

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

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 22nd January: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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

Today

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



[Online Benefice Worship](#)

This week

Tuesday 24 January

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

Wednesday 25 January

- 9.00am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington
9.45am Bereavement Cafe: St Nicholas Tower Room
10.00am Holy Communion: Holy Trinity, Stockton
7.00pm [Compline \(zoom\)](#)
7.30pm Christian Meditation Group: St Nicholas, Dunnington

Friday 27 January

- 7.00pm Benefice Prayer Meeting: Fair View, Warthill

Saturday 28 January

- 10.00 am Community café: St Nicholas Tower Room, Dunnington

Next Week

Sunday 29th January: Candlemas

Readings: *Malachi 3.1-5: Hebrews 2.14-18: Luke 2.22-40*

- 10.30am **Benefice Holy Communion Service:** St Mary, Warthill

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

Welcome to Lent Talks 2023

This year St Nicholas, Dunnington will be hosting a series of 5 Lent Talks, where we will have the opportunity to listen and talk to representatives of various faith groups. Our speakers are all members of York Interfaith Group who meet on a monthly basis and whose aim is to promote understanding, inclusion and mutual respect amongst those of all faiths and none.

**The meetings will be held at St Nicholas Church
7.00—8.30pm on Tuesday evenings.**

You are most welcome to attend any or all of the meetings. (Refreshments provided).

For further information contact: John Vernon jmwwxyz@gmail.com or
Anne Castle am.castle@btopenworld.com

Benefice News And Events

This week is the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**. This year's theme is exploring racial justice. You can find out more at <https://ctbi.org.uk/resources-for-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2023/> We will be using the suggested order of service at Stockton on Sunday.

Coffee after our Services. Jesus shared fellowship with others at meal and refreshment times. We, in our churches, want to offer that same time of fellowship. If you are able to help set up and serve tea and coffee either sign the list (at St Nicholas) or speak to your churchwarden. At St Nicholas we would also like someone, or some people, to check the rota as they arrive at Church to make sure tea and coffee will be served, thank you.

Benefice Prayer Meeting. The next one is on Friday January 27th at 7pm at Fair View, Warhill. YO19 5XW and everyone is most welcome. Please do come and join us.

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.

Parish Lunch. The list is now in the Tower Room, but may well be full. If you would like to join us, please write your name and a contact number on the reverse and we will contact you if there is a space. I am sorry but we are not prepared to serve more than 30 lunches each time.

This week

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)

Bereavement Café. Our next Light a Candle Café is on Wednesday 25th January from 9.45am in the Tower Room. Do come and join us, or bring someone who has been bereaved with you. A safe space to share and remember a loved one.

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. There will also be a Deanery Candlemas Service at Wheldrake at 4.00pm

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.

Messy Valentine, Tuesday 14th February. We are going to plan this Messy Church event on Monday 30th January at 9.30am in the Tower Room. We would love to have your ideas.

Music and Meditation: Sunday 19th February, 7:00pm at Southlands Methodist. A calm, quiet space with Taizé-style singing, readings and times of silence. Followed by refreshments for those who wish.

Please pray for those involved with appointing a new Communications Officer for St Nicholas Church and also to work across the Benefice.



Lectionary Corner at St Nicholas

24 January: Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva, Teacher of the Faith 1622

25 January: The Conversion of Paul

26 January: Timothy and Titus, Companions of Paul

28 January: Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith 1274



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Next newsletter on **Sunday 29th January** [Email items to grapevine.rev@gmail.com](mailto:grapevine.rev@gmail.com) by 9.00 am on **Thursday 26th January 2023**