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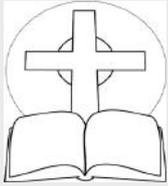
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## PARISH MAGAZINE

serving the Parishes of

**Dunnington, Stockton on the Forest  
Warthill & Holtby**



## Readings for September 2021

### 5 September - Trinity 14

Isaiah 35.4-7a; James 2.1-10; Mark 7.24-end

### 12 September - Trinity 15

Isaiah 50.4-9a; James 3.1-12; Mark 8.27-end

### 19 September - Trinity 16

Jeremiah 11.18-20; James 3.13-4.3, 7-8a; Mark 9.30-37

### 26 September - Trinity 17

Numbers 11.4-6, 10-16; James 5.13-end; Mark 9.38-end



## From the Registers

Dunnington, Holtby  
Warthill, &  
Stockton on the  
Forest

### Baptisms

*We welcome into the family of God:*

Eric Massey  
Richard Massey  
Rachael Massey  
24 July, Holtby

Eric Stanley  
25 July, Dunnington

Stella Grace Myers  
1 August, Stockton

### Weddings

*We congratulate*

Samuel Dean and Carrie-Anne  
Ransome  
6 August, Stockton

### Funerals

*We commit to God's loving care:*

Kathleen Campbell  
26 July, Dunnington (crem)

## JOB OPPORTUNITY

### Communications Officer for St Nicholas Church

Do you have a passion for supporting our village church and community? Do you have good communication skills and experience with Microsoft Office, web editing and social media? We are seeking a communications officer to work 7-10 hours a week to produce printed communications (including the village magazine 'The Grapevine') and manage the church's online presence. IT equipment and office space is provided at the church, but partial homeworking, and flexibility of hours, are possible. £13.26 per hour. We are seeking someone who is sympathetic to the Christian faith. For a full role description and other enquiries, please contact the Rector Nick Bird on 489349 or [revnickbird@gmail.com](mailto:revnickbird@gmail.com), or Revd Mark Poole on 426522 or [revmarkpoole20@gmail.com](mailto:revmarkpoole20@gmail.com).

Deadline for applications is 9:00am on Monday 13th September.

Interviews to take place on Monday 20th September at 10:00am. This can be flexible if necessary.

## Holi-days

*A reflection by Rev Dr John Schofield*

Dear All,

Normally for me August is a quiet month. It is a time when schools have broken up, and my responsibilities in my role as Chaplain to the university and elsewhere mean I have fewer demands on my time. It is a typical time for people to go away on holiday. As Covid-19 restrictions have lifted many are taking the opportunity to go away somewhere. The news has reported that the 'staycation' is very popular this year – and holiday resorts throughout the country are warning that they have received record bookings. There will be larger crowds than normal.

Holidays are called holi-days because they used to be times when holy days were celebrated. The normal routine and demands of work were suspended for communities to come together and celebrate one of the festivals of the Christian calendar, or a Saint's day. Now-a-days families take the opportunity to meet up and holiday together, and so the gathering together aspect of the holy days continues. Of course we still have the legacy of this in Christmas and Easter, as times when schools take a break, and so these holy days are fixed within the modern cycle of the year. And in some communities Whitsun celebrations – that is Pentecost – is a time for processions and, in Yorkshire and other part of the North of England, brass bands. The life of faith continues to influence everyone's life here, whether they know it or not.

In Jesus' day the festivals of the Jewish year dominated the activities in Jerusalem, and you can see this in the Gospels, and some of Jesus' teaching and imagery is taken from aspects of these great events of the year. But interestingly I am told that the word 'holiday' is only found in the book of Esther, and is reference to the celebration of Purim - a day of feasting and gladness (where gifts are offered to each other), but that is February/March time. So whether you are going somewhere this Summer to holiday or not – please do take the time to celebrate a time of holi-ness, and do realise that Sundays are our weekly holy days, a weekly sabbath holiday, for celebrating faith and our communities.

With blessings for the month



## The myth of freedom

Friends,

Is it true that total freedom is a myth? Freedom of choice, freedom of thought, freedom of self-determination, freedom of religion?

It has always struck me as odd when a religious person, born into a particular sacred tradition and practice, proclaims that theirs is the only true path. Have they ever considered the possibility that, had they been born in another place and into the bosom of another faith, they may well have been shouting equally loudly from another side? It seems arrogant to think that we are so free from all constraint, and taint of time and culture.

A professor spoke to his medical students about freedom. "How free do you feel your life choices were when you decided to study medicine", he asked? "Completely", "totally", they all replied. "So tell me", the professor continues, "how many of you have parents who are doctors?". Seven or eight out of ten replied in the affirmative. "Really", their teacher went on, "Of all the choices you could have made in life, you have chosen to do exactly the same?"

