

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



Sunday 25th January, 2026

Readings: Acts 9: 1-22; Matthew 19:27-30

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January:**

10.30am Traditional Holy Communion,  
St Nicholas, Dunnington  
10:30am Morning Worship,  
Holy Trinity, Stockton  
4:00 pm Evensong, Holy Trinity, Holtby  
7:00pm Sunday @ 7, St Nicholas, Dunnington

**Sunday 1st February:**

9:00am BCP Holy Communion,  
St Nicholas, Dunnington  
10:30am All Age Holy Communion, St Mary, Warthill

**Week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> January:**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January:**

7:00 pm Deanery Evening Prayer via Zoom

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January:**

9:00 am Morning Prayer, St. Mary, Warthill  
10:30 am Little People Play and Praise,  
Tower Room, St. Nicholas

**Wednesday 28th January:**

9:00 am Holy Communion, followed by  
coffee,  
St. Nicholas, Dunnington

10:00 am BCP Holy Communion, Holy Trinity,  
Stockton

7:30 pm Christian Meditation Group,  
St. Nicholas, Dunnington

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January:**

9:30 am onwards - Grapevine Magazines ready  
for distribution

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January:**

Community Cafe, Tower Room,  
St. Nicholas, Dunnington



**FLOURISH:** Please consider attending this local Christian festival for all ages at York University, 13th-15th February, 2026. It is entitled "Woven Threads" - there are brochures on the table in the Tower Room. You could just attend on the Saturday only for £25.

People can also offer to be a volunteer, in which case the cost of their ticket is refunded.

Website:

<https://www.yorkshirenemethodist.org/flourish26/>

**Candlemas**

The Deanery Candlemas Service has been cancelled. Everyone is now invited to a service of welcome for our new Archdeacon of York, Liz Hassall, on the Feast of Candlemas, when Liz will preach, as we remember the Presentation of Christ in the Temple as a light to the nations.

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 2.00 pm, Selby Abbey



If you wish to attend, please let Alison (allie.48@yahoo.com) or Kath know.

St Nicholas Church Dunnington

**PANCAKE PARTY**

**17TH FEBRUARY**

**3PM**

This is for people of all ages, there will be activities and crafts for children and families as well



This year's resources from The Church of England are similar to last year's 'rhythm of life' – featuring habits and patterns which help us grow as disciples of Christ day by day, especially as we prepare to celebrate the great mystery of God's saving love at Easter. During Lent, the booklet reflections will be centered around a summary of the Christian Way from Common Worship, which identifies six activities essential to our calling as disciples.

Each week a different contributor will explore a different aspect of Christian discipleship – worshipping together, praying, exploring the Bible, sharing communion, offering service and sharing the good news with others.

A parallel 40-day challenge for families and children will also be available -exploring the life-giving habit of generosity in partnership with 40acts. There is a daily reflection booklet for adults and a daily challenge booklet for families. Kath has one copy of each for people to look at, but if you could register your interest, we would order them in bulk.

**The Benefice Prayer Group** will meet on Tuesday February 10th at 7pm at Fair View, Warthill YO19 5XW to pray for the needs of the Benefice and our communities and the needs of the world.

Please do come and join us.

### **Coffee Rota at St Nicholas.**

Thank you to those who have offered to serve coffee after our Sunday 10.30 services, but there are still some spaces on the rota.

### **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 -  
 E-mail: revkmcbride@gmail.com/Tel: 01904 489349

### **Volunteers for involvement in services**

We are in the process of drawing up a new rota for March and April, but would welcome volunteers to do the Bible readings, lead prayers, welcome people and participate in music.

Get in touch with Kath to learn more or offer your services.

### **Lectionary Corner at St Nicholas**

25 January: The Conversion of Paul  
 26 January: Timothy and Titus, Companions of Paul  
 28 January: Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith 1274  
 30 January: Charles, King and Martyr 1649

