

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

## NEWSLETTER

### Sunday 12th March: 3rd Sunday of Lent

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



#### Today

10.30am Benefice Confirmations, St Nicholas, Dunnington: *Bishop of Selby*  
7.00pm Sunday@7, St Nicholas, Dunnington:

#### This week

##### **Tuesday 14th March**


9.00am Morning Prayer: St Mary, Warthill  
1.45pm Little People: St Nicholas Tower Room  
7.00pm Lent Course: St Nicholas

##### **Wednesday 15th 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 18th March**

10.00 am Community café: St Nicholas Tower Room, Dunnington

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

**Tearfund collection.** The collection for the Tearfund Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal raised £308.38. In addition, the PCC has chosen to give the 2022 Mission and Giving money (£4,250) to the Earthquake Appeal.

**Dunnington Parish Council Cemetery.** As we are now into March please could those who attend their loved ones graves remove the Christmas wreaths and other Christmas decorations by the 13th March 2023. After this date they will be removed by the Parish Council. Thank you.

**Scarecrow Leaflets.** If you can take a street, or two, of leaflets about the Scarecrow Trail we will be really pleased, thank you. Don't forget to start thinking about your scarecrow and if you can help with refreshments over the weekend, 29th April to 1st May. All funds raised will go towards a new heating system for St Nicholas Church.

#### Next Week

##### **Sunday 19th March: 4th Sunday of Lent**

Readings: *Exodus 2.1-10 or 1Samuel 1.20-28: 2 Corinthians 1.3-7 or Colossians 3.12-17: Luke 2.33-35 or John 19.25-27*  
8.00am Holy Communion, St Nicholas, Dunnington  
10.30am All-Age, St Mary, Warthill  
10.30am Holy Communion, St Nicholas, Dunnington  
10.30am Morning Worship, Holy Trinity, Stockton  
7.00pm Sunday@7, St Nicholas, Dunnington

**Confirmation.** Please continue to pray for Chrissie, Esther, Alex and Grace as they are 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 service, 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 friendship 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 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 22nd March.

**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, 14th March.** The third evening of our Benefice Lent Course is at 7.00pm in the Tower Room. The speaker will be Avtar or Suki Matharu from the Sikh faith. Refreshments will be served at question time.

**Fun, Food and Fellowship, 16<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> April) on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am in the Tower Room. Do come and share your ideas with us.

**Organ Recital., 18th March.** This is the rescheduled event. Jake 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. If you can provide a cake please sign the list in the Tower Room.

**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 .

**St Nicholas Easter Garden.** If you can help lay the foundations for the Easter Garden, please speak to Pamela White. They are planning to do this on Maundy Thursday, at a time to be arranged, but they need some help.

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

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**A thank you..** A sincere thank you to all who took part in the World Day of Prayer and to those who attended.  
*Jocelyn Auton*

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**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.

### **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.

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**'Calling all God's people', 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## **Lectionary Corner at St Nicholas**

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



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Next newsletter on **Sunday 19th March** Email items to [grapevine.rey@gmail.com](mailto:grapevine.rey@gmail.com) by 9.00 am on **Thursday 16th March 2023**