



# NEWSLETTER



Sunday 19 July - Trinity 6

Isaiah 44.6-8; Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

(In the online service we will use the alternative readings: Genesis 28:10-19a & Romans

## Online Benefice Service this Sunday



A service of worship, including a homily from Revd Keith Albans and contributions from around the benefice, will be shared on the **St Nicks YouTube channel**

[www.youtube.com/channel/UC\\_10sXmb7N5CKsD60\\_eRXjg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_10sXmb7N5CKsD60_eRXjg).



## Dial-a-service 899433

If you are not able to access the Benefice Sunday services via the internet, then it is now possible to dial in and to listen to the service at any time during the week. It's the cost of a local call and very simple to do. Put the kettle on, find a comfy chair, and dial 899433.

You will first hear a recorded voice with an American accent welcoming you to the service, then be asked to wait a moment. There might be a bit of a pause as the service recording uploads (15-20 seconds).



## Unprecedented - a reflection from Revd Keith Albans

We may only be in July, but I think we already know the three words which will fight it out for Word of the Year 2020. One is Pandemic, the second is Zoom and the third is Unprecedented! Returning from Sabbatical I had expected a few things to have changed, but to discover that the whole practice of Church and Ministry has altered beyond recognition was never in the plan. But I am grateful to everyone who has worked so hard to make up the new ways of being and working – I hope it won't take me too long to work out what they are.

In my Grapevine letter back in March I said that my plans for the Sabbatical had changed somewhat – and of course they changed again because of lockdown. But I did manage to do some reading (I particularly recommend 'Wintering' by

Katherine May (Rider, 2020) which has a lot to say to our current situation) and some walking, and I was delighted to complete the inaugural Barley Rise Estate Half Marathon. Many thanks to all who sponsored me. The total raised for St Leonard's Hospice is now over £3000.

Having been on Sabbatical it seems only reasonable to recognise that part of what we are experiencing now has a similar feel. We have not stopped being who we are, but we have had to face up to not doing what we usually do. After all, as many have said, the Church has not shut, it is simply that our buildings (partially) have. But the oft-repeated call that we "must not simply go back to where we were but look for a new normal" is a challenging one which may bring out the ostrich in all of us! As people of faith we

constantly live with the tension between the words of Jesus about not putting new wine in old wineskins, and the words of Jeremiah to "Stand at the crossroads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls." Looking ahead we will need to be honest with each other about those new ways of working which we have actually found beneficial, and which we should retain at least for a while, just as much as we share our pain and frustration about the things we have missed deeply.

With every blessing

*Keith Albans*  
Methodist Minister



## Services and private prayer in our church buildings (read more overleaf)

### Holtby

Morning Prayer (service) Monday 9.00am  
Open for private prayer Thurs 10am - 1pm, Sun 1pm - 4pm

### Warthill

Morning Prayer (service) Tuesday 9.00am  
Open for private prayer Thurs 1 - 4pm, Sun 1pm - 4pm

### Stockton

Morning Prayer (service) Wednesday 9.00am  
Open for private prayer Wed 1pm - 4pm, Sun 1pm - 4pm

### Dunnington

Morning Prayer (service) Thursday 9.00am  
Open for private prayer Thurs 10am - 12pm, Sun 3pm - 5pm

## Compline (online)

You are very welcome to (virtually) join Revd Nick Bird and others for a quiet service of Compline every Wednesday evening at 7.00pm. This is held online using Zoom. You can either download the free Zoom app or just join us through your web browser at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86707839332>. The Meeting ID is 867 0783 9332.



## Benefice Churches

### are open ... but not completely

As you know, the four parish churches are open at various times during the week for private prayer, and you are encouraged to come, sit and enjoy the peace of our beautiful buildings. Perhaps this is an opportunity to explore them in new ways.

The decision has been taken not to hold Sunday services until at least September, in light of the ongoing risk and the viability of public worship, and the success of our online services each Sunday (in the past month alone our Youtube channel has had over 1,800 views, amounting to over 16,700 minutes watched, across the country and as far as South Africa).

