

Newsletter

Sunday 29th May: Easter 7
Readings: Acts 16.16-34; John 17.20-end

Today

10.30am Benefice Communion: Holy Trinity, Holtby
Revd Canon Nick Bird

Please note: this is the only service today



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

This week

Monday 30th May

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

Tuesday 31st May

9.00am Morning Prayer: St Mary, Warthill

Wednesday 1st June

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 2nd June

9.00am [Morning Prayer \(zoom\)](#)
2.30pm Bank Holiday Party for the Jubilee: The
Old Rectory, Holtby

Friday 3rd June

12.00pm Dunnington Village Street Party

Saturday 4th June

10.00am Jubilee Cake & Cuppa: St Nicholas
Tower Room

Sunday 5th June: Pentecost - Jubilee Weekend

Readings: Acts 2.1-21; John 14.8-17

8.00am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington
10.30am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington
10.30am Morning Worship: Holy Trinity, Stockton
10.30am Holy Communion: St Mary, Warthill
12.00pm Indoor Street Party: Stockton Village Hall



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A reflection on Acts 16.20-end from Revd Canon Nick Bird



Our apostolic heroes are once again thrown into prison for causing trouble. After casting out a spirit from a slave-girl, and the ensuing loss of income for her owners as her fortune-telling powers also depart, they stir up the crowd against the disciples. Once they are given a severe beating and then banged up, Paul and Silas are not perturbed, but rather sing God's praises. In a wry moment, St Luke writes, 'About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them'. I wonder whether the other prisoners listened to them with the same sense of joy that neighbours would listen to a drunken, late-night student party? Once again, the disciples are disturbing the peace.

However, their earth-shattering late night karaoke, seems to do the trick, though, and an earthquake shakes open all the doors and their chains are loosed. They do not choose freedom, though, and instead give themselves up to the jailer, saving him from a fate worse than their own. He takes them into his home, feeds them and washes their wounds. And through this interplay of suffering, a miracle, freedom and self-restraint, this guard recognises that, though these men have nothing, they still have something he needs – the source of salvation and ultimate liberation.

We can not always choose our circumstances, or control outcomes, but we can pray and praise in any situation, whether it seems to warrant it or not, and to welcome the power of God, demonstrated in the most unlikely of events. Whatever we are experiencing, there are those around us who need us to bring Christ to them. The greatest treasure we carry is the one inside of us, and the greatest freedom we have is to possess Christ, and to be possessed by him.

Revd Nick Bird

Parish news & events

Jubilee Organ Concert: by Philip J Paul (York Central Methodist) Thursday 2 June 2pm St Helen, Stonegate, York. A special organ concert in celebration of HM Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

To include music by Elgar, Purcell, Buxtehude, Fletcher, Bach and Handel. Admission free (with a retiring collection)

Giving: You can now donate to St Nicholas through one link at People's Fundraising (formerly Golden Giving). The link can be found by visiting the church website, or by clicking [here](#).

Organ Vespers for Pentecost & Trinity: 12th June 2.30pm at Central Methodist. Music, readings and hymns.

York Pride - Saturday 18th June: York Methodist Circuit, together with St Luke's Anglican Church and St Columba's URC are one of the sponsors of this year's York Pride, under the name of "Christians at Pride in York". We will be walking together in the Pride parade from the Minster to the Knavesmire and there will also be a stall all day at the Knavesmire. Anyone who would like to take part in this - either the parade or looking after the stall (or both!) - please contact Deacon Judith Stoddart deaconjudithstoddart@gmail.com

'Mainly Movie Music': Ian Hill and Lizzie Hasnip with reflections and music from Ian's Sabbatical in 2021. POPPLETON METHODIST CHURCH 7.30p.m. on Saturday 25th June. This concert and refreshments are free, but donations are invited to support the overseas relief and development work of Methodist charity ALL WE CAN. Please reserve your place(s) by emailing sheilajohn415@gmail.com or texting 07963784356

'Jubilee Cake and a Cuppa': Come and share your royal memories over cake and a cuppa at the Community Café on Saturday 4th June, 10.00 until 11.30 in the Tower Room. Everyone very welcome. Cakes very welcome too!

No Family Worship: As 5th June will be a busy Sunday with Jubilee celebrations there will be no Family Worship at 4.00pm. Families very welcome at morning services in the Benefice.

Parish Lunch: Our next lunch is on Sunday 12th June. The list is now in the Tower Room to sign if you would like to join us. There will be a Communion Service at 12.30.

Nicky Gladstone: Please remember Nicky in your prayers as she prepares for her ordination as a priest on 11th June.

Embroidered tablecloth: We will be drawing the winning ticket on June 4th. If you haven't got a ticket yet, give Judith a ring (488331) or get one when you are in Church

Living in Love and Faith: Derwent Deanery invite you to take part in the 'Living in Love and Faith' course to discuss What it means to be human and live in love and faith with one another. To explore new ideas, tough questions, divisions between Christians, as well as what it means to be holy as understandings and practices of gender, sexuality, and marriage, continue to change. The course will be hosted at St. Helen's Church, Escrick, for 6 weeks, beginning on 13th June at 7.30pm.

Dunnington Methodist Church Closing Service June 19th: We would like to invite you to this Service. We begin at 2:00pm with some community singing of favourite hymns and then lead into the Service at 2:30pm addressed by Rev Christopher Humble. Tea and refreshments will then be served in the Reading Room. We would appreciate it if you could let us know whether you can attend for seating and catering arrangements. As soon as possible would be helpful, but at least before June 5th. Replies to: Jocelyn Auton 01904 488044 or Pat Muir 01904 488919 or pmchronos@aol.com, Or Sign the list available in the Tower Room.

School Visits: We have hosted visits from Dunnington Primary School during recently. Mark was keen to say this is their church and they are welcome to visit at any time. We showed and talked about the various parts of the Church and what happens in Church and the Tower Room. We now have some art work from school on display in the Tower Room.

Facemask use: You are very welcome to continue to wear a mask when attending worship, but there is no longer an expectation that one should do so.

Lectinary Corner at St Nicholas

31st May: The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

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Next newsletter on **Sunday 5th June** - please email items to grapevine.rey@gmail.com by 9.00 am on **Thursday 2nd**