

Newsletter

Sunday 26th June: Trinity 2

Readings: 1 Kings 19.5-16, 19-end; Galatians 5.1, 13-25; Luke 9.51-end

Today

10.30am Benefice Service: St Nicholas, Dunnington
Revd Nicky Gladstone, Revd Mark Poole, Revd Canon Nick Bird

6.00pm Evensong: Holy Trinity, Holtby
Revd Mark Poole

7.00pm Re-Ignite: St Nicholas Tower Room

please note: there will be no other morning services today



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

This week

Monday 27th June

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

Tuesday 28th June

9.00am Morning Prayer: St Mary, Warthill

1.45pm Little People: St Nicholas Tower Room

2.30pm Silver Service afternoon tea: Holy Trinity, Holtby

Wednesday 29th June

9.00am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington

9.45am Bereavement Café: St Nicholas, Dunnington

10.00am Holy Communion: Holy Trinity, Stockton

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

7.30pm Holtby Village Hall AGM

Thursday 30th June

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

Saturday 2nd July

10.00am Community Café: St Nicholas Tower Room

Sunday 3rd July: Thomas the Apostle

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

8.00am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington

10.30am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington

10.30am Morning Worship: Holy Trinity, Stockton

4.00pm Family Service: St Nicholas, Dunnington



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Reflection on Luke 9.51-end by Revd Canon Nick Bird

This gospel passage is a pivotal text, with Jesus literally turning to 'set his face to go to Jerusalem'. From here to the Passion narratives, the running theme is hospitality (both good and bad – Good Samaritan, two meals with Pharisees, Prodigal son, Rich man and Lazarus, Zacchaeus, etc). But underlying all this is the gospel notion of the reception or rejection of Jesus.

Our gospel account today is both funny and awful! A couple of the disciples are keen to call down fire on the village, à la Elijah (2 Kings 1), and in the very next chapter we discover that 'wiping dust off your sandals' will do!

Another theme arising here is the urgency of discipleship. Bury your father? Finish ploughing? Follow whilst there is an opportunity. Looking back? Walk away from your past? Well, refer back to another Old Testament figure, Elisha, who eats his yolk of twelve oxen, which was the agricultural equivalent of burning one's boat.

For Luke the gospel writer, hospitality is a major theme, indicating that this is a key spiritual practice for Christians. 'Tolerance', however, is not a Christian principle. Tolerance is the acceptance that there is your space and there is my space, and we shall respect that, but keep separate. We shall tolerate your presence, but keep you on the outside. Hospitality, though, is a key Christian value. It is the principle of accommodating the other into one's space, of making room, and changing that space to welcome someone in. In fact, good hospitality is having a space and an attitude ready prepared in order to receive the other – like having an internal guest room.

This is a practical outworking of the Christian faith, but it is also a spiritual practice. All hospitality is training for us to welcome Christ. We create an inner space into which God is welcomed, and God does the same in welcoming us. So let's ask ourselves, how can we, individually and corporately, demonstrate the hospitality of God? What can our churches do that might be new and different and daring to create that space?

Be mindful that in the sacrament of bread and wine, firstly we give thanks ('Eucharist'), and then we allow ourselves to be guests. For at this meal it is God who is host. God welcomes us, and Christ calls us, with urgency, to follow him as disciples.

Parish news & events

Common Cup: From this Sunday 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 26th June: Today there is a Benefice Service at St Nicholas at 10.30am. We welcome Rev Nicky Gladstone as our celebrant.

Baptisms today: Daniel Pomfret, Grace Louise Lightfoot, and Mollie Ann Wright, will all be baptised today in Dunnington.

Light a Candle Café: We welcome anyone who has been bereaved to our café on Wednesday 29th June from 9.45 until 11.15, in the Tower Room. There will be an opportunity to light a candle as you remember your loved one.

Coffee Rota (St Nicholas Church): So far no-one has signed up to do refreshments after the Benefice service on July 10th. Please consider if this is something you could offer, particularly if you are unable to come over to the Benefice picnic in Mark and Emma's garden. If no one volunteers, then regrettably there will be no refreshments served after Nick's last service.

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

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!)

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.

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.

Lectioary Corner at St Nicholas

28 June: Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, Teacher of the Faith c. 200

29 June: Peter and Paul, Apostles.

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Next newsletter on **Sunday 3rd July** - please email items to grapevine.rey@gmail.com by 9.00 am on **Thursday 30th June**