Even if one were to believe that complete choice were available, it would be a mistake to confuse this with complete freedom. My son visited the wonders of the Meadowhall Shopping Centre the other day, if that may stand as an icon of Yorkshire choice. Shop after shop, food outlet after snack bar, entertainment and distraction galore. Choice is only limited by cash flow. But is this a place where I would find freedom?

The wisdom of the Tradition teaches us something different, which is learned again in every generation and stage of life: that freedom comes, not by addition but by subtraction. I can add a thousand purchases to my possession, and a thousand options in my day, but I am likely to be unable to either move or choose. True freedom only comes through limitation, submission, and the choice of a single path, person or possession. The pearl of great price is what I give all for. To possess the greatest treasure I will need to jettison the clutter and junk. The freedom of movement we admire in a ballerina only comes from years of dedication to a single discipline. The freedom of spirit that we find in a monk was only gained by them giving up everything else.

It may be crass to announce that yours is the only true path and all should follow it. But it may be true wisdom to accept that only one path can be followed by any one individual at any one time. With maturity comes surrender, with surrender comes freedom, and with freedom comes joy. The paradox of liberty is found in the decision to choose to give up our choices.

*Nick Bird*  
*Your Rector*



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### DATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

All items for the **OCTOBER 2021** edition of the magazine must be received by the Editor no later than **WEDNESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER**

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For all other enquiries, please call Victoria on 01904 489817 or e-mail as above.

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## Family Worship

5th September at 4.00pm  
St Nicholas Church

An Informal Communion  
Service to start the School  
Year

Everyone very welcome

Bring a picnic tea.



## Benefice Weekend Away

Our weekend at Wydale Hall is almost  
here.

You are very welcome to join us for  
**Saturday 18th September.**

Please let Judith (488331) know as  
soon as possible.



## Re-Ignite (Youth Group)

26th September 7pm - Games Night!

Our youth group 'Re-Ignite' meets  
once a month.

This is a group for youth in school year  
6 and above (most of the current  
members are aged 10-15).

If you would like to know more, or get  
involved, please contact Revd Mark  
Poole, our curate on  
[revmarkpoole20@gmail.com](mailto:revmarkpoole20@gmail.com)



You are warmly invited to join a

# QUIET DAY

to be held at Thicket Priory, Thorganby  
on Monday 13th September from 10.00am 'til 4.00pm

# A Q U I E T P L A C E



WE WILL BE LED BY REVD CANON NICK BIRD.

Please bring your own lunch.

If possible, a donation of £5.00 from each person attending  
will be given to the community.

We will have the opportunity for prayer with the  
community, and time for personal prayer, reading and  
reflection.

For further information please contact:

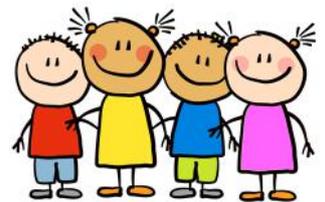
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## Little People - could you help?

We would like to re-start Little People in September,  
but we need some help to do this. Could you offer to do  
any of the following:

- Set up the room
- Clear up afterwards
- Serve refreshments
- Help with a craft activity



The more offers of help we have the less often your name will appear on a rota!

Little People is a group for pre-school children with their parent or carer.  
It meets in the

**Tower Room of St Nicholas Church**

**Tuesdays during term-time 1.30 to 3.00pm** (start date tbc when we have volunteers)

If you can help, or want more information please contact Lisa Horton (our Children  
and Family Worker) on 07950 700232 or [horton2517@sky.com](mailto:horton2517@sky.com) or Sue Stigant 489302.

## Coffee @ St Nicholas

Come and meet over Coffee, or tea

### Wednesday Coffee Time

9.45 to 11.00am every Wednesday

### Bereavement Café

Wednesday 29th September

9.45 to 11.00am

### Community Café

10.00 to 11.30am every Saturday



## Harvest Weekend in Dunnington

### Come and join us at St Nicholas' Church

#### Friday 1st October

7.00 - 9.00pm

View the crafts, listen to music with a glass of wine

Tickets £5.00 each

Judith Hewitt 488331, Eve Scoreby 489008,  
Diane Benson 07951582672, Joan Verrier 481626

#### Saturday 2nd October

10.00 to 12.00

'Cake, Cuppa and Chatta'

As part of York Over 50's Festival

Crafts and Harvest display can be viewed

#### Sunday 3rd October

Harvest Services

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Harvest Communion

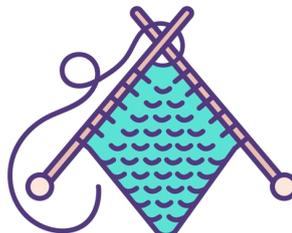
4.00pm Family Worship

Proceeds over the weekend will be shared between Carecent and St Nicholas Church

We currently don't know Carecent needs, more information next month, on the weekly newsletter and on the website, when available.

