

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

NEWSLETTER



SUNDAY 7th December, 2025

Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10; Matthew 3:1-12

Sunday 7th December: Advent 2


- 10:30 am Patronal service with Holy Communion,
St. Nicholas, Dunnington
- 10:30 am Morning Worship, Holy Trinity, Stockton
- 4:00 pm Christingle, St. Nicholas, Dunnington
- 6:00 pm Carol Service, Holy Trinity, Holtby

Sunday 14th December: Advent 3

- 8:00 am BCP Holy Communion, St. Nicholas,
Dunnington
- 10:30 am Morning Worship, St. Nicholas, Dunnington
- 12:30 pm Holy Communion followed by Parish Lunch,
St. Nicholas, Dunnington
- 6:00 pm Carol Service, Holy Trinity, Stockton

Week Commencing 7th December:

Tuesday 9th December:

- 9:00 am Morning Prayer, St. Mary, Warthill
- 10:00 am Little People Play and Praise,
The Tower Room, St. Nicholas,
Dunnington 
- 7:00 pm Benefice Prayer Group, Fairview, Warthill


Wednesday 10th December:

- 9:00 am Holy Communion, followed by coffee,
St. Nicholas, Dunnington
- 10:00 am BCP Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, Stockton
- 7:00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

Friday 12th December:

- 11:00 am Judy McHenry's funeral, St. Nicholas,
Dunnington

Saturday 13th December:

- 10:00 am Christmas Coffee Morning, Holy
Trinity, Stockton
- 10:00 am Community Café, Tower Room,
St. Nicholas, Dunnington 
- 12:30 pm Wedding, St. Nicholas, Dunnington

PLEASE NOTE:

There will, sadly, be **no Christmas Day Service**
in Stockton

Warthill **Carols and Christingles** on 21st December will
start at the slightly later time of **5:15 pm**

Christmas Parish Lunch

14th December 1:00 pm

There will be a service of Holy Communion at
12.30pm for anyone who would like to attend.

If the list is full, please
write your name and
contact number on the
reverse and we will contact
you if there is a cancellation.



**Please bring your Christingle collecting
candles** to the service in Dunnington at
4:00 pm on 7th December
(Craft activities from 3:00 pm)

Christmas Story Windows

If anyone would like to decorate a window in their
house with a scene from the Christmas Story to
complement the 'This Is Dunnington' light trail, please
let Lydia know (families@reychurches.org.uk -
these will be added to the 'This Is
Dunnington' trail so people can
experience the joy of Jesus this
Christmas as they go round the trail.



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Youth gathering

SATURDAY 25TH JANUARY
7-8.30PM

DRINKS AND DONUTS, HANGOUT SPACE
FOR SCHOOL YEAR 9 AND ABOVE



ST NICHOLAS CHURCH,
DUNNINGTON YORK

St Nicholas Church Cleaners

We are fortunate to have a small band of volunteers who work in pairs once a month to clean the main body of our ancient church. This basically involves dusting and vacuuming and takes about 2 hours. At present each pair of volunteers is scheduled to do this task once every 3 months. If you would like to volunteer to join this group, please let me know – there are sometimes occasions when a volunteer of our current group has had health problems or other commitments, which have meant that the remaining volunteer has more to do. If you would like to volunteer to provide this occasional, but much appreciated service, please get in touch with Carole White (07508834565)



The Benefice Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday 9th December at 7pm at Fair View, Warthill. York YO19 5XW . All are welcome to join us in praying for the many needs of our Benefice, our communities and the World.

The Monthly House Group will meet on Wednesday 17th December at the earlier time of 7pm at 35 Eastfield Lane YO19 5ND. We will be studying Ephesians ch 2 Vs 2 - 10 Chapter 3 of our lifebuilder study book on Ephesians and sharing in a bring and share supper after our Bible Study.

Supermarket vouchers for IDAS.

Please consider buying a voucher when you go shopping, they will be given to families being supported by IDAS.

Bring them to a Church Service or to

7 Water Lane

by 10th December.

Thank you.



Warthill Poppy Appeal -



We are pleased to report that Warthill Poppy Appeal raised £497.95, of which £40 was raised by Warthill School. Thank you everyone for your generosity.

Mince Pies and Shortbread

We would be grateful for offers of mince pies and shortbread for the

St Nicholas Carol Service 21st December.

Thank You.



Benefice Safeguarding Team:

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| Mary Murray - | Benefice Safeguarding Adviser |
| Joanne Muller - | Policies and Parish Dashboard |
| Eve Scoreby - | DBS Checks and Safeguarding Training |
| | Records |

- In the first instance, please contact Mary Murray – Tel: 01904 488441
- In her absence, please contact The Reverend Kath McBride - revkmcbride@gmail.com 01904 489349

Lectionary Corner at St Nicholas:

7 December: Patronal Festival - Nicholas, Bishop c.326

8 December: The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

13 December: Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse 304



To receive newsletters by e-mail, contact grapevine@reychurches.org.uk. Also available on the St Nicholas Church website and in St Nicholas Church.

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

Next newsletter on Sunday 14th December. E-mail items to grapevine@reychurches.org.uk by 9.00 am on Thursday 11th December.