

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 13 February: 3rd Sunday before Lent

Readings: Jeremiah 17.5-10; 1 Corinthians 15.12-20; Luke 6.17-26



Today

- 8.00am Holy Communion, St Nicholas, Dunnington
Rev Mark Poole
- 9.00am Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, Holtby
Rev Nick Bird
- 10.30am Holy Communion, St Nicholas, Dunnington
Rev Mark Poole
- 10.30am Morning Worship, Holy Trinity, Stockton
Judith Hewitt
- 10.30am All Age Service St Mary, Warthill
Rev Nick Bird
- 12.30 Holy Communion, St Nicholas, Dunnington

 [Online Benefice Worship](#) (YouTube)

This week

Monday 14 February

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

Tuesday 15 February

- 9.00am Morning Prayer: St Mary, Warthill
- 1.45pm Little People, Play and Praise: St Nicholas Tower Room
- 7.30pm A Quiet Space: St Nicholas Tower Room

Wednesday 16 February

- 9.00am Holy Communion followed by Coffee:
St Nicholas, Dunnington
- 10.00am Holy Communion: Holy Trinity,
Stockton
- 7.00pm [Compline \(zoom\)](#)
- 7.15pm Evening Fellowship

Thursday 17 February

- 9.00am [Morning Prayer \(zoom\)](#)
- 7.00pm Benefice Prayer meeting (zoom)

Saturday 19 February

- 10.00 am Community Café: St Nicholas Tower
Room

Sunday 20 February: 2nd Sunday before Lent

- Readings: Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-end; Revelation 4;
Luke 8.22-25
- 8.00am Holy Communion, St Nicholas, Dunnington
- 9.00am Holy Communion: St Mary, Warthill
- 10.30am Holy Communion, St Nicholas, Dunnington
- 10.30am Morning Worship, Holy Trinity, Stockton

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A reflection from Rev Dr John Schofield

Friends,

I have heard many people say they would have liked to have been alive in Jesus' days and hear him preach. They say this thinking they would have responded positively to his oratory. But in Luke 6 we have 4 blessings and 4 woes which are hard to hear and apply to ourselves. Jesus tells us we are blessed if we are: poor, hungry, crying and hated; and woe to us if we are: financially OK, have had food, happy and laughing, and people say good things about us. That puts the vast majority of us, and the people we know, in the bad category, and the ones who are looked upon favourably by Jesus and God, in situations we would not want to be in.

These are challenging words. They are designed to shake us out of complacency. Would we, like the rich young ruler who was directed to give away his riches to the poor (Luke 18:18-30), then become sad? Following Jesus is not for the faint hearted! What, then, should we do to shake off complacency and be changed people, as we are directed to change the world despite our desire to be liked, well-fed, happy and not poor?

May you have a good week,

John



Communion at St Nicholas

Thank you to those people who have volunteered to hold the chalice during the administration of Communion for the priest to dip the wafers in.

I've only had one person volunteer who normally attends 8am, so if there is anyone else, and if there is anyone who normally attends the Wed morning service who would be prepared to do this, that would be fantastic! It's lovely to be able to start involving the wider congregation again in our services as we cautiously start to live with Covid.

Covid Guidance updates

As of 27th January, the wearing of masks is no longer legally required. However, we will still be **strongly encouraging** people to wear masks in church, especially since social distancing may be difficult. The Church of England's official guidance has been updated in light of this, and can be read in full either by [clicking here](#), or by visiting tinyurl.com/updatedcovidguidance. We will be following these guidelines closely as we strive to ensure that everyone feels that attending church is as safe an activity as possible.

Parish Churches News & Events

Parish Lunch: We are sorry the list is full for the lunch today, 13th February. If you are coming don't forget to bring your favourite tipple!

Bereavement Café: Our next café is on 23rd February from 9.45. Do consider inviting someone who has lost a loved one to come, or come yourself.

Benefice Prayer meeting: The next benefice prayer meeting will be taking place this Thursday (17th Feb) on zoom. All are welcome, and there is no pressure to pray out loud, just to be in the presence of prayer in your own home. Please email Rev Mark Poole (revmarkpoole20@gmail.com) for the link.