### We still need some more crafts to display

Bring them to the Tower Room Friday 1st between 2.00 and 4.00 and collect them on Saturday between 12.00 and 1.00.



## Fairtrade

Do you buy Fairtrade products?

Would you be interested in running a Fairtrade stall at Wednesday Coffee Time?

Please let Judith (488331) know.



## Christian Meditation Group

Wednesday 22 September 7.30pm

The Meditation Group is meeting on the fourth Wednesday of each month at St Nicholas Church, and has now gone back to the original time of 7.30pm. All welcome.



## Monthly Prayer Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday 30th September, 7pm, via Zoom.

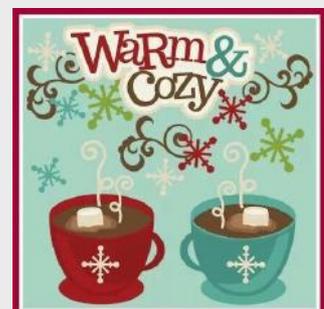
## Save the Date!

St Nicholas Church Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday 27th November

Reading Room

If you would like a stall to sell crafts or almost new items, contact Judith 488331.



## To the Saints of the Diocese of York

*A letter from the Bishop of Whitby, the Rt Revd Paul Ferguson (1 August):*

With hope and trust

I very much hope that the easing of restrictions has helped you to have a refreshing time this summer, as we all look to the future.

And it's with hope and trust in God that we come to the next important stage in our Living Christ's Story consultation with parishes. Each PCC has been invited to answer a set of consultation questions (or as many of them as you can manage) by 3 September, using the link at the foot of this page.

One of the glories of the Diocese of York is our variety. We have communities of different sizes, coastal and inland, industrial and farming ... As the Church of England from the Humber to the Tees it's our calling to be people of worship, celebration and prayer, of care and service, learning and growth, of good influence in civic life and responsibility for the environment. We'll do this differently in different places, and it's been wisely said that an effective church does a few things and does them well.

PCCs have been working hard on the consultation — thank you for everything that you have been doing, with special meetings and awaydays to look at the material. I can't emphasise too much how valuable it will be to have the answers and comments from around the diocese that will help us to move to the next stage of planning.

When we're able to look at all the responses together, it will help shape mutual and diocesan-level support, and also help to decide what can be afforded for the future.

St Paul wrote about the variety of God's gifts (Romans 12; 1 Corinthians 12) and the importance of mutual support (2 Corinthians 8-9). In that spirit, your response will be a key part of planning for effective shared mission into the future — thank you.

*+Paul*

*From the Diocesan website*

## Yorkshire Wolds Way

After running up Snowden a couple of times, walking (and a few years later, running) the Lyke Wake Walk, and then in 2019 running home from Whitby to Dunnington, near York (50 miles), the Revd Canon Nick Bird was looking for a new challenge.

After delaying for a year due to covid, over 23/24 July he walked the Yorkshire Wolds Way from Hessle to Filey, completing the journey in 31 hours. His wife, Diane Benson, walked the first four hours with Nick, and his colleague, The Revd Mark Poole did another three, before being joined by an old friend, Jason Shearer, for the 30 mile night section.

Completing the 79 miles walk, which is a national trail threading itself across beautiful countryside, has been a long-held ambition.

Nick says,

*"The blisters were all worth it to spend time in beautiful surroundings with friends and family, and to raise some money for a new roof for the St Nicholas Church extension, but please stop me if I ever suggest doing it again."*

Once gift aid has been factored in, Nick has raised well over £1000 towards replacing the Tower Room roof at St Nicks - an incredible sum! If you would like to donate, it's not too late. Please use the link on our website <https://stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/news/nickwalk.php> or speak to one of the Churchwardens.

Thank you!



*Nick with Jason Shearer*



*Nick with Revd Mark Poole*

## Worship Through September

### ... in the church buildings

#### Holy Trinity Stockton on the Forest

**Sunday** 10.30am Holy Communion or Morning Worship

**Wednesday** 10.00am Holy Communion

#### St Nicholas Dunnington

**Sunday** 8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion or Morning Worship

**Wednesday** 9.00am morning Holy Communion.

#### St Mary Warthill

**Sundays (1st and 3rd)** 9.00am Holy Communion

**Tuesday** 9.00am Morning Prayer

#### Holy Trinity Holtby

**2nd Sunday of the month** 9am Holy Communion

**4th Sunday of the month** 6pm Evening Prayer

### ... online

Now that the church buildings are fully open for services, our weekly online Sunday worship is changing. There will still be a service posted on our YouTube channel each Sunday which will remain available thereafter, however the service shared will be somewhat simpler.

<https://tinyurl.com/y28h5aec> (or search YouTube for 'St Nicholas Church').

