

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

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 5th March: 2nd Sunday of Lent

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



Today

8.00am Holy Communion, St Nicholas,
Dunnington: *Rev. Francis Loftus*

10.30am Holy Communion, St Nicholas,
Dunnington: *Rev. Canon John Harrison*

10.30am Morning Worship, Holy Trinity,
Stockton: *Judith Hewitt*

4.00pm Family Worship, St Nicholas,
Dunnington: *Judith Hewitt*

This week

Tuesday 7th March

9.00am Morning Prayer: St Mary, Warthill

1.45pm Little People: St Nicholas Tower Room

7.00pm Lent Course: St Nicholas

Wednesday 8th 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 \(zoom\)](#) 

Saturday 11th March

10.00 am Community café: St Nicholas Tower
Room, Dunnington

10.00am Deanery Quiet Time

There also continues to be a [YouTube](#) service
produced each week. 

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 12th March: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Readings: *Exodus 17.1-7: Romans 5.1-11: John 4.5-42*

10.30am Benefice Confirmations, St Nicholas, Dunnington

7.00pm Sunday@7, St Nicholas, Dunnington

Confirmation. Please pray for Chrissie, Esther, Alex and Grace
as they prepare to be confirmed on 12th March at St Nicholas
Church at 10.30am.

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.

From Mark...

Dear Friends

Emma and I would like to say a huge thank you for the very generous
gift, we were quite overwhelmed with your generosity. Thank you also
to everyone who provided such delicious food for after our last ser-
vice, it was a wonderful spread! Thank you also for all the cards and
letters and expressions of good wishes and love for our future. It was
an emotional occasion and the wrench we thought it would be to
leave! You have made us so welcome and showed us love and friend-
ship which we shall always treasure.

Thank you and every blessing, Mark and Emma

Welcome to Lent Talks 2023

This year St Nicholas, Dunnington are 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
pm Tuesday evenings.**

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

For further information contact: John Vernon
jmvvxyz@gmail.com or Anne Castle
am.castle@btopenworld.com

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 continues, 7th March. The second evening of our Benefice Lent Course is at 7.00pm in the Tower Room. The speaker will be Stephanie Bisby from the Unitarian faith. Refreshments will be served at question time.

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.

Messy Easter planning, Friday 17th March. We are planning this event (which will take place on Tuesday 4th April) on Friday 17th March at 9.30am in the Tower Room. Do come and share your ideas with us.

Annual Parish Meeting, 21st March. Dunnington Parish Council welcome you to their Annual Parish Meeting at 7:30pm in Dunnington Reading Room. The agenda will include discussions about the Neighbourhood Plan and the Coronation Street Party. Refreshments available from 7-7:30pm.

Wonderful World, 23rd March. Dunnington Conservation Group presents an illustrated talk given by Terry Weston at Dunnington Reading Room, 7:30pm. All welcome. This is a free event supported by Dunnington Parish Council.

Coffee morning, 25th March. St Mary's Church, Warthill are hosting a coffee morning in aid of the Syria and Turkey earthquake appeal. This will run from 10am—12pm in Holtby Village Hall. This will include a raffle, a cake stall and a bring and buy sale

Cakes!! Thank you to those who have offered to provide cake, we would still like some for 12th March to make our Confirmation extra special. There is a list to sign in the Tower Room if you are able to help.

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.

Re-Ignite Adult Supervisor required

Our marvellous youth group, ably led by Thom and Grace at St Nicholas, require an adult to fulfill supervisory requirements. This person will need to undertake the leadership safeguarding training and get an enhanced DBS certificate (all organised by the Diocese). If you think this is something that you could offer once a month on the 4th Sunday evening, please see Carole or Judith. We ask for your prayers that someone will feel God's call to offer this vital service.

'Calling all God's people', 8th to 10th September. Booking forms for our Benefice weekend, at Wydale Hall, are now available in the benefice churches. Do consider coming to join us for either the whole weekend or for the Saturday. Not sure if it is for you, then speak to Judith.

Lectionary Corner at St Nicholas

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

8 March: Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln 1910



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Next newsletter on **Sunday 12th March** Email items to grapevine.rey@gmail.com by 9.00 am on **Thursday 9th March 2023**