

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

# NEWSLETTER

## Sunday 25th September: Trinity 15

Readings: Amos 6.1a: 4-7, 1 Timothy 6: 6-19, Luke 16: 19 - end

*Be joyful in hope,  
patient in affliction,  
faithful in prayer.*  
Romans 12:12

### Today

10.30am Benefice Service, Holy Communion: St Mary, Warthill  
*Revd Mark Poole*  
Holy Trinity, Holtby - There will be no evensong on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September.



[Online Benefice Worship](#)

### This week

#### Monday 26 September

9.00am [Morning Prayer \(zoom\)](#)  
1.30pm Sewing & Art Group

#### Tuesday 27 September

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

#### Wednesday 28 September

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

#### Thursday 29 September

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

#### Saturday 1 October

10.00 am Community Café: St Nicholas Tower Room  
7pm: Harvest Celebration



### Pray for our Benefice in our vacancy

Lord Jesus, we know you have plans for us as a benefice and that those plans are good.

Help us to share responsibilities, grow in faith, love one another, care for those in need and reach out to others.

Amen

### Next Week

#### Sunday 2nd October: Trinity 16 - Harvest

Readings: Deuteronomy 26: v1-11, Philippians 4: v4-9 or Revelation 14: v14-18, John 6: v25-35  
8.00am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington  
10.30am Holy Communion - Harvest: St Nicholas, Dunnington  
10.30am Harvest Worship: Holy Trinity, Stockton  
4pm Family Worship: 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 9:30pm

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](mailto:revmarkpoole20@gmail.com) or telephone me on 01904 400910

### Sundays at Seven

From October, we're going to be holding two evening services a month at St Nick's. These will be less formal than our weekly morning services. On the second Sunday of the month, at 7pm, there will be a Prayer and Praise service. This is a chance to meet together, to sing hymns and songs of praise, to spend some time in prayer, and enjoy each other's company with. On the third Sunday of the month at 7pm, there will be a Practising Faith service. In a simple, informal service, through prayer, music, readings and discussion together, we will explore some aspect of today's world in the light of our faith. The 4pm Family Service will continue on the first Sunday of the month, with our church youth group meeting on the fourth Sunday at 7pm. We hope that these services will complement our other times of worship, and allow us to deepen our faith, our fellowship and our witness in the world. The first Prayer and Praise service will take place on the 9th October at 7pm. All are invited!

## **Benefice News And Events**

### **Harvest in the Benefice**

- Friday 23rd** 6.00pm Harvest Service @ Holtby, followed by Harvest Supper at 7pm in the village hall. Numbers for food to Chris, the Churchwarden on 488167
- Saturday 24th** 10.00am Messy Harvest @ Stockton Village Hall
- Saturday 1st** 7.00pm Harvest Supper and 'Home grown' entertainment, Tower Room, tickets from Joan Verrier
- Sunday 2nd** 10.30am Harvest Service @ Holy Trinity, Stockton
- Sunday 2nd** 10.30am Harvest Communion @ St Nicholas, Dunnington
- Sunday 2nd** 4.00pm Harvest Family Worship @ St Nicholas, Dunnington
- Sunday 9th** 10.30am Harvest Service @ St Mary, Warthill

This year our monetary gifts for Harvest will be shared between Carecent and a local foodbank. Please bring your donation to a service or give it to your churchwarden, in a marked envelope. We look forward to celebrating all God continues to give us at one of our Harvest services.

**Harvest Supper.** Judith still has a few Harvest Supper tickets left for Saturday 1st October. If you would like one, please speak to her as soon as possible.

**Messy Harvest.** Stockton Village Hall on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September from 10.30 until 12.15pm. (Includes lunch). Please come and join in the fun.

**Sunday 25th September.** Today we celebrate worship together as a Benefice at St Mary, Warthill at 10.30. There will be no other services in the benefice today. (There will be NO Evensong at Holtby.

**Bereavement Café.** You are very welcome to the Bereavement Café in the Tower Room on Wednesday 28th September from 10.00 until 11.15.

**Fun, Food and Fellowship.** Invitations for our next day, on Thursday 6th October, are now in the Tower Room. Do consider coming to spend a day with others. The day concludes with a Communion Service at 3.00 to which everyone is invited.

**York Gospel Choir Concert.** Tickets, £7.00 each, are now available from Judith, Eve and Joan, for the concert on Friday 14th October.

**Methodist Circuit News.** This week the newsletter suggests that as churches celebrate Harvest, many also give back to God, in thanks, for what they have received. What might you be able to give— time, money, skills?

**Grapevine deadline.** The editor would like all contributions by Wednesday 5th October at the latest.

**Christian Meditation Group.** The group meets every fourth Wednesday of the month at St Nicholas Church. Our next meeting is Wednesday 28th September. Newcomers are welcome. For more information please contact Revd Peter Moorhouse 01904 481055.

**Little People Play and Praise.** Tuesday afternoons, 1:45pm - 3:00pm, term-time only, Tower Room, St Nicholas Church. We really need some more volunteer helpers to keep our wonderful little group going. If you can help out, even if for only 1 week a month or less please contact Lisa Horton on 07950 700232 or horton2517@sky.com for a quick chat. Thanks very much.



Stockton-on-the-Forest  
Primary School Open Morning!

Stockton-on-the-Forest Primary School is having an open morning for parents and children who will be starting school in September 2023. The morning will be an opportunity to come and get a feel for our exciting, caring and happy school.

**When and where?**

**Wednesday 28th September at 11am**

Stockton-on-the-Forest Primary School, The Village, Stockton-on-the-Forest, York YO32 9UP

Email [stocktononforest.primary@york.gov.uk](mailto:stocktononforest.primary@york.gov.uk) or phone 01904 400366 to let us know if you are able to join us

If you can't make the date above please contact school to arrange another time.

## **Lectionary Corner at St Nicholas**

27 September: Vincent de Paul, Founder of the Congregation of the Mission (Lazarists) 1660  
29 September: Michael and All Angels

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Next newsletter on **Sunday 25th September** [Email items to grapevine.rev@gmail.com](mailto:grapevine.rev@gmail.com) by 9.00 am on **Thursday 22nd September**