

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 6 February: 4th Sunday before Lent

Readings: Isaiah 6.1-8; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11; Luke 5.1-11

Today

8.00am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington,
Rev Nick Bird

10.30am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington,
Rev Nick Bird and Rev Mark Poole

10.30am Holy Communion: Holy Trinity, Stockton,
Rev Canon John Harrison

4.00pm Family Worship: St Nicholas, Dunnington

 [Online Benefice Worship](#) (YouTube)

This week

Monday 7 February

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

1.30pm Sewing & Art Group: St Nicholas Tower Room

Tuesday 8 February

9.00am Morning Prayer: St Mary, Warthill

11.45am Thanksgiving Service, Holy Trinity, Stockton

1.45pm Little People, Play and Praise: St Nicholas Tower Room

7.30pm A Quiet Space: St Nicholas Tower Room

Wednesday 9 February

9.00am Holy Communion: followed by Coffee, St Nicholas, Dunnington

10.00am Holy Communion: Holy Trinity, Stockton

7.00pm [Compline \(zoom\)](#)

Thursday 10 February

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

Saturday 12 February

10.00 am Community Café: St Nicholas Tower Room

Sunday 13 February: 3rd Sunday before Lent

Readings: Jeremiah 17, 5-10, 1 Corinthians 15 12-20,

Luke 6 17-26

8.00am Holy Communion, St Nicholas, Dunnington

9.00am Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, Holtby

10.30am Holy Communion, St Nicholas, Dunnington

10.30am Morning Worship, Holy Trinity, Stockton

10.30am All Age Service St Mary, Warthill

12.30 Holy Communion, St Nicholas, Dunnington

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Fishers of Men', a reflection for this week

Some of you will know, when I was much younger, I helped at Beach Missions, often at Bude. We would gather on the grass bank by the car park for a daily service. One of the chorus' was 'I will make you fishers of men'.

In our gospel reading for this Sunday, we read of Jesus calling his first disciples, after they had a night of fishing and caught nothing.

Whatever it was or however Jesus said it, these fishermen were willing to give up everything to follow Jesus. They may have heard something about Jesus, but they didn't know him.

Sunday marks the anniversary of the death of George VI, seventy years ago. That day the life of Princess Elizabeth changed forever as she took the role she had been preparing for. Throughout her life she has been sustained by her faith. She left a life of relative privacy, to be Queen, but also to follow Christ.

Many of us would find it hard, and we are maybe not called, to leave everything to follow Christ, but we are called as part of our Christian faith to tell others about Christ in words and in how we live our lives.

We know lives were changed at the Beach Missions. We can read of lives changed by Jesus and his disciples in the Bible.

I wonder if Jesus is saying today, to you and to me, 'I will make you fishers of men'?

Judith



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

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 Farris and Welsh Cakes. If you are willing to make batch of either, please speak to Judith who will give you the recipe. Thank you.

A service of Thanksgiving and Celebration for the life of the late David Lewis will take place at Holy Trinity Church, Stockton on the Forest on **Tuesday 8th February** at 11:45am followed by refreshments.

Family Worship: We gather for an informal and interactive service at 4.00pm on Sunday 6th February, to look at the parable of the Lost Sheep. Please invite any families who may live near you.

Parish Lunch: The list is filling up so do sign up soon if you are interested in joining us for a roast dinner on Sunday 13th February. There will be a Communion service at 12.30 with lunch served at 1.00.

Holy Trinity Church Coffee Morning: Holy Trinity Church in Stockton on the Forest warmly invite you to our next coffee morning on Saturday 12th February from 10am-12pm. Come along and have a natter, a cuppa, and a scone. There will be cakes, books, a raffle, children's games with Lisa, and the 100 Club draw.

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."

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

Lectionary Corner at St Nicholas

Accession of Queen Elizabeth II, 1952

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ exchanged the glory of a heavenly throne for the form of a servant, we thank you that you have given Elizabeth our Queen a heart to serve her people, and have kept her devoted in this beyond all who were before her: encourage us by her example to serve one another, and to seek the common good, until you call us all to reign with Christ in your eternal kingdom. Amen

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