

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 6 March: First Sunday of Lent



Readings: Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Romans 10.8b-13; Luke 4.1-13

Today

- 8.00am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington
Revd Canon Nick Bird
- 10.30am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington
Revd Mark Poole
- 10.30am Morning Worship: Holy Trinity, Stockton
Revd Canon Nick Bird
- 4.00pm Family Worship: St Nicholas, Dunnington
- 7.00pm Re-ignite: St Nicholas Tower Room**

 [Online Benefice Worship](#) (YouTube)

This week

Monday 7 February

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

Tuesday 8 March

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

Wednesday 9 March

- 9.00am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington
9.45am Coffee: St Nicholas Tower Room
10.00am Holy Communion: Holy Trinity, Stockton
2.00pm Methodist Tea & Chat: St Nicholas Tower Room

Thursday 10 March

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

Saturday 12 March

- 10.00 am Community Café: St Nicholas Tower Room

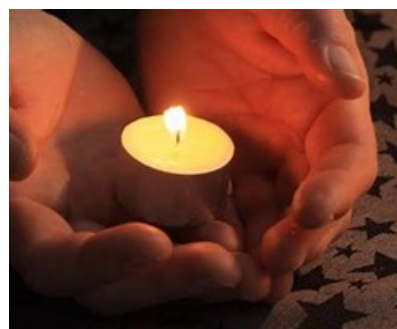
Sunday 13 March: Second Sunday of Lent

Readings: Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18; Philippians 3.17-4.1; Luke 13.31-end

- 8.00am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington
9.00am Holy Communion: Holy Trinity, Holtby
10.30am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington
10.30am Holy Communion: Holy Trinity, Stockton
10.30am Holy Communion: St Mary, Warthill

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A reflection on the power of prayer from Judith Hewitt



Friday 4th March was the World Day of Prayer, (known formerly as the Women's World Day of Prayer). This year's service prepared by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland, will have been held in many of churches, of different denominations, throughout the whole world.

There is something very powerful in these services, and particularly knowing the same prayers are being prayed and the same words being sung and heard by many thousands throughout a twenty four hour period.

This year's theme is 'I know the plans for you' says the Lord, from Jeremiah 29. Trust is a very difficult thing to do, but God knows us and loves us and will guide us through His plans for us, if we trust him.

Over last weekend we received from the Archbishop's of Canterbury and York a prayer for us to use for the people of the Ukraine.

'God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and for laying down of weapons.
We pray for those who fear tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment, and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children,
at risk and in fear, that you would hold
and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of peace. Amen.'

Many of us feel helpless to do anything to help with the unfolding events in the Ukraine, but we can all pray. Together in prayer we become strong through God, our loving heavenly Father.

A pastoral letter from the Archbishops is also available on the Diocese of York website, along with other prayer resources to help us all through this worrying time. It can be found here: <https://dioceseofyork.org.uk/news-events/news/attack-on-ukraine-an-act-of-great-evil-statement-from-archbishops-of-york-and-canterbury>

Parish Churches News & Events

Tea and Chat: Our Methodist friends are invited to meet with Rev Dr John Schofield on Wednesday 9th March at 2.00 in the Tower Room.

Family Worship (today!): Do you know what the 'Pearl of Great Price' is? Come along to Family Worship on Sunday 6th March at 4.00pm at St Nicholas Church.

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.

Concert and Choral Evensong: We are looking forward to welcoming the Stamford Bridge Singers to giving their Concert for Children (of all ages) and Choral Evensong on Sunday 20th March. Tickets are available from Joan Verrier or Eve Scoreby, or £5 (cash or card) on the door. Refreshments will be available, for a donation between the events.

Lent Course: We shall be running a Lent Course again this year. We did it, by necessity, via zoom last year, and it worked really well. Numbers attending at least doubled.

Lent course runs at 7pm on Thursday evenings:

10th March - 'Peace' - Judith Hewitt

17th March - 'Love' - Nick Bird

24 March - 'Hope' - John Schofield

31 March - 'Anger' - Nick Bird

7th April - 'Generosity' - Mark Poole

Each session will last just one hour and will begin, after a short prayer, with a roughly 10 minute introduction on the topic, followed by the opportunity to explore the week's theme in more depth in small groups for those who wish to stay. We shall regather toward the end of the session in plenary for any feedback and sharing across groups.

If you would rather not stay for the discussion part of the course, you are perfectly welcome to drop out after the introduction. Each talk will be recorded and uploaded to YouTube

Derwent Deanery warmly welcomes you to a "Quiet Time", led by Bishop David Smith at Aughton Church on 2 April from 10.00 am 'til 1.00pm. You are welcome to bring a packed lunch and remain for fellowship. Drink-making facilities are available. We would appreciate a donation of £5 per head if that is possible to gift to the host parish. Contact Alison (allie.48@yahoo.com) for more details.

Discipleship Day

Saturday 19th March - 10.00am

Reading Scripture Intelligently

Dr. Sally Guthrie MA, PhD (Theol)

St Nicholas Church
Everybody Very Welcome

DERWENT INGS: ENCOUNTER SERIES

Theology@4

on the First Saturday of the Month

"The Dignity of Difference"

the sources of difference, resolving difference,
living with difference



Revd Dr Greg Hoyland at Thorganby Church

4.00pm on 2 April. Talk, refreshments, then Q & A

ALL ARE WELCOME

Lectionary Corner at St Nicholas

7 March: Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions, Martyrs at Carthage 203

8 March: Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln 1910

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

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Next newsletter on **Sunday 13th March** [Email items to grapevine.rev@gmail.com](mailto:grapevine.rev@gmail.com) by **9.00 am on Thursday 10th March**