

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

NEWSLETTER



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

Today

8.00am Holy Communion, St Nicholas,
Dunnington: *Rev. Dr. C Reid*
10.30am All-Age, St Mary, Warthill: *Judith Hewitt*
10.30am Holy Communion, St Nicholas,
Dunnington: *Rev. Dr. C Reid*
10.30am Morning Worship, Holy Trinity,
Stockton: *Rev. John Trevenna*
7.00pm Sunday@7, St Nicholas, Dunnington:
David Marles

This week

Tuesday 21st March

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

Wednesday 22nd 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 \(zoom\)](#) 
7.30pm Christian Meditation Group

Saturday 25th March

10.00 am Community café: St Nicholas Tower
Room, Dunnington

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

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

Next Week

Sunday 26th March: 5th Sunday of Lent

Readings: *Ezekiel 37.1-14: Romans 8.6-11: John 11.1-45*

10.30am Benefice Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Stockton
6:00pm Evensong, Holy Trinity Holtby



Don't forget the clocks go forward an hour at 1am on 26th March!

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.

Electoral Roll – Parish of St Nicholas. If you have recently moved into the parish and/or now attend worship at St Nicholas on a regular basis, have you considered applying to be added to the Electoral Roll? Being on the roll not only shows your commitment to St Nicholas church but also entitles you to participate/vote at the annual meetings and stand for office.

The electoral roll for the parish of St Nicholas will be revised on **31st March** this year. Any new applications for inclusion must be received by that date if you wish to participate in the Annual Meeting on 23rd April. Forms are available in the Tower Room or contact Elizabeth Skilbeck, Electoral Roll Officer. 01904 481165 or email eskilbeck58@gmail.com.

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.

For further information contact: John Vernon
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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, 21st March. The third evening of our Benefice Lent Course is at 7.00pm in the Tower Room. The speaker will be Daryoush Mazloum from Baha'i faith . Refreshments will be served as you arrive.

Sikh Evening. We had an excellent talk on Tuesday about the Sikh faith. Avtar has left copies of his presentation on the noticeboard in the Tower Room. Do have a read. They will be there for a couple of weeks.

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.

Benefice Prayer Meeting, 24th March. 7pm at Fair View Warthill, York YO19 5XW. Everyone welcome.

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.

BENEFICE DISCIPLESHIP MORNING

SATURDAY 1st APRIL

The Five Marks of Mission

What are they? What do they mean to us?

Coffee from 10.00 to start at 10.30, Tower Room

We will conclude the morning by praying for the interview process for a new Rector. Bring your lunch and stay for fellowship.

*Does anyone in your family, or someone you know have Autism? Do let them know about the special Palm Sunday service happening in **Escrick church**, designed to be Autism friendly. This communion service will be held on **2nd April at 10.30am.***

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.

Reading and leading Intercessions at St Nicholas. We are about to produce the next rota, if you would like to join the rota, please let Judith know by 31st March. If for any reason you would like to come off the rota, please also let Judith know by 31st March. Thank you.

Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday Bible readers at St Nicholas. If you are willing to read at either of these services, please can you let Judith know. The Palm Sunday service will require several readers. Are you willing to record a reading for the youtube service on either of these Sundays?

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.

'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.

Tim Eady. We are delighted the Archbishop has given PTO (permission to officiate at services) to Tim. He will now be taking services in our Benefice Churches.

Lectionary Corner at St Nicholas

19 March: Mothering Sunday

20 March: (Transferred from 19 March) Joseph of Nazareth

21 March: Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation Martyr 1556

25 March: Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary



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To receive the Methodist Circuit News, please contact the office by email yorkcircuitoffice@gmail.com or phone 07984 019995.

Next newsletter on **Sunday 26th March** Email items to grapevine.rey@gmail.com by 9.00 am on **Thursday 23rd March 2023**