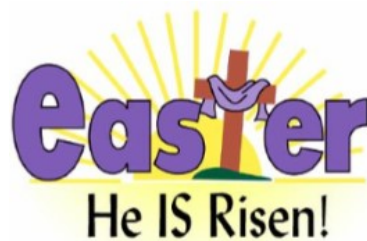



NEWSLETTER

Sunday 4 April : Easter Day

Isaiah 25.6-9; Mark 16.1-8



Today

- 6.00am Dawn Service : St Nicholas churchyard
10.30am Easter Communion : Holy Trinity, Stockton†
10.30am Easter Communion : St Nicholas, Dunn*
Any time [Benefice Easter Worship Service \(youtube\)](#)
 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 \(zoom\)](#)

Booking for services in/at the church buildings

- † For services in Holy Trinity, Stockton, please 'book' with Ennis, 400364, ennisjacksonuk@yahoo.com.
* For services in St Nicholas, Dunnington, please 'book' with Nick, 489349, revnickbird@gmail.com.

There is no need to book for the Dawn Service.

Any changes to the services listed will be shared on the St Nicholas Church website stnicholasdunnington.org.uk.

There will be no Easter Service at Dunnington Methodist Church, but see overleaf for details of online Methodist worship.

This week

Tuesday 6 April

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

Wednesday 7 April

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

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

Thursday 8 April

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

Friday 9 April

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

Sunday 11 April : Easter 2

Acts 4.32-35; John 20.19-end

No Benefice services in the buildings or online.

There are many online alternatives to choose from, such as the [Church of England's service broadcast](#).

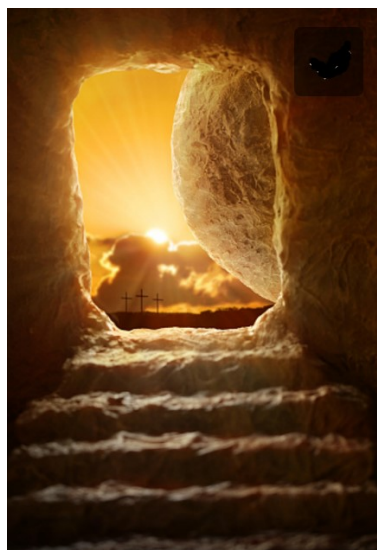
Easter - Fear and joy!

A reflection by Revd Canon Terry Joyce

On the first Easter morning, two people rose early to go to the tomb. They met an angel who said '**He is not here: he is risen.**' In that moment, their life completely changed. They ran. They ran, with fear and great joy – with fear, gasping for breath; and with joy, probably bursting with excitement. Fear and great joy: at the heart of the resurrection and in our hearts today. So much to fear after this last year – will it calm down, how much more sadness, frustration and stress, how many more deaths? Fear for those who have suffered, for those we love, those we still can't see, fear about the fragility of life - will things ever be the same again? So much to fear.

But also joy! Great joy! The joy of spring lambs in the fields; joy of a new-born baby suckling; joy of the harvest, when all is fresh and mellow. The joy of friendship, of those we have depended upon through challenge, and those who have needed us. The joy of creation, when we hear birds sing on a spring morning. The joy of being part of a team, sharing an enterprise. The joy of the orchestra, about to break into a thrilling crescendo. The joy of art and the skill of those who craft it. Great, great joy.

So here **we** are, the angel now telling **us** that he is risen! What might that mean? We start to run with fear and great joy. Fear and joy, like two poles. Fear and joy run with us throughout our lives together, as constant reminders of the cost and promise of following Jesus. Fear and joy, at the heart of our longings and desires.



But, there is a secret - that we only glimpse at in this life! It was first shared with those who went early to the tomb. It is the secret **about** Easter, which I hope will make your Easter. It solves the mystery of fear and joy.

The secret is this: joy wins!

Easter blessings

Terry Joyce



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

May you all have a Happy and Blessed Easter!

Services this week

Our online service of Morning Prayer will be available Tuesday to Thursday this coming week (6th to 8th April), but not on Bank Holiday Monday. Mark Poole will be hosting the zoom services, as Nick will be on annual leave. Compline will also be offered as usual on the Wednesday 7th.

