

Churches in the Benefice of Rural East York
Dunnington, Stockton-on-the-Forest, Warthill & Holtby

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 26th February: 1st Sunday of Lent

Readings: *Genesis 2.15-17. Romans 5.12-19. Matthew 4.1-11*

Today

10:30 am Benefice Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington: *Rev. Mark Poole and Judith Hewitt*

This week

Tuesday 28th February

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

Wednesday 1st March

9.00am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington
9.45am Coffee: St Nicholas Tower Room
10.00am Holy Communion: Holy Trinity, Stockton
7.00pm [Compline \(zoom\)](#) **zoom**

Saturday 4th February

10.00 am Community café: St Nicholas Tower Room, Dunnington

There also continues to be a YouTube service produced each week.

Thought for the week. This Sunday is the start of Lent, where traditionally we begin to prepare for Easter by thinking about the changes we need to make to our lives. Have you made any changes over the last year that you can build on?

This week, York Diocese released their 'Rhythm of Life' resources. You can access them on the York Diocese website or by following this link: [Rhythm of Life](#)

All are welcome to join with friends from across Derwent Deanery in a "Quiet Time" to be held in St Nicholas, Dunnington. Revd. John Trevena will lead us in Study and Prayer Time from **10.00 - 1.00pm on Saturday 11th March**. Refreshments will be available, do bring a packed lunch if you would like to remain afterward for a time of fellowship, and if possible a contribution of £5.00 per person would be welcome. For further information please see the poster in the Tower Room.

Next Week

Sunday 5th March: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Readings: *Genesis 12.1-4a: Romans 4.1-5, 13-17: John 3.1-17*

8.00am Holy Communion, St Nicholas, Dunnington
10.30am Holy Communion, St Nicholas, Dunnington
10.30am Morning Worship, Holy Trinity, Stockton
4.00pm Family Worship, St Nicholas, Dunnington

Sunday 26th February. Today we will thank Mark and Emma for their ministry with us, as they prepare to move to the Barmby Moor Group of Churches. We will have a Benefice Service at 10.30am at St Nicholas Church, followed by a 'finger food, bring and share' lunch in the Tower Room.

Confirmations, 12th March. Esther White, Grace Wilson, Alex Hall and Kristina Cussans have expressed a wish to be confirmed by the Bishop of Selby on Sunday 12th March at St Nicholas Church, Dunnington. Please continue to pray for them over the next few weeks, and for Judith, who will be supporting the candidates.

Mark's Licensing 13th March. Mark will be licensed as Priest in Charge of the Barmby Moor Group of Churches on Monday 13th March at 7.30pm at St Catherine's Church. If you can offer, or need a lift please look at the list in St Nicholas Church.

Welcome to Lent Talks 2023

This year St Nicholas, Dunnington will be hosting a series of 5 Lent Talks, where we will have the opportunity to listen and talk to representatives of various faith groups. Our speakers are all members of York Interfaith Group who meet on a monthly basis and whose aim is to promote understanding, inclusion and mutual respect amongst those of all faiths and none.

The meetings will be held at St Nicholas Church 7.00—8.30pm Tuesday evenings.

You are most welcome to attend any or all of the meetings. (Refreshments provided). See overleaf for further information.

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Benefice News And Events

Coffee after our Services. Jesus shared fellowship with others at meal and refreshment times. We, in our churches, want to offer that same time of fellowship. If you are able to help set up and serve tea and coffee either sign the list (at St Nicholas) or speak to your churchwarden. At St Nicholas we would also like someone, or some people, to check the rota as they arrive at Church to make sure tea and coffee will be served, thank you.

Home Bible Study Group is meeting again on alternate Wednesdays @ 2pm in various homes. Everyone very welcome. The next meeting is 8th March.

Warthill 100 Club. This is our main fundraiser for the church. Tickets are available from Joyce Dalby 01904 489471, Linda Birkinshaw 01904 488106 or any other member of the PCC. Tickets are £12.00 for the year. There is a monthly draw of £25.00 and two draws in December.

Food Bank. Warthill Church has a box for food bank donations. The Church is open daily from 10.00 until 3.00 for you to leave donations. You can always check the York Food bank web site to find their current needs.

Lent Course begins, Tuesday 28th February Our Benefice Lent Course begins this Tuesday, 7.00pm in the Tower Room. Refreshments will be served at question time. This week the focus is on Islam and the speaker is Rasha Ibrahim.

World Day of Prayer, Friday 3rd March. There will be a service at St Nicholas at 3.00pm when everyone will be very welcome. Come and pray words being said right across the world on this day. Tea and cake to follow.

Organ Recital, Saturday 4th March. Jake, a young organist, practices regularly on St Nicholas Church organ. He is going to play for us at 3.00pm. We will serve tea and cake afterwards. Donations welcome to the building fund. No tickets required.

Fun, Food and Fellowship, 16th March. Invitations are now on the table in the Tower Room. Do take one for yourself or for someone you think might like to come. The day will conclude with Communion at 3.00pm to which you are welcome to join us for.

Cakes!! Can you provide a cake or buns for either, 3rd, 4th or 12th March (Confirmation Sunday)? There is a list to sign in the Tower Room if you are able to help. Thank you to those who have offered to provide cake, we would still like some for 12th March to make our Confirmation extra special.

Easter Card. Does anyone have a photograph or picture (ideally portrait) we could use for our Benefice Easter Card? If you have, please let Judith have it by February 28th.

Little People, Play and Praise. We would really like to have one or two more people to serve drinks to those who attend. The group for pre-school children and their parents or carers meets in the Tower Room on Tuesday afternoons, during term time, from 1.30 until 3.00. Call in on a Tuesday, or sign the list on the Tower Room rota board.

Benefice Profile. The profile produced by the PCC's, for a new Rector, is now on the Diocese of York website, do have a look at it. Please also pray for those who will read it.

Tearfund earthquake appeal

There will continue to be a separate collection plate available this week in St Nicholas Church for donations to the Tearfund appeal for their work with their partner church in Syria.

If you want to check out the details of what Tearfund are doing in Syria please use the following link <https://www.tearfund.org/>
Tearfund also provide some helpful suggestions for prayer <https://www.tearfund.org/stories/2023/02/how-to-pray-for-the-turkey-syria-earthquake>

God of refuge,

You are an ever-present help in times of need. Please be this to the people of Turkey, Syria, and Iraq today. Provide people with safe shelter and the essentials they need. Be a comfort to those who are grieving and who are traumatised. Be people's strength and rock as they work together to rescue people, treat the injured, care for those in need, and rebuild after this tragedy. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Lectionary Corner at St Nicholas

27 February: George Herbert, Priest, Poet 1633

1 March: David, Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales c.601

2 March: Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary 672



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Next newsletter on **Sunday 5th March** Email items to grapevine.rey@gmail.com by 9.00 am on **Thursday 2nd March 2023**