

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 10 April: Palm Sunday

Readings: Isaiah 50.4-9a; Luke 22.14-end of 23

Today

- 8.00am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington
Revd Canon Nick Bird
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- 10.30am Morning Worship: St Nicholas, Dunnington
Judith Hewitt
- 10.30am Holy Communion: Holy Trinity, Stockton
Revd Mark Poole
- 10.30pm All Age Worship: St Mary, Warthill
Revd Canon Nick Bird

 [Online Benefice Worship](#) (YouTube)

This week

Monday 11 April

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

Tuesday 12 April

- 9.00am Morning Prayer: St Mary, Warthill
- 10.30am Messy Easter: Dunnington Reading Rooms
- 7.30pm The Easter Story: Stamford Bridge Chapel

Wednesday 13 April

- 9.00am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington
- 9.45am Coffee: St Nicholas Tower Room
- 10.00am Holy Communion: Holy Trinity, Stockton

Thursday 14 April

- 9.00am [Morning Prayer \(zoom\)](#)
- 7.00pm Maundy Thursday Service: St Nicholas, Dunnington

Friday 15 April

- 10.30am Eastingle: Holy Trinity, Stockton
- 11.00am Eastingle: St Nicholas, Dunnington
- 12.00pm Walk of Witness: Dunnington
- 2.00pm Last Hour: Holy Trinity, Stockton
- 2.00pm Last Hour: St Nicholas, Dunnington

Saturday 16 April

- 10.00 am Community Café: St Nicholas Tower Room
- 3.00pm Holy Communion and Afternoon Tea: St Nicholas, Dunnington
- 8.00pm Easter Vigil: St Nicholas, Dunnington

Sunday 17 April: Easter Sunday

Readings: Acts 10.34-43; 1 Corinthians 15.19-26;
John 20.19-end

Details of Easter Sunday Services can be found in full overleaf

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What is it about riding on an animal? - A reflection from Revd Dr John Schofield

In an age where machinery can carry us thousands of miles, why do people continue to ride on animals? In the developed world it is for leisure purposes or novelty that we have donkeys. It is generally not through necessity. Jesus' riding into Jerusalem was not through necessity, either. In poor countries we see animals used as beasts of burden, as transport for those who prefer not to walk or cannot walk the distances they need to travel.

Most donkeys are used in the modern undeveloped world for carrying heavy loads, and traversing difficult terrain. That would have been the case in Jesus' day. A donkey needs upkeep and care, and therefore is an expense: not a poor man's possession, therefore. Horses are more the rich man's animal, more agile, quick and impressive, even if used for pulling heavy loads. Except for someone using a donkey for work purposes, ownership would have made no sense, in first century Palestine. Jesus therefore rode on a borrowed animal associated with work, probably arduous work, and used occasionally for riding only when in a train of working animals, or when there was no work at hand. Read into that what you will!

With best wishes,

John



Ukrainian Refugees in our Benefice

You will be aware of the situation in Ukraine and the many civilians who are now taking refuge in neighbouring countries.

I have been contacted by someone living in Holtby who will soon be welcoming 3 Ukrainian refugees into their home. Currently Maryna, Oksana, and an 8 year old boy, Oleksii, are safe in Poland, and I understand that their visas have now been processed and are now waiting for approval and permission to travel.

When they arrive, they will have very little with them, as you might expect, but they will be needing clothing and food. The churches have been approached by the host as a possible source of support, which I am happy to facilitate. I suggest that if folk would like to donate to support these two young women and the child, the best, safest and easiest way to do so would be to collect supermarket vouchers for them (Sainsburys, Tesco and ASDA all do clothing and food). Thank you to those who have already donated generously.

If you would like to make a donation then you are welcome to buy a voucher (no cash please) and drop it off at my home, the Rectory in Dunnington (30 Church Street, YO19 5PW). Please put contact details on the vouchers in case they need returning to the donor for some unforeseeable reason. I will make sure that donations are appropriately handled, stored, and delivered as needed. Many thanks - Revd Nick Bird.

Parish Churches News & Events

Ivy Lees RIP: Ivy's funeral will take place at St Nicholas Church on Thursday 21st April at 1.00pm..

Holy Week Reflections. There will be a new reflection each day, available on St Nicholas YouTube, around the readings from St John's Gospel. Do use these to prepare for the celebration of Easter.

Charity donations: The collections from the 2020 and 2021 Family Worship services have been donated to the York-based children's mentoring charity The Island.

The charities chosen by the PCC for the 2021 Mission and Charity Giving are Refugee Action York and the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal (each receiving £3,850).