Volunteer chalice bearers sought (St Nicholas Church): If you have attended church since Christmas you will be aware that the Priest now intincts (dips) each wafer in the wine before giving it. This requires someone to stand on the right of the priest to hold the chalice. So far Carole, Barry and Judith have been doing this, but we would like to start up a rota including some other people. No special skill is required - just the ability to stand and hold the chalice in a convenient position for the priest to dip the wafers in. Please inform Carole White if you feel you could offer to do this occasionally.

Sunday Coffee at St Nicholas: We are now currently asking for volunteers to make and serve coffee after the 10.30 service, only. If you can help, please sign the list on the Tower Room rota board.

Messy Pancake Party: We will be making and serving pancakes on Tuesday 1st March, from 3.30 until 5.30. Put the date in your diary now!

World Day Of Prayer: After the service on Friday 4th March at 3.00, we would like to serve cake. The service this year is prepared by the women (although everyone is welcome at the Service) of England, Wales, and Northern Ireland. Included in the planning notes are recipes for Soda Faris and Welsh Cakes. If you are willing to make batch of either, please speak to Judith who will give you the recipe. Thank you.

Silver Service Afternoon Tea: Holy Trinity Church, Stockton on the Forest, are holding their regular Silver Service Afternoon Tea on Tuesday 22nd Feb. Join us for an afternoon of friendship, tea, and cakes, plus a quiz!

From the Deanery: Theology @4: Revd Dr Greg Hoyland is leading a new set of these studies at Thorganby Church at 4.00pm on Saturday afternoons, always the first Saturday of the month. Everyone is welcome, it is an open invitation to attend this Derwent Ings Church, part of our Deanery.

On 5 March it will be Led by the Spirit and on 2 April it will be The Dignity of Difference. Greg is an excellent speaker and will keep us all up to date with these thought-provoking addresses.

Lent Poetry Course: For anyone not already committed to a lantern course this year, you are warmly invited to join the "World in the Wilderness" sessions. Every Sunday in Lent (beginning March 6th) we will work through Malcom Guite's book, "The World in the Wilderness: A poem a day for Lent and Easter". The sessions will run from 7-8.30pm and will be held both in person at Acomb Methodist Church and on zoom for those who would like to join us online. The gatherings will be a gentle and stimulating exploration of a variety of different poems, old and new, and will be a chance for us to learn from each other and immerse ourselves in the beauty of poetry. All are welcome. If you are interested in coming please get in touch with either

Louisa : louisataylor@yorkmethodist.onmicrosoft.com or Bill Topping billtopping@yorkmethodist.onmicrosoft.com for more information and details about the zoom link. Here is a blurb to the book and a link should you want to purchase it in advance: "For every day from Shrove Tuesday to Easter Day, the bestselling poet Malcolm Guite chooses a favourite poem from across the Christian spiritual and English literary traditions and offers incisive reflections on it. A scholar of poetry and a renowned poet himself, his knowledge is deep and wide and he offers readers a soul-food feast for Lent." https://www.wob.com/en-gb/books/malcolm-guite/word-in-the-wilderness/9781848256781?gclid=EAlaIqobChMltl7K4KjU9QIViK3tCh3Z8w0LEAQYASABEGk3O_D_BwE



Electoral Roll – St Nicholas

Have you recently moved into the parish and/or do you now attend worship at St Nicholas on a regular basis? If so, have you considered applying to be added to the Electoral Roll. Being on the roll not only shows your commitment to St Nicholas church but also entitles you to participate/vote at the annual meetings and stand for office. Forms are available in the Tower Room or by contacting Eve Scoreby (Electoral Roll Officer) 489008; 07746765274 or eve_scoreby@hotmail.co.uk.

Lectionary Corner at St Nicholas

14 February: Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries to the Slavs, 869 and 885

17 February: Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr 1977

Further information about the above can be found by visiting the newsletter page on the website.

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