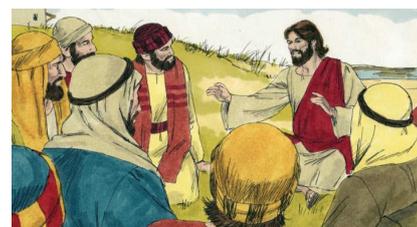


NEWSLETTER

Sunday 13 March: Second Sunday of Lent

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



Today

- 8.00am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington
Revd Canon Nick Bird
- 9.00am Holy Communion: Holy Trinity, Holtby
Revd Mark Poole
- 10.30am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington
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- 10.30am Holy Communion: Holy Trinity, Stockton
Revd Peter Moorhouse
- 10.30am Holy Communion: St Mary, Warthill
Revd Canon Nick Bird

 [Online Benefice Worship](#) (YouTube)

This week

Monday 14 March

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

Tuesday 15 March

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

Wednesday 16 March

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

Thursday 17 March

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

Saturday 19 March

10.00 am Community Café: St Nicholas Tower Room

Sunday 20 March: Third Sunday of Lent

Readings: Isaiah 55.1-9; 1 Corinthians 10.1-13; Luke 13.1-9

- 10.30am Benefice Service: Holy Trinity, Stockton
- 3.00pm Stamford Bridge Singers Concert: St Nicholas, Dunnington
- 5.00pm Choral Evensong: St Nicholas, Dunnington

 [Online Benefice Worship](#) (YouTube)

A reflection on Lent by Revd Dr John Schofield



Lent starts on Ash Wednesday with the rather formal anointing with ashes. We then come to the First Sunday in Lent where we traditionally look at Jesus being tempted in the wilderness. This is the time of preparation for His ministry. But, as we progress through Lent, we leave the start of Jesus' period of preaching, teaching and healing to then look at Jesus heading towards Jerusalem. The Gospel readings at this time have multiple messages, as Jesus' ministry is both of the moment and also looking towards the Cross and Resurrection, and what those mean. In this church season dedicated to times of reflection, we too should concern ourselves with the present but also see that in the context of God's plans for us all. The reality of sin, abuse of power, and suffering in the world should be seen as things which need to be responded to, but they should also be seen as those things Jesus came to overcome. Jesus is the Saviour of the world and all Creation, and any despair we have about our current time and situation should be coloured by the future Hope which Jesus' sacrifice gives us in the victory of the Cross.

With best wishes,
John



Children's Society House Boxes – Dunnington

Please bring boxes for opening to the Tower Room on Sunday 13th March. Alternatively, if more convenient for you, boxes can be brought at other times to 1 Greenside Walk. If you are not able to bring your box please ring me on (01904) 489008 to arrange collection. New box holders very welcome, please contact me for more information. Thank you. Eve Scoreby, Box Co-ordinator.

Parish Churches News & Events

Coffee Morning at Holtby Village Hall: Please come and help St Mary's Church Warthill raise money for the Ukraine Refugee Crisis. We are holding a coffee morning, with a cake stall and a raffle on **Saturday 26th March 10am-12pm**. There will be craft activities for children and a bring and buy stall - everyone of all ages is most welcome.

Sides persons for St Nicholas 10.30am Sunday Service: We are planning to set up the rota and would appreciate the help of volunteers. The main task is to welcome and distribute the books for the service. It is a great opportunity to meet people and have a chat. If you can help, please let Peter or Carole know.

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.

Pledge for the Planet: This Lent the members of the Circuit Eco Group will share some of their thoughts about living more sustainably. Many of them have made a 'pledge for the planet'; taking a particular area of their lives and make it more sustainable. They will share their highs and lows and hopefully encourage you to make a few simple changes in your household too. Maybe you could make one change this Lent..? See the website for more tips! <https://www.yorkmethodist.org.uk/>

Praying for our Circuit: Our prayers during Lent will focus on the Pledge for our Planet reflections shared by the Circuit Eco church group:

Thank you, God, that you send other people as a gift to us, so we know we are not trying to do everything on our own. We are not just one player; together with others we make a whole team. With others the whole game can change. We ask you to bless each small effort we make, knowing that many others are also making that small effort. Together, those small efforts add up.

Amen

Sunday 20th March: There will be a Benefice Service at Stockton on 20th at 10.30am. There will be no other services in the Benefice, but don't forget the Concert (3.00pm) and Choral Evensong (5.00pm) at St Nicholas.

Mothering Sunday (27th March): There will be services in all the Benefice Churches to celebrate and to remember our mothers.

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.

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.

Discipleship Day

Saturday 19th March - 10.00am

Reading Scripture Intelligently

Dr. Sally Guthrie MA, PhD (Theol)

St Nicholas Church
Everybody Very Welcome

Lectionary Corner at St Nicholas

17 March: Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland c.460

19 March: Joseph of Nazareth

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

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Next newsletter on **Sunday 20th March** [Email items to grapevine.rey@gmail.com](mailto:grapevine.rey@gmail.com) by **9.00 am on Thursday 17th March**