

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 7 February - Lent 3

Exodus 20.1-7; 1 Corinthians 1.18-25; John 2.13-22



Today

Any time [Benefice Worship Service](#)
(youtube) with a homily from Revd Canon Terry Joyce



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 \(zoom\)](#)

4.00pm [Family Worship \(zoom\)](#)



This week

Monday 8 March

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

Tuesday 9 March

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

Wednesday 10 March

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

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

Thursday 11 March

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

7.00pm [Lent Course - 'Judas' \(zoom\)](#)

Sunday 14 March : Mothering Sunday

Exodus 2.1-10; Luke 2.33-35

Any time [Benefice Worship Service](#)
(youtube) with a homily from Revd Mark Poole

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



Disruptive Art – John 2.13-22

A reflection by Revd Nick Bird

The Server gathers up the collection from the Churchwarden in a large shiny brass plate, and hands it to the priest. The priest throws the whole shebang into the air, with coins and copper clattering to the ground, the oversized plate spins dented into a noisy corner, and a flutter of notes make their way slowly to the ground. The priest takes a bow and exits stage left.

I don't think I'd have the guts to do it, but Jesus, in the story of the cleansing of the temple, is both the great disrupter, and something of a performance artist, and he might just pull it off. The crowds would have



been as bewildered and cross as the congregation, especially if the clergyperson had unwound their girdle, handled it like a whip, and chased the choir from the building. If nothing else, it would go down in legend!

Jesus doesn't remonstrate with the money-changers sitting at their tables, or tick off the sellers of sacrificial animals. Instead he enacts his critique of what is going on, and instead of the focus being on the temple and its rituals of worship, the attention moves sharply to this wandering preacher. Why does he do it?

Partly, I would suggest, because Jesus is the Great Disrupter, and challenges convention and convenience at every stage throughout his public ministry. Partly because he fearlessly goes against the religious powers, taking them to task for their demands and contradictions. And partly because he is shifting the location of God's glory, and human worship, from a building to a person. We should perhaps underestimate neither the drama, nor the enormity, of his action.

As it has been said, on our journey through Lent toward Easter, *'we, too, should be careful lest we miss God's earth-shattering Word in our midst. Rather than coming to a physical temple, or church building, we need instead to come to Jesus'.*

Nick



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

Family Worship Today

Do join us for Family Worship today at 4pm via Zoom. The theme is 'Building on Firm Foundations' and the service will be led by [Lisa Horton](#), [Judith Hewitt](#) and [Revd Mark Poole](#). Contact them, using the email links above, for login details. More [Family Worship details online](#).

Scarecrow Trail

If you can help to deliver letters about the Trail to houses in Dunnington, please contact Judith, 488331. They will be ready to deliver from Monday 8th March.

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

This Thursday, in the third session of our [Lent course via zoom](#), we will look at the theme of 'Judas'. Each session lasts one hour and begins, 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. You are welcome to join us - it doesn't matter if you missed the first session. Future sessions: 18 March - Sin; 25 March - Forgiveness. More details on the [Lent section of the St Nicholas Website](#).

Children's Society House Boxes – Dunnington.

FYI if you have one of these boxes - I have been informed by the Society that opening and counting should be delayed until later this year due to the current lockdown/restrictions. Please watch for future updates or you can contact me on 07746765274 or eve_scoreby@hotmail.co.uk.

Thank you. Eve Scoreby, Box Co-ordinator, Dunnington

Lectionary Corner

8 March: Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln 1910

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

Dunnington Methodist Church

Dear Friends. It is lovely to see the first signs of spring appearing again and to begin to look forward to enjoying some of the things we have missed so much over the past year (please see provisional target dates below!) As the Church Building still remains closed at this time we hope you remain safe and well. We look forward to a point in time when we can meet together safely. In the meantime, we hope you will be able to



access services online or via the printed version which Diane kindly delivers.

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

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.

Flames and Rushing Wind at the End of the Tunnel?

From the Superintendent Minister:

Following the Government's announcement of a phased relaxation of Covid regulations, and discussions with the Circuit Staff and Stewards and the Leaders of Worship and Preachers Meeting, we have all agreed that the provisional target date for a general re-opening of Churches for Sunday Worship is **23rd May** - the Festival of Pentecost and Aldersgate Sunday. Ministers and Local Pastors will work with each congregation to explore what will be required to reopen, and what pattern of Sunday Worship might be possible. More details will be available after Easter.

Assuming that the Government's timetabled announcement for 12th April goes ahead, it would seem reasonable to invite those user groups who rent our buildings, and whose activities are covered by the relaxations promised for that date, to make their plans for the summer term. **Please note the words 'provisional' and 'assuming'** - nothing is certain as yet, but hopefully over the next 4-8 weeks things will become clearer.

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.

Breathing Space - Coffee and Chat session for parents and carers of pre-school children

Are you a parent or carer of a baby or toddler? Do you long for conversation with other grown-ups? Are you a first time parent or maybe you are missing the baby and toddler group?

Then join us on a Tuesday 2pm - 3pm for our new Zoom coffee and chat session. Starting on 16th March, it will be a space to meet other parents/carers, have a chat and a laugh with other grown-ups, share the joys and frustrations of bringing up little ones and get practical tips and support from others who understand. Just grab a cuppa and a biscuit and join us from the comfort of your own home.

Please contact heather.lewis@methodistyouth.org.uk for more information or to receive the zoom link.

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 **7th March** is **Stillingfleet**. 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.



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 14 March** Email items to grapevine.rey@gmail.com by **9.00 am on Thursday 11 March**