

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

NEWSLETTER



SUNDAY 14th December, 2025

Readings: Isaiah 35:1-10; Matthew 11:2-11

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

Sunday 21st December: Advent 4

- 10:30 am Contemporary Holy Communion,
St. Nicholas, Dunnington
- 10:30 am Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, Stockton
- 5:15 pm Carols & Christingles, St. Mary, Warthill
- 7:00 pm Carol Service, St. Nicholas, Dunnington

Week Commencing 14th December:

Tuesday 16th December:

- 9:00 am School Christmas Service, St. Mary, Warthill
- 10:00 am Little People Play and Praise,
The Tower Room, St. Nicholas, Dunnington
- 10:30 am School Christmas Service, Holy Trinity,
Stockton

- 2:00 pm Carols at Grimston Court
- 5:30 pm School Christmas Service, St. Mary Warthill

Wednesday 17th 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
- 7:00 pm Monthly House Group

Thursday 18th December:

- 9:45 onwards—Grapevine ready for delivery before
Christmas
- 10 + 11 am School Christmas Services, St. Nicholas,
Dunnington
- 2:30 pm Dorothy Taylor's funeral, St. Nicholas,
Dunnington

Saturday 20th December:

- 10:00 am Community Café, Tower Room,
St. Nicholas, Dunnington
- 10:30 am Decorating St. Nicholas' Christmas Tree



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**

NEW SERVICE PATTERN:

takes effect on 4th January, 2026

- ◇ The All-Age service at Warthill is moving to the first Sunday of the month so that the timing is more memorable and avoids most school holidays
- ◇ This means that the Stockton and Dunnington services shuffle to the fourth Sunday and there are NO mid-morning services on the first Sunday at these churches
- ◇ The 8am service will move to the first and third weeks at the later time of 9am which may encourage different people to join us
- ◇ Each week has options for more traditional and more informal worship

Carols at Grimston Court

All are welcome to join in with
Carol Singing on

Tuesday 16th December at 2pm
Tea/Coffee and Mince Pies will be available.



DEANERY

Youth gathering

SATURDAY 24TH 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)



YOU'RE INVITED!

All-age holy communion service

10.30AM

ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

ST MARY, WARTHILL

Children and their families are particularly welcome!

THE BENEFICE OF RURAL EAST YORK

SUNDAY @ 7

SINGING WORSHIP SONGS

INFORMAL 'TABLE TALK' CONVERSATIONS WITH CAKE
PRAYER

AND ANOTHER PORTION OF SINGING (AND CAKE!)

2ND AND 4TH SUNDAYS, 7-8PM

ST NICHOLAS TOWER ROOM

ALL VERY WELCOME!

Wednesday Communion Services

There will be no services at Dunnington or Stockton on 24th and 31st December

Benefice Safeguarding Team:

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

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.



Lectionary Corner at St Nicholas:

As there are no Saints Days or festivals this week, a selection of prayers will be displayed at Lectionary Corner.



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 21st December. E-mail items to grapevine@reychurches.org.uk by 9.00 am on Thursday 18th December.