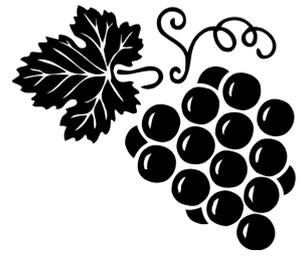


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**Dunnington, Stockton on the Forest
Warthill & Holtby**

BEATITUDES

FOR A GLOBAL PANDEMIC

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO STAY INDOORS



FOR THEY HAVE PROTECTED OTHERS

BLESSED ARE THE UNEMPLOYED AND THE SELF-EMPLOYED



FOR THEIR NEED OF GOD IS GREAT

BLESSED ARE THE CORNER SHOPKEEPERS



FOR THEY ARE THE PURVEYORS OF SCARCE THINGS

BLESSED ARE THE DELIVERY DRIVERS AND THE POSTAL WORKERS



FOR THEY ARE THE BRINGERS OF ESSENTIAL THINGS

BLESSED ARE THE HOSPITAL WORKERS; THE AMBULANCE CREWS, THE DOCTORS, THE NURSES, THE CARE ASSISTANTS, AND THE CLEANERS



FOR THEY STAND BETWEEN US AND THE GRAVE, AND THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS SURELY THEIRS

BLESSED ARE THE CHECKOUT WORKERS



FOR THEY HAVE PATIENCE AND FORTITUDE IN THE FACE OF OVERWORK AND FRUSTRATION

BLESSED ARE THE REFUSE COLLECTORS



FOR THEY WILL SEE GOD DESPITE THE MOUNTAINS OF WASTE

BLESSED ARE THE TEACHERS



FOR THEY REMAIN STEADFAST AND CONSTANT IN DISTURBING TIMES

BLESSED ARE THE CHURCH WORKERS; THE DEACONS, PRIESTS AND BISHOPS



FOR THEY ARE A COMFORTING PRESENCE IN A HURTING WORLD AS THEY CONTINUE TO SIGNPOST TOWARDS GOD

BLESSED ARE THE SINGLE PARENTS,



FOR THEY ARE COPING ALONE WITH THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND THERE IS NO RESPITE

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE ALONE.



FOR THEY ARE CHILDREN OF GOD AND WITH HIM THEY WILL NEVER BE LONELY

BLESSED ARE THE BEREAVED.



FOR WHOM THE WORST HAS ALREADY HAPPENED. THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE ISOLATED WITH THEIR ABUSERS



FOR ONE DAY - WE PRAY - THEY WILL KNOW SAFETY

BLESSED ARE ALL DURING THIS TIME WHO HAVE PURE HEARTS; ALL WHO STILL HUNGER AND THIRST FOR JUSTICE; ALL WHO WORK FOR PEACE AND WHO MODEL MERCY



MAY YOU KNOW COMFORT. MAY YOU KNOW CALM. AND MAY THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND THE LOVE OF GOD, AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, BE WITH US ALL. AMEN

TEXT: JAYNE MANFREDI

CartoonChurch.com

Readings for February 2021

7 February - 2 before Lent

Proverbs 8.1, 22-31; Colossians 1.15-20; John 1.1-14

14 February - Sunday before Lent

2 Kings 2.1-12; 2 Corinthians 4.3-6; Mark 9.2-9

21 February - Lent 1

Genesis 9.8-17; 1 Peter 3.18-end; Mark 1.9-15

28 February - Lent 2

Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16; Romans 4.13-end; Mark 8.31-end



From the Registers

Dunnington, Holtby Warhill, & Stockton on the Forest

Funerals

We commit to God's loving care:

Pauline Hebditch
15 January, Stockton

Margaret Warrillow
19 January, Stockton

Douglas Willis
28 January, Stockton (crem)

Snowdrops

Dear Friends,

As I stood at my kitchen window the other day, I saw something white among the green leaves. I went out to look and saw the bud of a snowdrop. It brought a smile to my face as, to me, it is one of the symbols of hope that we all need at the moment.

It also made me wonder about the symbolism of the snowdrop, so I turned to my computer. I read that, according to legend, the snowdrop first became a symbol of hope when Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden of Eden. It is said that, when Eve was about to give up hope that the cold winters would never end, an angel appeared and transformed some of the snowflakes into snowdrops.

