

Newsletter

Sunday 7th August: Trinity 8

Readings: Genesis 15, 1-6. Hebrews 11, 1-3, 8-16. Luke 12, 32-40

Today

- 8.00am No 8am service today
- 10.30am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington
Revd John Schofield
- 10.30am Morning Worship: Holy Trinity, Stockton
The Halls

 [Online Benefice Worship \(YouTube\)](#)

This week

Monday 8th August

9.00am [Morning Prayer \(zoom\)](#)

Tuesday 9th August

9.00am Morning Prayer: St Mary, Warthill

Wednesday 10th August

9.00am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington

9.45am Coffee: St Nicholas, Dunnington

10.00am Holy Communion: Holy Trinity, Stockton

7.00pm [Compline \(zoom\)](#)

Saturday 13th August

10.00am Community Café: St Nicholas Tower Room

10.00am Coffee Morning: Holy Trinity, Stockton

Sunday 14th August: Trinity 9

Readings: Jeremiah 23, 23-29. Hebrews 11, 29-12,2. Luke 12, 49-56

- 8.00am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington
Revd Mark Poole
- 9.00am Holy Communion: Holy Trinity, Holtby
Revd Canon John Harrison
- 10.30am Morning Worship: St Nicholas, Dunnington
Judith Hewitt
- 10.30am Holy Communion: Holy Trinity, Stockton
Revd Mark Poole
- 4.00pm Patronal Festival: St Mary, Warthill
Revd Mark Poole

 [Online Benefice Worship \(YouTube\)](#)

Next week

Monday 15th August

9.00am [Morning Prayer \(zoom\)](#)

Tuesday 16th August

9.00am Morning Prayer: St Mary, Warthill

9.00am Holiday Club: Stockton Village Hall

Wednesday 17th August

9.00am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington

9.45am Coffee: St Nicholas, Dunnington

10.00am Holy Communion: Holy Trinity, Stockton

7.00pm [Compline \(zoom\)](#)

Thursday 18th August

9.00am Holiday Club: Stockton Village Hall

Friday 19th August

9.00am Holiday Club: Stockton Village Hall

Saturday 20th August

10.00am Community Café: St Nicholas Tower Room

Sunday 21st August: Trinity 10

Readings: Isaiah 58, 9b-end. Hebrews 12, 18-end. Luke 13, 10-17

- 8.00am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington
- 10.30am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington
- 10.30am Holy Communion: St Mary, Warthill
- 10.30am Morning Worship: Holy Trinity, Stockton

 [Online Benefice Worship \(YouTube\)](#)

Newsletter update

During the summer holidays, we'll be publishing a newsletter on alternate weeks. The dates will be:

21st August

4th September

We will return to weekly newsletters on 11th September.

Benefice news & events

Intercessor and Readings rota: The new rota is now being prepared. If anyone would like to read in St Nicholas Church, please speak to Judith today 7th August. If you are interested in leading intercessions, please also speak to Judith today.

7th August: Today will be the last time Rev Dr John Schofield will celebrate and preach at St Nicholas, at 10.30. You are welcome to join us for a Bring and Share lunch following the service.

Morning Prayer during August: We are meeting on Mondays only, via Zoom, during August. There is Morning Prayer at Warthill on Tuesdays at 9.00.

Sunday 14th August: Today St Mary, Warthill will celebrate their patronal festival with hymns, readings and prayers at 4.00pm. The service will be followed by cake and tea.

Holiday Club: During week beginning 15th August Holiday Club will be taking place at Stockton Village Hall. We have 45 children booked in for each of the three days. Please pray for Lisa, Racheal and all who are helping.

Sunday 28th August: Today there will be a Benefice Service at 10.30am at Holy Trinity, Holtby. There will be no other services in the Benefice today.

Receiving Communion: We are now offering several ways to receive Communion in our Benefice Churches. You can either receive the wafer, which is to receive Communion in all its fullness, you can also receive from the Common Cup, as many churches are now. We are also offering a wafer, intincted, in a separate chalice, by the priest. If you wish to receive an intincted wafer, please take an orange card (at St Nicholas) from the chancel steps and take it when you receive Communion. The practice may vary slightly depending on the celebrant.