Broadcast of York Mystery Plays for Easter

BBC Radio York will be broadcasting the York Theatre Royal Mystery Plays' version of the Crucifixion on Good Friday and the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Our very own Ged Murray is part of these productions. The Crucifixion focus on the banter of the soldiers and Pontius Pilate, and so highlights the banality of the evil Jesus faced. The Resurrection is much more focused on the three Marys, the Angel and Jesus. The plays will be broadcast at 6.30am & 1.30pm on Good Friday & Easter Sunday and will then be available for downloading from [BBC Sounds](https://www.bbc.com/sounds).



Easter Trails

are set up at each of the parish churches. The trails use the 'In search of Easter' materials which are part of Scripture Union's 'On The Trail' series.



PCC secretary vacancy.

If you've got the time and necessary word processing skills and have been hoping that someone else would volunteer to take on the role of PCC secretary, then I'm sorry to say they haven't. Maybe God is calling YOU to step up to the mark? Eve, our current PCC secretary is happy to receive informal enquiries to discuss what is involved (eve_scoreby@hotmail.com)

Save the date!

Revd Mark Poole is to be ordained Priest on **Saturday 3rd July** at 2:00pm in Holy Trinity church, Stockton on the Forest. We are very much hoping that many will be able to gather to worship and celebrate with him and hopefully share an afternoon tea together following the service. Further details to follow.



Benefice Family Worship

There will not be a Family Worship service in April. The next one will be on **Sunday 2 May**. Contact Lisa Horton horton2517@sky.com, Rev Mark Poole revmarkpoole20@gmail.com or Judith Hewitt judithmhewitt@btinternet.com for more information.

Ignite (Youth Group)

currently meets monthly via Zoom. The next meeting will be on **Sunday 18th April** at 7:00pm. This is a group for young people in school year 6 and above (most of the current members are aged 10-14). If you would like to know more, or get involved, please contact Revd Mark Poole.

Scarecrow Trail

Do sign up to display a scarecrow during the trail 1-3 May, using the leaflet that came through your door, or the online [Scarecrow Trail form](#).



Benefice Weekend at Wydale Hall

Our weekend at Wydale is ON! **17th to 19th September 2021**. It will be led by Rev Rachel Hirst and we will have Lisa with us to lead the younger people. It would be good to know if you are planning to join us, as soon as possible. The cost for the weekend, including all meals, is £159, with a reduction for children. Application forms will be available soon, but a deposit of £10 per person, with the names and a contact number, of those attending, can be sent to Judith Hewitt, 7, Water Lane.

Dunnington Methodist Church

A VERY HAPPY EASTER TO ALL - FROM DUNNINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Dear Friends. May the hope that is offered to us at this time, in the spring sunshine, the regeneration of growth, the vibrant colours of freshly blooming flowers and the joy of Easter Day itself, fill our hearts this week. Happy Easter to all.

With the prospect of a possible opening of the Chapel at Pentecost, 23rd May, it has been agreed to bring forward the Church Council meeting from 25th May to **Thursday 22nd April at 2.30pm**. We hope that many of you will be able to attend (obviously subject to Covid regulations and as long as government guidelines allow)

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 this 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.

Easter Sunday. There will be a livestreamed service on Easter Sunday at 8.30am which will be available to watch (both live and afterwards) on the Circuit YouTube service. This will include a love-feast.

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.

Flourish 2021. The Flourish District event that was to have taken place this September has now been postponed, and we are awaiting a new date, probably in autumn 2022.

CIRCUIT CELEBRATION AND FAREWELL SERVICE

Save the date!

Join us to say goodbye to Revd Keith Albans, Revd Ruth Duck and others who are leaving the Circuit or standing down from roles, and to look back at the last year and ahead to the future.

11th July 2021, 3pm Acomb Methodist Church and livestreamed

MORE INFORMATION INCLUDING BOOKING DETAILS WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON

Lectionary Corner

4th April: Easter Day

[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 11 April** Email items to grapevine.rey@gmail.com by **9.00 am on Thursday 8 April**