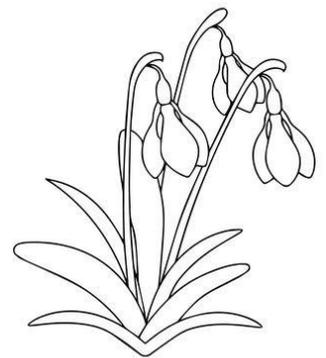
We are all feeling that this pandemic is never going to end, but there is hope, hope in the skill of the scientists who have produced the vaccines to fight Covid 19.

Snowdrops are also known as 'Candlemas bells' as they are one of the first flowers to bloom, signifying the arrival of Spring. Often the first time we see snowdrops is as the snow is melting.

Candles are lit during a Candlemas service, (around 2nd February) reminding us that Jesus came to be the light of the world. It is the light of Christ that brings us hope for each new day, if we trust each day to Him.

With all good wishes for 2021

Judith Hewitt, Reader



Loving your neighbour

When my religion tries to come between me and
my neighbour,
I will choose my neighbour.
Jesus never commanded me to love my religion.

Barbara Brown Taylor

Friends,

When writing my letter each month I'm inclined to keep things broad – not too religious, political, personal or fluffy. Whilst I am mindful that the Christian faith has been a dominant force in shaping our laws, language and culture, it is not necessarily professed by all readers. Some denominational clergy roles are explicitly congregational chaplains, but a Church of England vicar is priest to the whole community, without exception – whether one is a joiner, Jewish or Jedi. It's a thing of wonder about the good old CofE, and so I try to write something that can be approached by all. So please excuse me whilst I rant about my loathing for politicised religion in America, and what that might have to say to us.

Over recent months and years we have seen in the U.S.A. what happens when politics and religion are mixed in partisan and divisive ways. White conservative evangelicalism has allied itself, or allowed itself to be hijacked, in ways that have amputated its own moral platform, and from which it may never recover. "Jesus, Jesus" they cry, as many of them have also chanted "Trump, Trump", and waved a bible around in the same way that one might place a full stop at the end of an argument. Maybe "Jesus" should never be the chant of the religious, but rather "justice, justice". I find it impossible to understand why the 'sanctity of life' argument seems not to extend to the Black Lives Matter movement, those on death row, or poor children without adequate health care provision.

Barbara Brown Taylor's words challenge me to the core through their simple truth. The bible says nothing of abortion or gay marriage or gun ownership (which is not to say that the scriptural tradition, of which we are all heirs – like it or not – does not speak into the full breadth of our contemporary concerns), or other matters that predominate in the culture wars of North America, however much some religious leaders spout that 'The bible teaches...' But the Good Book is replete with references to the requirement for justice and equity, concern for the vulnerable and the alien (read 'immigrant'), and care for our neighbour.

To be clear (and this is entirely the point of Jesus' story about the Good Samaritan – a phrase we still hear often in popular culture), our neighbour is not the person who lives in our street or our village, the person who looks and sounds like us. Our neighbour is anyone who needs us, and anyone whom we need.

So be suspicious of anyone who professes a faith that divides neighbours. In this time of covid-anxiety and social-distancing, neighbours are sacred, and neighbourliness is moral duty. This is not about partisan religiosity, or religion in particular. It is about being human on the side of good.

Nick Bird
Your Rector



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DATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

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Email grapevine.rey@gmail.com or place in the tray in the Tower Room at St Nicholas Church, together with your name and contact details.

For all other enquiries, please call Victoria on 01904 489817 or e-mail as above.

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Saturday Coffee at the Methodist Church

A Happy New Year to everyone who supports this popular event. We are still unable to re-open BUT as soon as we have a date we will let everybody know.



Your support is greatly appreciated and we look forward to meeting old friends as well as new. Everybody is most welcome.

