

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 21 February - Lent 1

Genesis 9.8-17; 1 Peter 3.18-end; Mark 1.9-15




Today



Any time [Benefice Worship Service](#)

(youtube) led by Revd Mark Poole, with a homily from Revd Keith Albans

 No internet access? You can listen to our Sunday services anytime by phone for the cost of a local call. Just dial 899433.

11.30am [Post-service coffee \(zoom\)](#)

7.00pm Re-ignite Party Night (zoom) for young people

This week

Monday 22 February

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

Tuesday 23 February

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

Wednesday 24 February

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

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

Thursday 25 February

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

7.00pm [Lent Course \(zoom\)](#)

Sunday 28 February : Lent 2

Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16; Romans 4.13-end; mark 8.31-end

Any time [Benefice Worship Service](#)

(youtube) with a homily from Revd Nick Bird

11.30am [Post-service coffee & chat \(zoom\)](#)

Reflecting on a Lockdown Project

by Judith Hewitt

I have a monthly knitting magazine which I always look forward to receiving. The November edition included the first part of a pattern to knit a Nordic blanket. Having visited Norway a couple of times I was once again attracted to the Nordic designs included in the blanket and thought I would have a go.

I gathered together some of the wools from my stash and others I went out to buy, before lockdown, and then the project began. There were many different designs, some in single colours, some with two colours and some that had recognizable images within them.

Over the next four months more designs were included until the final magazine came which included instructions on how to finish the blanket. I knew then I had done the right thing in ordering wool to do the edging as this completes the blanket.

At the start of the project there was a selection of different coloured wools on the sofa, but now there is a blanket I am proud of on the sofa. This reminded me that each one of us is different, each one of us have different gifts and talents. Individually we would, and many of us have, found life very difficult during this pandemic. The communities we live in have been able to support



each other and as we move towards the end of lockdown we will once again be able to share and enjoy each other's gifts.

Jesus calls each one of us to serve him, which we can do as individuals but when we come together we can do so much more to share his love with those around us. It is that fellowship together that we are looking forward to.



Community Support Group — we are still here to help

If you would like someone to collect your shopping, or walk your dog, or if you'd like a friendly chat on the phone, please get in touch. Contact Rev Nick Bird 01904 489349 or revnickbird@gmail.com and he will put you in touch with your local contact.

Parish Churches News & Events

St Nicholas Church PCC secretary vacancy

Our current PCC secretary (Eve Scoreby) is vacating this role at the next APCM (due to take place in May). The role is not particularly onerous and would suit someone who has some word processing experience.

If you think that you may be able to take on this important and much valued work please let me know. If you would like to find out more, before committing yourself, Eve would be happy to discuss what is involved. She can be contacted on 07746765274 or via email eve_scoreby@hotmail.co.uk.

Please can everyone pray that a suitable successor can be found. Carole White (Churchwarden) 07508834565 or email carolewhite333@hotmail.com

Lent Course - Thursdays @ 7pm

On Thursday 25th February we begin our five week [Lent course via zoom](#). Each session will last one hour and will begin, after a short prayer, with a 10 min introduction on the topic, followed by the opportunity to explore the week's theme in more depth in small groups for those who wish to stay.



25 Feb - Suffering; 4 March - Wilderness; 11 March - Judas; 18 March - Sin; 25 March - Forgiveness.

More details on the [Lent section of the St Nicholas Website](#).

Dunnington Community Needs

To take forward our mission and grant applications for our building work we are keen to identify the priority community needs for Dunnington. Please do let us know your thoughts on this, reflecting your own experiences or observations on what is needed. These together with the research we are doing with local organisations and groups serving Dunnington, will be most valuable in helping our community. Many thanks. Nick, Mark, Peter and Carole.

St Nicholas Church Dunnington - Roof and Heating appeal

Renew, Restore and Rejuvenate

Donations are starting to come in. Thank you so much to those who have already contributed! If you are able to donate to enable us to take forward these projects, this would be very much appreciated. Cash or cheques (payable to Dunnington PCC) can be put through the Rectory Letterbox. Please mark the envelope with "Fabric Donation". Donations can also be given online using the [Golden Giving Fabric link](#). Your contributions will help us make a real difference. Thank you, Peter and Carole.

Scam alert

North Yorkshire Police have alerted us to various emails doing the rounds which appear to be from the NHS inviting you to register for a Covid vaccination, but which are really 'phishing' for your personal information, including asking for your bank and card details. Please remember the Covid 19 vaccination is free and you will not be asked for payment.

The NHS will never ask for your bank details.

If you receive such emails you can forward them to report@phishing.gov.uk and then delete from your inbox. Please pass this message on to friends/family etc.



Dunnington Methodist Church

Dear Friends. As the Church Building remains closed at this time we hope you remain safe and well and look forward to a point in time when we can all meet together safely. In the meantime, we hope you will be able to access services online, via the printed version which Diane kindly delivers or by using the new 'Dial a Sermon' service mentioned below. If there is anything we might be able to help you with, do not hesitate to call one of the stewards: Anne Castle 01904 481656, Diane Conway 01904 489495 or Chris Spedding 01904 481867.

News from the Methodist Circuit

Office hours. Please note that Lois will not be working on Thursdays and Fridays until further notice. If you have an urgent query please contact another member of staff, or leave a message which Lois will respond to the following week.

Worship. Online worship produced by the Circuit can be found on the [Circuit YouTube channel](#) and a [list of online worship services around the Circuit](#) is available.

New! Dial a Sermon. For those unable to access the circuit YouTube service online, an audio recording of the most recent readings and sermon is now available by telephone. Dial 01904 948409 and, after a short delay (20 seconds), the audio file will play (usually around 10-15 minutes long). You will be charged as for a local call according to your current phone package.



4-zero Lent resource. Giving something up for Lent seems particularly hard this year when we have all given up so much. How about taking some positive steps to help our climate this time instead? This excellent guide to being sustainable (ish!) encourages you to do as much or as little as you feel able. Tackling 4 areas - food, energy, plastics and shopping - the resource gives you some great ideas to make some changes that you can easily build into your life, or just do for this season. It can be found on the [ONE Family Circuit page](#).

Lent Course. You are invited to join in an online six week Lent course focusing on John's Passion Narratives, with sessions on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays, beginning the first full week of Lent and ending in Holy Week. The 6 passages are: John 18: 1-11 - For whom are you looking? John 18: 12-27 - Before the High Priest and Denial; John 18: 28-40 - Before Pilate; John 19: 1-16 - Mob Rule; John 19: 17-30 - Crucified; John 19: 31-42 - The Aftermath. Contact Keith Albans, Ruth Duck or Alyson Christy for more details and to get the joining details.

Circuit Newsletter. You can download our latest Circuit News from the [Circuit website](#)

Praying for our Circuit. The church on the Circuit Prayer Rota for **21st February** is **Southlands**. Let us thank God for the work of God in that place, and pray for the church as they consider how best to respond to God's call at this time.

Lord, as we enter Lent help us to draw near to you in praise, stripping away all that distracts us from worship. Amen

from [Methodist Prayers for Lent and Easter](#)

Lectionary Corner

23 February: Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr c.155

27 February: George Herbert, Priest, Poet 1633

[This week's full lectionary info.](#)

To receive this newsletter by email, [email Victoria](#). It is also available to download from the [St Nicholas Church website](#). To receive the Methodist Circuit News, please [email the Circuit office](#) or phone 07984 019995.

Next newsletter on **Sunday 28 February** [Email items to grapevine.rey@gmail.com](#) by **9.00 am on Thursday 25 February**