However, as they tend to be smaller and more manageable services, Morning Prayer will be said in each of our four churches at 9am during the week (Monday, Holtby; Tuesday, Warthill; Wednesday, Stockton; Thursday, Dunnington). All are welcome to these services which usually lasts about 25 minutes. An order of service is provided which can then be taken home.

*Rev. Nick Bird*

## Dunnington Methodist Church

We are all looking forward to a time when we can meet together, "just like we used to", and much as we would like to be able to give you all a date to look forward to, there is still a good way down the road to travel yet!

We continue to pray for our minister Keith Albans, and all those in the circuit who will have to make very difficult decisions in the next few months, and we thank him for coming to chat with us all in the chapel garden last week.

Continue to telephone any of the Stewards if you require any information, or just need a chat.

The Church on the circuit prayer rota for 19th July is Thornton-le-clay

Loving God,

We thank you that we can call ourselves your children,  
That our relationship to you is not one of slavery but of  
freedom in your service;

Not of fear but of security in your forgiving love.  
We thank you that you know us inside out, that you are  
always with us,

Wherever we are, whatever we do.

Help us to remember you when we are anxious, lonely, or  
discouraged,

Whisper in our hearts reminders of your love,  
Help us to see your way for us, to be your hands, your feet,  
your voices on earth.

Search us, oh God, and know our hearts; test us and know  
our anxious thoughts.

See if there is any offensive way in us, and lead us in the way  
everlasting.

Amen.

## The Hope Club

### a children's holiday club from home



We'd like to invite all children to our Summer Holiday Club from Home. Weekly sessions will start on **Tuesday 28 July** and continue for 5 weeks.

There will be craft packs sent to your door, puzzle pages, stories, weekly online Zoom sessions and Dynamic Dan videos to enjoy!

Please email Lisa Horton, Children & Families worker at [horton2517@sky.com](mailto:horton2517@sky.com) for more information and to sign up. Please let us know as soon as possible so that we can prepare your craft packs.

## Would you like someone to pray for you or a loved one?

Each week in our intercessions at Church we pray for those who are sick, including those from our parishes who are in hospital, or undergoing treatment. We now have a small group of people who will pray for you or a loved one. They will also be prayed for in the relevant Church at Morning Prayer each week.



If you, or a loved one would like prayer, please contact Judith Hewitt, 488331, [judithmhewitt@btinternet.com](mailto:judithmhewitt@btinternet.com). If you want prayer for someone else, please would you ask their permission, as we do when praying for someone in Church.

Initially you will be prayed for four weeks, but can be prayed for again.

The group praying will only have a first name, but Nick, Mark (our curate) and myself will have a surname and the reason for prayer.

## Study with St Hild College

[St Hild College](#) offers a wide range of study options, from introductory courses to full-blown degrees and training for ordination. See their new [prospectus](#) or watch a 3-minute [Summer 2020 video](#), including student testimonies.



## Lectionary Corner

The Lectionary is a comprehensive booklet, produced by 'Church House Publishing' and lists the dates of commemoration for Saints and other notable people, together with details of readings for each service.

22 July: Mary Magdalene

25 July: James the Apostle

The readings and prayers for this week are available on: [stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/news/newsletter-19720.php](http://stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/news/newsletter-19720.php)



If you need help/support but don't know who your local Community Support Group volunteers are, please email [covid19eastyork@gmail.com](mailto:covid19eastyork@gmail.com), or call Rev Nick Bird on 01904 489349 and we will link you up.

**Would you like to receive this newsletter by email?** Contact Victoria on [grapevine.rey@gmail.com](mailto:grapevine.rey@gmail.com). It is also available to download from the St Nicholas Church website at [www.stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/news/](http://www.stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/news/)

Next newsletter on **Sunday 26 July**. Items to [grapevine.rey@gmail.com](mailto:grapevine.rey@gmail.com) by **9.00 am on Thursday 23 July**