Stay safe

Jocelyn Auton (co-ordinator) and team

Revd Mary Willetts RIP

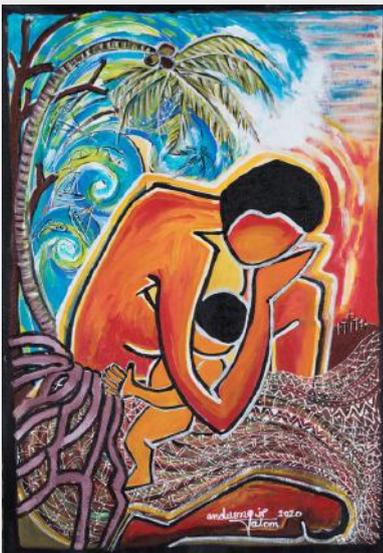
It is with great sadness that we share the news of the death of The Revd Mary Willetts, who passed away on 16 January 2021 in York Hospital. Mary will be remembered for her faithful service to the people and churches of Warthill, Holtby and Stockton on the Forest over many years. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

World Day of Prayer

5th March

'Build on a Strong Foundation'

As we go to print this service is unlikely to happen at Dunnington Methodist Church, but we are hoping to have something online. If you would like a copy of the service booklet, please contact Jocelyn.



Community Support Group

We are still here to help



If you would like someone to collect your shopping, or to walk your dog, or if you'd like a friendly chat on the phone

Contact Rev. Nick Bird
01904 489349 : revnickbird@gmail.com
who will put you in touch with your local contact

Phone Tree

We realise that, as this pandemic continues, and with the colder weather, many people are feeling lonely and perhaps would appreciate a friendly phone call.



If you live in Dunnington, and would like someone to ring you, occasionally, please ring Judith Hewitt, 488331, and she will put you in touch with someone.

Dunnington Methodist Church

Dear Friends

The Church Building remains closed at this time, but we hope you all remain safe and well and look forward to a point in time when we can all meet together safely.

As we move on into February, and with thoughts of Spring hopefully not too far away, we will continue to keep in contact via technology and by the delivery of paper copies of services and the newsletter

Methodist Services online

Website: www.yorkmethodist.org.uk/

YouTubechannel: www.youtube.com/channel/UCMZlI3vyksFEonZ-EQbbhuQ

Facebook: www.facebook.com/yorkmethodistcircuit/

If there is anything we might be able to help you with, do not hesitate to call one of the stewards

Anne Castle 01904 481656

Diane Conway 01904 489495

Chris Spedding 01904 481867

Many Thanks



CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

Sundays online

Our weekly online Sunday worship is continuing, with a service of the Word, with songs and prayers, posted on our YouTube channel each Sunday and remaining available thereafter.



The services are normally shared on the channel the day beforehand. Many of us worship 'together' at 10.30am on a Sunday morning, using the video service prepared for that day, but you can watch them anytime!

<https://tinyurl.com/y28h5aec> (or search YouTube for 'St Nicholas Church').

To be added to the list of people who receive a weekly email invitation to the service when it goes live, please email Nick Bird on revnickbird@gmail.com



Phone

Know someone without internet access? They can listen to the audio version of the weekly service by phone at any point during the week. It's the cost of a local call and very simple to do - just dial 899433.



Coffee and chat

Do join us for a catch up over Zoom at 11.30 each Sunday, once people have had a chance to participate in the service

<https://tinyurl.com/y2h1hgvs>

Weekday Worship via Zoom

During the period of lockdown we are not having any services in our church buildings, but there is live worship over zoom:

Morning Prayer

Every morning Monday - Thursday at 9.00am

LIVE worship via Zoom <https://tinyurl.com/y2whk8c9>

Compline (Night Prayer)

Every Wednesday at 7.00pm

LIVE via Zoom <https://tinyurl.com/y3upjx3k>

Both Morning Prayer and Compline are short services (c. 15 minutes). You are welcome to leave as soon as the service is over or stay for a chat.



Monthly Prayer Meeting

Rev'd Mark Poole invites you to join him for an informal time of prayer via Zoom. The next meeting is on **Monday 15th February**.

zoom | **PRAYER MEETING**

Each session lasts about an hour, commencing at 7:00pm, and is an opportunity to pray for the needs of our communities, our nation and our world especially during these difficult times. It is also an opportunity for us to pray for God's mission in our villages as we seek to serve in His Kingdom.

You are very welcome to join us. If you know anyone else who worships elsewhere and who may like to join us then please let them know the dates and forward the Zoom link so they can join us.