Grapevine Deliverer needed in Curlew Glebe: If you are able to deliver the magazines each month please could you contact Barry as soon as possible.

Lifts to St Nicholas: If you are able to offer a lift, occasionally, for the 10.30 service, please could you let Carole or Judith know. We have a number of 'ladies' who find walking up the hill hard work and they would appreciate a ride in a car!

Mark and future ministry

Bishop John has recently had a long conversation with Mark, during which he explained that it was diocesan policy that curates do not stay in their title parishes to become the incumbent. The reasons for this were explained to Mark, who appreciates that there was a lot of wisdom in what +John was saying. Mark understands that there is a clear expectation that he will move on to a new benefice to take up an incumbency, once he has been signed off at his third Curacy Assessment Panel, which could be held as early as this autumn. Mark is understood to see both the wisdom in his not being permitted to remain in the Benefice of Rural East York, and also the benefits of starting afresh in a new place.

We are aware that many people will be disappointed, (who wouldn't want Mark to be their vicar?!), but this disappointment is a good sign of the impact that Mark's ministry has had on these parishes, and the esteem in which we all hold him.

It is not as though Mark wouldn't have loved to have stayed, but under diocesan policy and practice this will not be possible. It seems we have to accept that this is all part of God's plan for us. It is clear that Mark will go on to great things and we must be grateful for the relatively short time we have been blessed with his ministry among us.

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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 21st August** - please email items to grapevine.rey@gmail.com by 9.00 am on **Thursday 18th August**

Reflection & Lectionary Corner

A reflection on fear and light by Revd Mark Poole



In the reading from Genesis and in the gospel reading for today we hear the words, 'Do not be afraid.' To live in fear is debilitating. It can be unbearably palpable, felt in the thunderous explosion of shells in war-torn places; felt in the crippling onset of disease and death; felt in the overwhelming wrath of a bully. The list could go on.

Sometimes though, fear brews and builds in the runaway imagination, often in the darkness and solitude of the night as we lay awake worrying about the 'what ifs' and the 'maybes.' When this happens to me, I find it helpful to remember these wise words: Fear is "False Evidence Appearing Real." (F.E.A.R). Often, when we rationally take a step back from what it is that is dominating our thinking, we can see that the fear is not grounded in any concrete experience. It's just imagined. So, this can be a useful acronym to remember. It can offer consolation and relief, and a means by which we can escape the constant movie track of our minds.

Nevertheless, whatever the source or cause of fear, it has the potential to close us down, lock us in and lurk in our hearts and minds.

In the reading from Genesis (15:1-6), amidst the dark night of his fear Abraham is instructed by God to consider the stars: 'Look towards heaven and count the stars if you are able to count them.' Etymologically, the word 'consider' comes from sidus, sideris, the Latin word for 'star.' Consider, contemplate the stars.

At the darkest times of our lives, when the black dog of fear and anxiety descends, it is then that we might consider the stars. Pinpricks of light in the darkness. Their light remind us that it is not fear, real or imagined, darkness or death that steers the universe on its course, but it is something stronger. It is the light and love of Jesus Christ who has conquered darkness and death and reigns victorious for all eternity.

I have read that in 2018, scientists at Cardiff University, led by Dr Jane Greaves, discovered that the glow of the Milky Way was caused by nano-diamonds, tiny spinning diamonds found around stars. Tiny carbon crystals that form and emit radiation as they spin, leading to the glow detected by astronomers on Earth.

Do not be afraid. Treasure in the stars.

Lectionary Corner at St Nicholas

8 August: Dominic, Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers 1221

9 August: Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers' Union 1921

10 August: Laurence, Deacon at Rome, Martyr 258

11 August: Clare of Assisi, Founder of the Minoreesses (Poor Clares) 1253

13 August: Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down and Connor, Teacher of the Faith 1667; Florence Nightingale, Nurse, Social Reformer 1910; Octavia Hill, Social Reformer 1912

15 August: The Blessed Virgin Mary

20 August: Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, Teacher of the Faith 1153