

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

# NEWSLETTER

## Sunday 2nd April: Palm Sunday



Readings: *Matthew 21.1-11: Isaiah 50. 4-9a: Philippians 2.5-11: Matthew 26.14-27: Matthew 27.11-54*

### Today

- 8.00am Holy Communion, St Nicholas  
Dunnington: *Rev. Francis Loftus*
- 10.30am Morning Worship, St Nicholas  
Dunnington: *Judith Hewitt*
- 10.30am Holy Communion, Holy Trinity  
Stockton: *Rev. Peter Moorhouse*

### This week

#### **Monday 3rd April**

7.00pm Compline: Holy Trinity Stockton

#### **Tuesday 4th April**

- 3.00pm Messy Easter: St Nicholas Tower Room
- 7.00pm Compline: St Mary, Warthill

#### **Wednesday 5th April**

- 9.00am Holy Communion: St Nicholas,  
Dunnington
- 9.45am Coffee: St Nicholas Tower Room
- 10.00am Holy Communion: Holy Trinity,  
Stockton
- 7.00pm Compline: Holy Trinity, Holtby
- Please note there is no Zoom compline this week*

#### **Thursday 6th April—Maundy Thursday**

7.00pm Holy Communion with washing feet  
and vigil: St Nicholas, Dunnington

#### **Friday 7th April—Good Friday**

- 11.00am Eastingle: St Nicholas, Dunnington
- 12noon Walk of Witness (from St Nick's)
- 2.00pm Last Hour: St Nicholas Dunnington
- 2.00pm Last Hour: Holy Trinity, Stockton

#### **Saturday 8th April—Holy Saturday**

- 10.00am Community Café: St Nicholas Tower  
Room
- 8.00pm Easter Vigil: St Nicholas, Dunnington

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



**Easter Cards.** Thank you to those who have delivered  
the benefice Easter cards, there are still a few streets  
to deliver in Dunnington.

### Next Week

#### **Sunday 9th April: Easter Day**

- Readings: Acts 10.34-43: Jeremiah 31.1-6 or Colossians 3.1-4:  
John 20.1-18 or Matthew 28.1-10
- 6.00am Dawn Service, Holtby Wood
- 9.00am Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Holtby
- 9.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Warthill
- 10.30am Holy Communion, St Nicholas Dunnington
- 10.30am Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Stockton

#### **St Nicholas' Annual Meetings 2023 – Vacancies**

It is important to fill vacancies at the APCM on Sunday 23rd  
April 2023 - a strong representative PCC is essential to ensure  
decisions reflect the wishes of our Parish and Benefice.

There will be 4 vacancies for PCC members to serve 3 year  
term (until 2026) and 3 vacancies for 2 year term (until  
2025).

The meeting for election of Churchwardens will take place at  
the same time.

If you have any questions please speak to Peter, Carole, Eve  
or Judith.

This year we also need to elect 3 delegates to the Derwent  
Deanery Partnership (Deanery Synod representatives). If you  
think this is something that might interest you please speak  
to Judith.

Please will you consider nomination. Forms available in the  
Tower Room or from Eve Scoreby (PCC Secretary) 489008;  
07746765274; eve\_scoreby@hotmail.co.uk

**Warthill Easter Garden.** We will be preparing an Easter  
Garden again this year, Sue and Andrew Wilson at Fairview  
would be happy to accept help on Friday 7th April at 9.30  
am, especially from children. If you aren't able to help,  
plants can be left at Fairview during the week. Thank you.

**Thank You** . A very big thank you from Warthill PCC to  
everyone who helped, donated, baked, set up and cleared  
away for our Coffee Morning in Holtby Village Hall on  
Saturday 25th March in aid of the Turkish/Syrian  
Earthquake Appeal. We raised a wonderful £604.00.  
Thank you.

## **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 5th April.

**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.

**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.

**Compline this week.** Do come and join us for Compline on Monday, at Stockton, Tuesday, at Warthill and on Wednesday, at Holtby, at 7.00pm. The quiet service will include a short reflection as we journey together through Holy Week.

**Good Friday.** We have our Eastingle Service at St Nicholas, for 'children' of all ages, before we leave for the Walk of Witness. Join us for the Last Hour at Stockton and Dunnington.

**Holy Saturday.** We will light the fire in the churchyard before bringing the light of Easter into St Nicholas Church.

**Holy Week artefacts.** In St Nicholas Church there are a number of artefacts associated with the events of Holy Week. Do see if you can find them and what they mean.

**Messy Easter.** Do tell any families you know that we have Messy Easter at St Nicholas Church on Tuesday 4th April from 3.00 until 5.00.

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**A reminder!** There will be no Zoom Compline on Wednesday 5th or 12th April, and no Communion at Stockton and Dunnington on Wednesday 12th April.

**Newsletter 9th April.** The newsletter for 9th April will include items for the week beginning 9th April **and** the week beginning 16th April. There will not be an additional newsletter on 16th April.

**Watch Calendar!** You may like to tune in to Calendar on Wednesday and/or Thursday. Judith will say no more!

**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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**Maundy Thursday service.** I have always found the service on Maundy Thursday evening to be a powerful experience. The liturgy re-creates the events that unfolded between Jesus and his disciples on the night before he died. It includes the image of the servanthood of Christ as the priest washes the feet of volunteer parishioners. Then after Holy Communion - the recollection of the Last Supper - all the decorative hangings are removed from the church and the lights are dimmed, evoking the sombre nature of the occasion. The service ends in silence.

A blessed priest wafer (the Host) is fitted into a device called a 'monstrance' and is placed on the Lady Chapel altar as a focus for contemplation. Those who attend the service may decide to leave the church in silence after the service ends, or there is the opportunity to remain and sit in the Lady Chapel in the presence of the Host for a period of silent contemplation and prayer as we anticipate the awful events of Good Friday and what Jesus endured for our sakes. The church will remain open for about an hour after the service ends.

If you are intending to come to this service and would be agreeable to having your feet washed by Rev Rachel Hirst (who is presiding) please let either myself or Judith know. Carole White 07508 834565

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## **Lectinary Corner at St Nicholas**

2 April: Palm Sunday  
6 April: Maundy Thursday  
7 April: Good Friday  
8 April: Easter Eve



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Next newsletter on **Sunday 9th April** Email items to [grapevine.rev@gmail.com](mailto:grapevine.rev@gmail.com) by **9.00 am on Thursday 6th April 2023**