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

# NEWSLETTER

Sunday 3rd December: First Sunday of Advent



## **Today**

8.00am Holy Communion: St Nicholas,

Dunnington: Rev. Tim Eady

10.30am Advent Holy Communion: Holy Trinity,

Stockton: Rev. Kath McBride

10.30am St Nicholas Celebration: St Nicholas Dunnington: Rev. John Harrison, Judith Hewitt

4.00pm Christingle Service: St Nicholas,

Dunnington: Rev. Kath McBride

7.00pm Sunday @7: St Nicholas, Dunnington:

David Marles

### **This Week in the Benefice**

#### Monday 4th

9.00am Grapevine January Deadline

#### **Tuesday 5th**

9.00am Morning Prayer, Warthill

1.45pm Little People (last one this term!)

#### Wednesday 6th

9.00am Holy Communion followed by coffee, St **Nicholas** 

10.00am Holy Communion, Stockton

7.00pm Compline via Zoom

#### Saturday 9th

10.00am Community Café with Tombola 10.00am Christmas Fayre, Stockton church

**Contemporary Communion.** From January, on the third Sunday of the month at 10.30am in Dunnington we'll be trying to make our communion service more contemporary, informal and attractive to younger people. If you have some ideas or would like to be involved in the planning and delivery of this service, please speak to Kath.

#### **Next Week**

Sunday 10th December: Second Sunday of Advent

10.30am Christingle Service: St Mary, Warthill 10.30am Morning Worship: A service of readings, music, and reflections for Advent: St Nicholas, Dunnington

12.30pm Holy Communion and lunch 4.00pm Carol Service: Holy Trinity, Holtby 6.00pm Carol Service: Holy Trinity, Stockton

Supermarket Vouchers. We, at St Nicholas, are collecting supermarket vouchers which will be given to those being supported by IDAS. Please bring them to a church service or to Judith by 10th December. Those received already will be blessed at the St Nicholas/Advent service on 3rd December.

**Thank you.** We would like to thank everyone who supported St Nicholas Christmas Fayre, in any way. The total, at the money is £944. At the Community café on 9th December there will be a tombola and some items for sale, do come and support us.

**Mince Pies and Shortbread.** After Carols by Candlelight at St Nicholas on 17th December we would like to have mince pies and shortbread to serve with mulled wine. If you can contribute a box/packet of either, they will be gratefully received.

**Greg Skilbeck.** You are invited to celebrate the life of Greg at Dunnington Sports Club on Monday 11th December at 11.00am.

#### **Benefice News And Events**

Christmas Tree Festivals. 1st to 4th December at Huntington Methodist Church and 9th to 10th December at Strensall Methodist Church.

Invitation to Christian Aid, York Meet-Up. All Welcome. Please come along and join other supporters from across York on Thursday 7 December, between 1.30pm and 3.30pm at St Columbas' church, Priory Street, York. This is an informal opportunity to meet up over a mince pie and a cuppa, to hear about our Christmas stories, updates from our work, talk to Christian Aid staff and share ideas that work in churches and communities near you! RSVP please to sjmeyers@christian-aid.org

Benefice Prayer Meetings. The next Benefice Prayer meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 12th December at Fair View Warthill YO19 5XW. Everyone most welcome to come and join us.

## **Help Wanted!**

There are a number of roles in our churches which we need to fill, or where we'd like more people to be involved to create capacity for when people are unavailable. Some are larger roles, some smaller but all are ministries, serving God and one another, an enabling our churches to function well. So please would you prayerfully consider whether you could volunteer for any of these roles?

- □ Welcomer/Sidesperson
- □ Communion adminstrants
- ☐ Making refreshments
- ☐ Intercession pray-ers
- ☐ Bible readers
- ☐ PCC members (subject to numbers)
- ☐ Safeguarding Lead
- ☐ Safeguarding admin support
- ☐ Grant applications/ form filling
- □ Sacristan
- ☐ Churchyard Manager
- ☐ Church and/or Churchyard maintenance

#### **Pattern of Worship from January**

1st Sunday

9.00am BCP Holy Communion Holtby 10.30am Holy Communion Dunnington 10.30am Morning Worship Stockton Sunday@7 Dunnington

2nd Sunday

8.00am BCP Holy Communion Dunnington10.30am Holy Communion Stockton10.30am Morning Worship Dunnington

3rd Sunday 10.30am Morning Worship Stockton 10.30am Contemporary Holy Communion Dunnington Sunday@ 7 Dunnington

4th Sunday

8.00am BCP Holy Communion Dunnington10.30am Holy Communion All Age Warthill4.00pm Evensong Holtby

Christmas Menu Parish Lunch. The list is now in the Tower Room if you would like to join us on Sunday 10th December. Don't forget to bring your favourite tipple! There will be a Communion Service at 12.30.

**Blister Packs.** Please note these are no longer being re-cycled, unfortunately they must now go into the grey bin. As soon as this changes we will let you know.

#### Save the Date!

24th February 2024 10am-4pm Vision Day We have booked a Benefice Vision Seeking Day at Thicket Priory near Wheldrake

# **Lectionary Corner at St Nicholas**

3 December: Patronal Festival: Nicholas,

Bishop c.326

6 December: Nicholas, Bishop of Myra c.326

7 December: Ambrose, Bishop of Milan,

Teacher of the Faith 397

8 December: The Conception of the Blessed

Virgin Mary.

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