To be added to the list of people who receive a weekly email invitation to the service when it goes live, please email Nick Bird on [revnickbird@gmail.com](mailto:revnickbird@gmail.com).

### ... by phone

Know someone without internet access? They can listen to the audio version of the online service by phone at any point during the week. It's the cost of a local call and very simple to do - just dial 899433.



## Weekday Worship via Zoom

We continue to share live midweek worship over zoom (in addition to the Wednesday morning services of Holy Communion in Dunnington and Stockton and the Tuesday morning service of Morning Prayer in St Mary, Warthill):

#### Morning Prayer

Mondays & Thursdays at 9.00am

LIVE worship via Zoom

<https://tinyurl.com/y2whk8c9>

#### Compline (Night Prayer)

Wednesdays at 7.00pm

LIVE via Zoom

<https://tinyurl.com/y3upjx3k>

Both Morning Prayer and Compline are short services (c. 15 minutes). You are welcome to leave as soon as the service is over or stay for a chat.



## David Wilbourne reflects on the Ouse

**The Archbishop talking to Diocesan Synod about praying by the Ouse stirred the memories of David Wilbourne, Chaplain to Archbishop of York John Habgood:**

When I worked at Bishopthorpe, on Christmas Eve I used to steal onto the dark terraces and sit by the swollen river, thinking of all that had flowed from Bethlehem over 2000 years.

We used to finish in the office around 9.30 pm, so again I would spend a few moments sitting by the river catching my breath before going home. I was once sitting there and I was surprised by a cleric, a very ambitious one, obsessed with being a bishop, who had decided to come and see the Archbishop by night to promote his cause. In the darkness he was about to walk straight into the flooded Ouse; he never became a bishop, but at least I stopped him drowning.

You could set your watch by the Evening Press barge coming up daily with paper for the presses. We used to ring the farmer who owns the fields/ings at the other side of the Ouse to tell him the waters were rising and his sheep were paddling. Archbishop John Habgood kept a little dingy in the cellar so he could paddle it around when the cellar was flooded to turn off the electrics and boiler. Guess things have improved since then!

The best story of course is where PM Ramsey Macdonald and Archbishop William Temple were sitting on terraces when a bargeman flowed by. 'Glad to see you're keeping better company today,' he shouted. 'I wonder which of us he means?' Temple quipped.

*This article originally appeared on the Diocesan website [dioceseofyork.org.uk](http://dioceseofyork.org.uk)*



## Victoria Beale - Editor

In September Victoria will be leaving us as the editor of the Grapevine Magazine, and also Communications Officer at St Nicholas Church. After seven years of working for the church, and juggling other part time work, she has been offered a full time role at the University of York. Victoria has done an incredible job of developing our magazine, not least bringing it to be professionally printed. With her eye for detail, proof reading skills and creativity, she has helped us to fulfil the magazine's purposes of servicing our four villages.

On behalf of us all, I want to thank Victoria for her excellent work and to wish her well with the new job

*Revd Nick Bird*

## Loss and Bereavement

The 'Light A Candle Café' at St Nicholas Church is a place of support and friendship for those who have been bereaved.

If you are unable to attend the 'Light A Candle Café' for whatever reason, such as you work or have prior commitments, but feel you would benefit from talking to someone about loss and bereavement, then please get in touch with one of the ministry team and we would only too pleased to spend time with you.

Rev Canon Nick Bird (Rector) 489349  
Rev Mark Poole (Curate) 426522  
Judith Hewitt (Reader) 488331



## Interment of Amy Shaw's ashes

The interment of Amy Shaw's ashes took place on Saturday 31st July 2021 at St Nicholas Church with all the family in attendance. Amy died on the 6th December 2020 peacefully at her home. Our thanks go to the Reverend Nick Bird for presiding over the service.

*Chris, Gill and Barbara*

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

THE VICAR IS ON  
'THOUGHT FOR THE DAY'



PEOPLE SHE HOPES  
ARE LISTENING



THE BISHOP



ALL HER SOCIAL  
MEDIA FOLLOWERS



A TV TALENT SCOUT

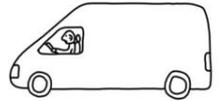


HER MUM

PEOPLE WHO ARE  
ACTUALLY LISTENING



SOMEONE DOING  
THE WASHING UP



A DELIVERY DRIVER



A TENNIS FAN WITH  
TUNING DIFFICULTIES



AN INSOMNIAC USING THE  
RADIO TO GET TO SLEEP

CartoonChurch.com

This CartoonChurch.com cartoon by Dave Walker originally appeared in the Church Times.

## Light A Candle Café



Last Wednesday of the month  
**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

9:45-11:15am

Tower Room

St Nicholas Church

A space to.....

Talk about loss,  
bereavement & hope.

Remember loved ones.

Connect with others.

Free  
refreshments!

All welcome!

Starting 30<sup>th</sup> June

