

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

# NEWSLETTER

Sunday 4th December: 2nd Sunday in Advent

Readings: Isaiah 11.1-10: Romans 15.4-13: Matthew 3.1-12



## Today

- 8.00am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington  
*Rev Mark Poole*
- 10.30am Holy Communion Patronal: St Nicholas  
Dunnington  
*Rev Mark Poole & Judith Hewitt*
- 10.30am Christingle Service: Holy Trinity, Stockton  
*Ennis Tweddle*
- 4.00pm Christingle Service: St Nicholas,  
Dunnington  
*Rev Mark Poole & Judith Hewitt*



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## This week

### **Tuesday 6 December**

- 9.00am Morning Prayer: St Mary, Warthill
- 10.30am Health Walk: Meet at Holy Trinity, Holtby
- 1.45pm Little People: St Nicholas Tower Room  
Christmas Party

### **Wednesday 7 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 \(zoom\)](#)

### **Saturday 10 December**

- 10.00am Community café
- 10.00am Coffee Morning: Holy Trinity,  
Stockton



## Praying for the Benefice

During this period of change, help us to remember that you have a plan for the future of our Benefice. In the uncertainty we put our trust in You knowing you have plans for us.

**Amen**

## Next Week

### **Sunday 11th December : 3rd Sunday in Advent**

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

- 8.00am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington
- 10.30am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington
- 10.30am Christingle Service: St Mary, Warthill
- 4.00pm Carol Service: Holy Trinity, Holtby
- 6.00pm Carol Service: Holy Trinity, Stockton

## **BIRDS IN MY GARDEN**

I feed birds in my garden, have a bird bath too  
Where 20 or more sparrows do what birds like to do  
I sit at the table for dinner and tea  
While watching the birds who entertain me  
The blue tits, the robin, the dear little wren  
Even had pheasants – a cock and a hen  
A bird box among jasmine is fixed to a wall  
There's a mirror in the house so that I can see them all  
I've had coal tits and blue tits find lodgings in there  
They rush to feed babies while I sit and stare  
One year I heard buzzing and then went outside  
And found that some bumble bees had found a place to  
hide  
My bird box was the ideal home, they stayed most of the  
year  
But when they'd gone I cleaned it out so it again was clear  
Next year I wonder just who will visit in the Spring  
Will I hear some buzzing or some little birds who sing  
It does not really matter – there's a welcome on the mat  
And I'll enjoy the wildlife while in my house I'm sat.

**By June Rickell**

May the God of **HOPE**  
fill you with *all*  
**JOY & PEACE**  
as you trust in him,  
so that you may *overflow*  
with **HOPE** by the  
*power* of the Holy Spirit.  
Romans 15:13

## Benefice News And Events

**Christmas Tree Festival.** St Helen's Church, Escrick on **1st, 2nd, and 3rd December**, from 10.00 to 4.00.

**St Nicholas Advent Clean.** If you can spare some time on **Saturday 3rd December**, between 1.30 and 4.00 to come and clean the Church ready for the Christmas Celebrations we would love to see you.

**Christingle Services** are taking place on **Sunday 4th December**, 10.30 at Stockton and 4.00 at

Dunnington and on 11th at 10.30 at Warthill. We will be making Christingles in the Tower Room on Friday 2nd from 3.30 until about 4.15. Please take a collecting candle from St Nicholas Church for your donation to the Children's Society.

**Tombola and Community Café.** Our Church Christmas Fayre raised £870 for Church Funds, but we have some tombola prizes over. On **Saturday 10th December** the Community Café will have a tombola to clear some of the prizes and to raise funds.

**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.

**St Nicholas Church Bible Readers.** We are about to produce the next rota from 1st January to 30th April. If you would like to read in Church and are not on the current rota, please let Judith know, also let her know if you would rather not read now. If you would like to join the intercessor's rota, please also speak to Judith or Mark. Could you respond by 30th November please?

**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 Menu Parish Lunch.** Unfortunately, the list is now full. If you find you cannot now go, please remove your name as we have a waiting list. Thank you.

**Julia's Garden.** There are cooking apples in the garden, please take a bag and help yourself.

**Benefice Christmas Card.** There may still be cards in our Churches to deliver. If you can take some to deliver, thank you.

**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.

### 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**

## **Lectionary Corner at St Nicholas**

6 December: Nicholas, Bishop c.326

7 December: Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith 397

8 December: The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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Next newsletter on **Sunday 11th December** [Email items to grapevine.rev@gmail.com](mailto:grapevine.rev@gmail.com) by 9.00 am on **Thursday 8th December**