The Zoom invitations are sent out a few days prior to each evening. Please email Rev'd Mark Poole revmarkpoole20@gmail.com to receive an invitation.

If you do not wish to join us, but would like prayer, then let Mark know, including whether you are happy for this to be prayed for during the meeting.

Do you want someone to pray for you?



Every week in our intercessions at Church we offer prayers for the sick, bereaved or those in any kind of need.

Please let Judith Hewitt have any names. Call Judith on 488331 (we have call guardian so you will need to say who you are!) or email her at judithhewitt@btinternet.com

STAY UP-TO-DATE »

For up to date information on Benefice Services, in case plans need to change or services are cancelled, please refer to the St. Nicholas Church website stnicholasdunnington.org.uk or contact Rev Nick Bird 489349.



Thank
YOU

The Children's Society



We have received a letter of thanks from The Children's Society for the £165.00 we collected for them as part of our Christingle celebrations and we know that some people have also made donations directly to the Society.

Thank you to everyone who gave.

The Society says: *It's thanks to the money raised in churches and congregations like yours that we are able to transform the hopes and happiness of thousands of children in this country who face abuse, exploitation and neglect and bring the full light of Christingle into their lives.*

The impact we can have on a young person's life is all driven by you – our volunteers, supporters and campaigners. When you attend a Christingle and support The Children's Society you are helping us to fight for the hope that is within all children.

You can read more about the impact your support has here - childrenssociety.org.uk/impact.

Thank you once again for helping to make sure that children in this country can look forward to a hope filled, brighter future.

IDAS (Women's Refuge)

About £400 in supermarket vouchers was taken to the IDAS offices in time for the women to buy gifts and items to help them celebrate Christmas. We have received a 'thank you' letter from IDAS.



One Family!

In Autumn 2020 the York Methodist Circuit family and youth team introduced One Family! It is a venture where families from across the York Methodist Circuit can come together on-line, with families from the Goole and Selby Circuit (and anyone else who would like to take part) to worship, learn more about Jesus and enjoy spending time together as one big family.

It is a relaxed, informal style of church for families with primary school aged children, although of course younger and older children are very welcome too. There are opportunities to enjoy Bible stories, songs, games, crafts, baking and other activities all together, as well as to share experiences and make friends in smaller breakout rooms.



We meet monthly via Zoom on the **2nd Tuesday of the month** from 6pm for about an hour.

Please note that One Family is intended for families, and for safeguarding reasons, children cannot attend the live session unless an adult is visible on screen.



What is it?

- RELAXED, FRIENDLY, INTERACTIVE CHURCH FOR FAMILIES
- JOIN US VIA ZOOM FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME
- BIBLE STORIES, CRAFTS, BAKING, GAMES, INTERACTIVE PRAYER, SONGS, DISCUSSION IN BREAKOUT ROOMS
- OPPORTUNITY TO GET TO KNOW OTHER FAMILIES

Who is it for?

**THE WHOLE FAMILY, PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH CHILDREN AGED 5-11
(CHILDREN SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT WHO IS VISIBLE ON SCREEN)**

When is it?

**2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH STARTING ON 13TH OCTOBER
5PM - 6PM**

ALSO AVAILABLE ON YOUTUBE ON THE 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH



Please contact Lorraine, Lydia or Heather for more information

lorraine.jones@methodistyouth.org.uk

lydia.harrison@methodistyouth.org.uk

heather.lewis@methodistyouth.org.uk

Children & Families

Lisa Horton, our Benefice Children and Families' Worker, produces a weekly newsletter especially for children in our Benefice. Anyone is welcome to receive it!

You can access the Children's Newsletter on the St Nicholas Church website at <https://stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/news/childrens-newsletter/> or email Horton2517@sky.com to be added to Lisa's mailing list.

Lisa also manages a private Facebook page for families in the Benefice. Contact her for more information.



YORK MINSTER Parish Passes 2021

The Parish Pass entitles church members of parishes and benefices in the Diocese of York to visit York Minster and the Undercroft for sightseeing during normal opening hours.