The Children's Society: Thanks to everyone who has a Children's Society box, I am pleased to say that a total of £870.83 has been donated this time to support their work with vulnerable young people in the UK. - Eve Scoreby, Dunnington Box Co-ordinator

Messy Easter: Please tell any families you know about this event which will be in the Reading Rooms, Dunnington, on Tuesday 12th April from 10.30 until 12.30. If you can help with providing a plate of food, please sign the list in the Tower Room, thank you.

Holy week and Easter

Maundy Thursday: There will be a service at St Nicholas at 7.00pm when we remember the Last Supper Jesus shared with his disciples. The service will include the washing of feet, if you are willing to be part of this, please let Judith know, and we suggest you bring your own towel this year.

Good Friday 15th April

10.30am Eastingle @ Stockton

11.00am Eastingle @ Dunnington. Bring your plants!

Walk of Witness, leaving St Nick's at 12.00

2.00 -3.00pm Last Hour @ Stockton

2.00-3.00pm Last Hour @ Dunnington

Holy Saturday 16th April

3.00pm Communion Service and afternoon tea if coming to Church on Easter Sunday is difficult, (contact Judith, 488331 for a lift).

8.00pm Easter Vigil @ Dunnington

Easter Sunday 17th April

6.00am Dawn Service @ Holtby Wood

8.00am Holy Communion @ Dunnington

9.00am Holy Communion @ Holtby

10.30am Holy Communion @ Warthill

10.30am Holy Communion @ Dunnington

10.30am Holy Communion @ Stockton

Sunday 24th April. Today there is a Benefice Service at St Mary, Warthill at 10.30. There will be no other morning services in the Benefice today. There will be Evensong at Holtby at 6.00pm.

Easter table centres: Small, Easter table centres are for sale in the Tower Room for a suggested donation of £1.00 in aid of the new roof.

St Nicholas Easter Garden: We will be laying the foundations for the garden on Thursday 14th at 4.00pm. Do come and help us! The garden will be completed during the **Eastingle Service** on Good Friday at 11.00am.

Walk of Witness: We will leave St Nicholas at 12.00 on Good Friday and walk, pray and hear Bible readings as we walk towards the school then to the Surgery corner, following the cross.

Electoral Roll – St Nicholas: The electoral roll for **St Nicholas** will be revised on 15th April this year. Any new applications for inclusion must be received by that date if you wish to participate in the Annual Meeting on 8th May. Forms are available in the Tower Room or contact Eve Scoreby, Electoral Roll Officer. 01904 489008 or email eve_scoreby@hotmail.co.uk

Holy Saturday, 16th April: There is a Communion Service at 3.00pm at St Nicholas for **anyone** who may find it difficult to get to Church on Easter Sunday. The service will be followed by afternoon tea.

Easter Vigil - 8pm. The opportunity to take time to enter into the quiet and stillness of Easter Eve. The service begins around a fire in the churchyard, and then we gather inside around the Easter candle to remember the sacred journey that brought us to this point.

Easter Sunday: Dawn Service - 6am in Holtby Wood. In the early morning we greet the Risen Christ with a simple liturgy, a warming fire, words of encouragement and new life, and prosecco!

Dunnington Methodist Church Closing Service June 19th:

We would like to invite you to this Service. We begin at 2:00pm with some community singing of favourite hymns and then lead into the Service at 2:30pm addressed by Rev Christopher Humble. Tea and refreshments will then be served in the Reading Room. We would appreciate it if you could let us know whether you can attend for seating and catering arrangements. As soon as possible would be helpful, but at least before June 5th. Replies to: Jocelyn Auton 01904 488044 or Pat Muir 01904 488919 or pmchronos@aol.com, Or Sign the list available in the Tower Room.

Desperate plea for new PCC secretary: Regrettably, to date, we have received no offers to take on this role at St Nicholas church from Eve Scoreby when she steps down after the APCM in May.

If you are organised and have some word processing skills and have been hoping that someone else would volunteer, then I have to break the news that maybe God is calling YOU to take on this vitally important role.

Please give this some prayerful consideration and get in touch with Carole 07508 834565 or

Eve eve_scoreby@hotmail.co.uk to discuss what's involved.

Carole White

Lectionary Corner at St Nicholas

10 April: Palm Sunday

14 April: Maundy Thursday

15 April: Good Friday

16 April: Easter Eve

To receive newsletters by email, contact grapevine.rey@gmail.com. Also available on the St Nicholas Church website and in St Nicholas Church.

To receive the Methodist Circuit News, please contact the office by email yorkcircuitoffice@gmail.com or phone 07984 019995.

Next newsletter on **Sunday 17th April** Email items to grapevine.rey@gmail.com by **9.00 am on Thursday 14th April**