? Something for us all to think about as we begin 2023.

This week

16th January 2.00pm Angela Keyes funeral

Thursday 19th January at St Helen's Church Escrick, at 7.00pm

Archbishop Stephen will be reflecting on his faith journey and what Living Christ's Story* looks like for him.

Expect stories, laughter, Scripture, prayer and Jesus.

This event is for everyone – those in the pulpit, those in the pews and those who may not yet be in the pews!

More information, and booking information, on Diocese of York website.

Sunday 22nd January. The Benefice Service at Stockton will be a Service, with Communion, to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. 'Do good; seek justice' (Isaiah 1:17)

Sunday 29th January. We will celebrate Candlemas at the Benefice Service at Warhill at 10.30am.

We will also say 'thank you' to Lisa for her ministry with us.

Derwent Deanery Partnership are holding a eucharist to celebrate the feast of Candlemas (Presentation of Christ in the Temple). All are welcome to attend this service in St Helen's Church, Wheldrake at 4.00pm on 29th January. While it is being held in Wheldrake it will be led by Revd Graham Horner and a team from his parishes of Riccall, Barlby and Hemingbrough. (This will be his last Deanery service as he will retire in May.) Do come to this service and bring a friend. For further information talk to Alison (01904 489148).

thank you, Alison, secretary of Derwent Deanery.

Plant thefts in the village of Dunnington.

Overnight, at Cherry Tree Court, on Dec 26th 2022 someone stole a Lemon Scented Monterey Cypress Goldcrest plants (these are the light green coloured plants which look like small fir trees). And last night on Jan 6/7th, they stole a second one. Both plants were around 3ft tall in round light grey pots. The size of the plants suggests the thief may have used a vehicle to steal them, as I doubt anyone would have walked off down the high-street with them.

I've informed the police about the thefts and kindly ask if residents can keep any eye out for suspicious activity at night, especially in the Cherry Tree Court area, which is near the shops.

Kind Regards,

Alexander King.

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Lectionary Corner at St Nicholas

17 January: Anthony of Egypt, Hermit, Abbot 356

18 January: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

19 January: Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester 1095

21 January: Agnes, Child Martyr at Rome 304



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Next newsletter on **Sunday 15th January** [Email items to grapevine.rev@gmail.com](mailto:grapevine.rev@gmail.com) by 9.00 am on **Thursday 12th January 2023**