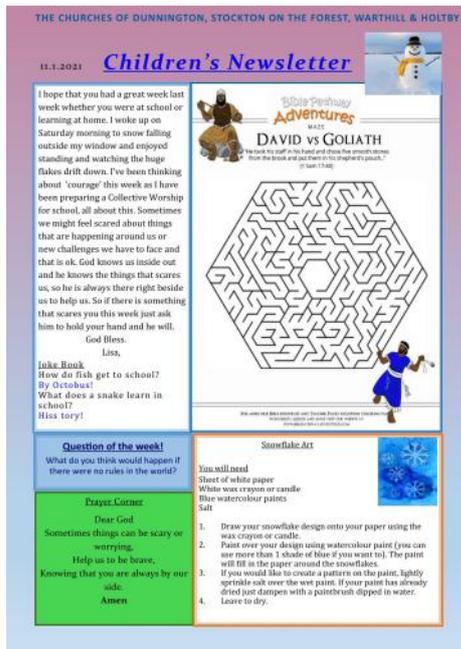
In 2021, the Parish Pass scheme is going digital!

Due to the impact of Covid, in a change from previous years, those planning to visit York Minster need to **make a reservation in advance**, because the number of people visiting each day is strictly limited. You need to make a reservation for a specific date and time from the www.yorkminster.org website.

NB. When you visit you need to take proof of residency in the Diocese, a copy of the Parish Pass and your reservation.

If you do not have internet access, please 'phone 01904 557275 to make a Parish Pass booking for a specific date and time.

Eve Scoreby, Dunnington PCC Secretary 07746765274 or eve_scoreby@hotmail.com



“The Fallen” - Remembered

The Bomber Crash at Holtby (part 4). The seven RAF aircrew members who all died in this incident on 8 Sep 1942 were, like many others, brave young men flying in aircraft built only for a deadly purpose in war, and were exposed to lethal risk on every flight. Their homes were not in this village, but it was here they fell. The last three of the seven are named below.

One of two Wireless Operator/Air Gunners on board was 1256530 Sgt **Laurence George Harvey**, age 22. He was a Londoner, born on 8 Apr 1920 in Hackney, and apparently known as 'Laurie'. His parents were George Alfred Harvey, an electrical cable joiner in the Post Office engineer department, and Daisy Maude (Watts), a confectioner, who had married in South Hackney Church in 1919.

Laurie joined the RAF Volunteer Reserve, and sometime in 1940/41 enlisted for war service. His family chose to have the burial at Eastbrookend Cemetery in Dagenham, Essex, where his grave is marked by a private family headstone. One of Laurie's two siblings was Barbara Rosemary, who married John Clifford and died in 1993.

1182739 Flight Sgt **Ronald Leonard Stevens**, age 20, was another Wireless Operator/Air Gunner on bomber W1228. He was born in 1921 in the Lambeth district of London, to William Joseph Stevens and his wife Florence Maud (Huggins). About 1940/41, having joined the RAF Volunteer Reserve, he enlisted at Cardington for war service.

Ronald's parents were in Morden when he died, and his war grave is in Morden Cemetery. The epitaph chosen by his parents for the headstone reads: "He like others his life did give; the price of freedom that we might live."

The flight engineer on board W1228 was 536790 Sgt **John Taylor**, age 26. He seems to have been appointed a Class F Reservist for the RAF before war-time service, but I have so far been unsuccessful in tracing further details and family origin.

John's grave is in the war cemetery section of St Catherine's Churchyard at Barmby Moor.

Parishes Of Dunnington, Stockton on the Forest, Holtby & Warthill

Rector	Revd Nick Bird	The Rectory, 30 Church Street	489349	<i>Usual day off: Friday</i>
Associate Priest	Revd Canon Terry Joyce	The Rectory, Sandy Lane, Stockton	400811	<i>Usual day off: Friday</i>
Curate	Revd Mark Poole	Bede House, Field Lane, Heslington	426522	<i>Usual day off: Friday</i>
Readers	Judith Hewitt	7 Water Lane	488331	

St Nicholas Church, Dunnington

Churchwardens	Peter Helm	481376
	Carole White	07508 834565
Tower Room Bookings	tower.room.bookings@gmail.com	

Holy Trinity Church, Holtby

Churchwarden	Chris Gladstone, Brownhills, Holtby Ln	488167
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Holy Trinity Church, Stockton on the Forest

Churchwarden	Ennis Tweddle, 4 Gay Meadows	400364
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St Mary's Church, Warthill

