

Newsletter

Sunday 3rd July: Thomas the Apostle

Readings: Habakkuk 2.1-4; Ephesians 2.19-end; John 20.24-29

Today

- 8.00am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington
Revd Mark Poole
- 10.30am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington
Revd John Harrison
- 10.30am Morning Worship: Holy Trinity, Stockton
Revd Mark Poole
- 4.00pm Family Service: St Nicholas, Dunnington



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

This week

Monday 4th July

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

Tuesday 5th July

9.00am Morning Prayer: St Mary, Warthill
1.45pm Little People: St Nicholas Tower Room

Wednesday 6th July

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 7th July

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

Friday 8th July

7.30pm Beer & Hymns & Pimms: St Nicholas Tower Room

Saturday 9th July

10.00am Community Café with Bee-Friendly crafts and plant sale: St Nicholas Tower Room
10.00am Coffee Morning: Holy Trinity, Stockton

Sunday 10th July: Trinity 4

Readings: Deuteronomy 30.9-14; Colossians 1.1-14; Luke 10.25-37

10.30am Benefice Service: St Nicholas, Dunnington
12.30pm Bring & Share Lunch: The Rectory, Stockton

please note: there will be no other services today - this is Nick's last service



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Reflection on John 20.24-29 by Revd Mark Poole



Today we commemorate the feast of St Thomas the Apostle. Seventeenth-century artist Caravaggio captures most strikingly the moment when Thomas declares his faith in the risen Christ. I find the painting enthralling. In the glowing candlelight, Christ grasps the wrist of Thomas who is stooped before him and guides Thomas' finger to the wound on his side beneath his garment. Thomas' brow is deeply furrowed as he peers into Jesus' side and traces the loose flesh of the gaping wound. Caravaggio skilfully creates the sense of just how profound this moment is in the life and faith of Thomas. It is as though Christ is opening himself to Thomas. In one sense it is uncomfortably intimate causing me to feel like I am interrupting a moment of profound compassion and love that should only be shared by Thomas and God. Yet on the other hand, I cannot avert my gaze. I'm drawn into the power of the encounter.

Jesus addresses Thomas, "Do not doubt but believe." Thomas has to make a decision, as there before his eyes, is the evidence. God the Almighty, the maker of heaven and earth who was crucified, died, and was buried is now risen, victorious over death and makes himself known to Thomas. Thomas responds from the depths of his soul, "My Lord and my God." With these words Thomas declares his faith in the risen Christ and acknowledges his claim upon his life to go forth and proclaim the good news of the resurrected Christ. Over the centuries Thomas has received a bad press. His name is synonymous with doubt and a lack of faith, and this reputation lives on. But I think this does Thomas a great disservice. Rather, Thomas has left an abiding and positive legacy to all who would follow the risen Christ. In many ways Thomas represents us all. If we are honest, we have all experienced doubt at times and struggled to believe, not least when life seems so unbearably cruel, and where God feels distant or even absent. The story of Thomas gives us reason to have hope. This story testifies that in these times of darkness, struggle, doubt and fear, Jesus Christ opens Himself to us, draws us into encounter with Him and says to us intimately and with compassion, "Do not doubt but believe."

"My Lord and my God....."

Revd Mark Poole

Parish news & events

Common Cup: We shall be offering our congregations the opportunity to receive the sacrament of wine from the Common Cup, and will no longer be intincting wafers. If you are disinclined to drink from the chalice, then simply receive the bread and return to your seat. To receive the sacrament in one kind is still to receive it in all its fullness.

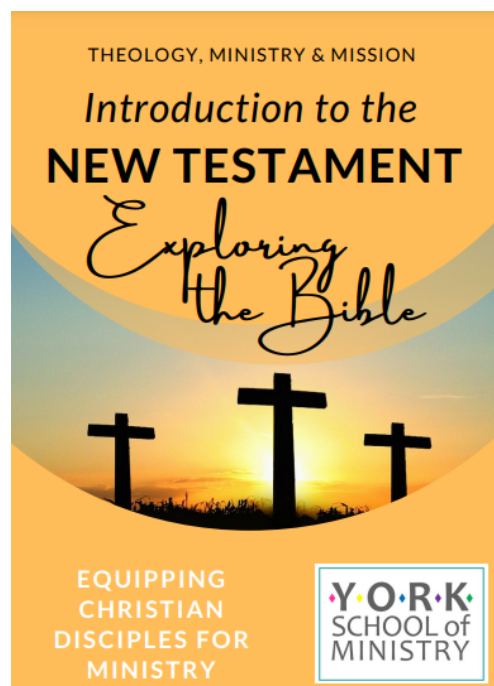
Sunday 10th July: Today, at 10.30, at St Nicholas Church we will be having a Benefice service to celebrate Nick and the family's ministry with us, and to say 'thank you'. Do come and share with us, or join us at The Rectory Stockton on the Forest YO32 9UR (Mark and Emma's garden) from 12.30 for a 'Bring your own' picnic lunch and when we can say 'Thank You' to Nick for all that he and the family have meant to us. You will need to bring your own picnic (plus maybe a bit extra to share in case people like the look of what you're eating and haven't brought enough themselves!) including whatever you like to drink. Mark and Emma have kindly offered to provide tea and coffee. You will also need to bring something to sit on. We have one church gazebo which will be put up to provide some shelter, but if you have one that you could bring, please let Carole know. If the weather is really awful, then we will rearrange on the day. There is a list in St Nicholas Church to sign if you are able to offer / need a lift over to Stockton on Forest on the day. It would be good to minimise the number of cars going over.

Beer 'n' Hymns 'n' Pimms: Friday 8th July 2022, 7.30 pm in the Tower Room, St Nicholas Church. Come along and enjoy an evening singing some favourite hymns whilst enjoying a glass of Beer or Pimms. Alcohol-free "Pimms" or fruit juice also available. Numbers limited. Tickets £5, Under 18's £1. Available from:
Judith Hewitt 488331, Joan Verrier 481626, Eve Scoreby 489008, or Diane Benson 07951 582672

Bee Friendly Trail: There will be a Pre-Trail Crafts and Plant sale in the Tower Room on Saturday 9th July from 10.00 until 1.00. If you have any bee-based decorations, we can sell please leave them in the box in the Tower Room. If you can provide a cake or help serve refreshments, there is a list in the Tower Room. Funds from this event and the trail, 23rd and 24th July will be shared between the DEC Ukraine Appeal and St Nicholas Building Fund.

Jubilee High Tea, Weds 20th July, 1pm: Year 8 would like to invite you to a free community event as part of their Young Leaders Award. The event will take place at Archbishop Holgate's School and will include musical entertainment, free refreshments, bingo and a raffle. If you have any questions please email khollinger@ahs.pmat.academy or call the school on 01904 411341.

York School of Ministry (YSOM): YSOM provides courses for anyone interesting in exploring more about their faith through a range of accredited and non-accredited courses. From introductory courses on the Bible through to university level studies YSOM can tailor fit your learning to suit your discipleship or ministry needs. This September we will be offering the Introduction to the New Testament course – you can download the leaflet from our website. To find out more why not come along to one of our open days at the Diocesan Offices:
Thursday, 14th July 2022 – 6.00pm to 8.00pm
Thursday, 18th August 2022 – 2.00pm to 4.00pm and 6.00pm to 8.00pm
For further information visit our website ysom.org.uk or contact us at ysom@yorkdiocese.org.
(You can also talk to Lou who's a current student!)



Lectionary Corner at St Nicholas

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Next newsletter on **Sunday 10th July** - please email items to grapevine.rey@gmail.com by 9.00 am on **Thursday 7th July**