Churchwarden	Ann Proctor, 8 Church Rise, Holtby	489386
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Dunnington Methodist Church

Minister	Revd Dr Keith Albans	01904 491761	superintendent@yorkmethodist.org.uk	<i>Usual Day Off: Saturday</i>
Stewards	Diane Conway, 2 Greenside Close	489495	Bookings & Organist	Jocelyn Auton, 12 Greenside
	Anne Castle, 70 Kerver Lane	481656		
	Chris Spedding, 7 Church Rise, Holtby	481867		

Dunnington Organisations Contact List

Art for Pleasure	Keith Rowling 489315	Friends Of Hagg Wood	David Mayston 488674
Bridge Club	Janice Kay 488357	Guides	10thyorkosbaldwickguides@gmail.com
Brushstrokes Art Group	Alisia Ross 01759 388231	Over the Rainbow Preschool & Out of School Clubs	Lucy/Millie 489053
Conservative Association	Jenny Brooks 489587	Pilates	Janet Rudd 07940548513
Derwent Lions Club	Ken Sutcliffe 481265	Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers, Cubs & Scouts	Karen Prince 489364
Dunnington Art Group	Daphne Hancox 488268	Reading Room	07858 582933
Dunnington Cancer Support Group	Anne Robinson 488341	Under 5s activities and information	Facebook Dunnington POPPEY
Dunnington Conservation Group: Volunteers' rep	Steve Ashby 489593	Dunnington Playing Fields Association	Josette Farmer 488322
Hassacarr Nature Reserve: Warden	Terry Weston 489830	Sports Club	Nick Roberts 481039
Dunnington Community Choir	Liz Welham 488705	Bowls	John Taylor 399160
Dunnington Community Events	07762067005	Cricket	Ken Sutcliffe 481265
Dunnington In Bloom	Douglas Holliday 488733	Football	Karl Hetherington 07731 318925
Dunnington NSPCC	Kathryn Newlove 608524	Squash	Claire Pethullis 449179
Dunnington PTA	Rachel Robinson & Laura Richardson dunningtonprimarypta@gmail.com	Tennis	Charlotte Mitchell 07871586262
Dunnington Parish Council & Cemetery	Julie Bone 672199	Racketball	Chris Martin 07802 963069
Dunnington Players	Andrew Easson 488246	Table tennis	Nick Roberts 481039
Dunnington Through The Ages Group	Marilyn Jones 488433	B Fit Gym	Nick Roberts 481039
Dunnington Women's Institute	Joan Verrier 481626	Bootcamp	Paula North 07821 379991
Ebor Ruggers	Angela Gray 758510	Cardio-Conditioning	Linda Perry 07764 405145
		Pilates	Janet Rudd 07940 548513

Stockton on the Forest Organisations Contact List

Green Fingers Gardening Club	Nigel Collinson 423206	Stockton Scout Group	Kath Shapcott 07736 940402
Ballroom Dancing	John & Susan Richmond 400341	1st Stockton Brownies	Liz Bates 400408
Senior Citizens – CLOSED	Ann Steel 400124	Stockton on the Forest Village Hall	Jill Hawkins 400442
Stockton Foresters Drama Group	Pat Jennings 400327	Stockton Early Years Partnership	<i>no contact person at present</i>
Stockton WI	Barbara Hardisty 400018	Stockton on the Forest School	Sarah Mills 400366
Stockton Parent & Toddlers Group	Julie 07742 026446	Stockton Fundraising	Arnie Tweddle 400364
Local History Society	Joy 400309	Stockton on the Forest Parish Council	Russell Dowson unknown
York Electronic Organ Society	Keith Jackson 01751 431522	York Pole Dancing Academy	Lianne 07854 999103
Stockton & Hopgrove Cricket Club	Rich Kerrison 400541	Yoga	Nestor Portnoy 07503 157356
Stockton Fox Petanque Club	Barbara Hardisty 400018		

Warthill Organisations Contact List

Warthill Parish Council	Paul Spetch 489851
Warthill Primary School	Beverley Pawson (Head) 489296

Holtby Organisations Contact List

Holtby Parish Council	Peter Broadley 489408
Holtby Village Hall (bookings)	Mrs C Utley 488552