THE CHURCHES OF DUNNINGTON, STOCKTON ON THE FOREST, WARTHILL & HOLTBY

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 12 September: Trinity 15

Isaiah 50.4-9a; James 3.1-12; Mark 8. 27-end

Today

8.00am Holy Communion: St Nicks, Dunnington

Revd Mark Poole

9.00am Holy Communion: Holy Trinity, Holtby

Revd Canon Nick Bird

Morning Worship: St Nicks, Dunnington 10.30am

Worship Team

10.30am Holy Communion: Holy Trinity, Stockton

Revd Canon Nick Bird

10.30am All Age Pet Service: St Mary, Warthill

Revd Mark Poole

Online Benefice Worship (youtube)

with a homily from Revd Canon Nick Bird

Dial 899433 anytime to listen to our online Sunday service for the cost of a local call.



Monday 13 September

9.00am Morning Prayer (zoom)

10.00am Deanery Quiet Day: Thicket Priory

Tuesday 14 September

9.00am Morning Prayer: St Mary, Warthill

Wednesday 15 September

Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington 9.00am 9.45am Coffee Time: St Nicholas Tower Room 10.00am Holy Communion: Holy Trinity, Stockton

7.00pm Compline (zoom)

Thursday 16 September

9.00am Morning Prayer (zoom)

Friday 17 September

Benefice Weekend Away starts evening

Saturday 18 September

Community Café: St Nicholas Tower Room

Sunday 19 September : Trinity 16

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

There is only one service in the Benefice churches today because the clergy, reader and many parishioners are at Wydale Hall for the Benefice Weekend Away.

Benefice Communion: Holy Trinity, Stockton

12.00noon Benefice Communion: Wydale Hall Online Benefice Worship (youtube)



Souvenirs

A reflection by Revd Mark Poole

I am an absolute sucker for souvenirs! I love to purchase bits and bobs as a reminder of my holiday. They are the usual things like notelet cards, bookmarks, key rings, some pottery or a book. (This year I discovered face masks could be added to the tourist's collection!) As we journeyed up to the island of Mull, I pondered what kind of souvenir I might bring home this year. (I am not really a shopaholic, I promise!)



To my amusement there was a clock on the wall of our holiday cottage inscribed with the words 'Mull time' on its face. Only, it wasn't really a clock at all because it had no hands! This was clearly an invitation to relinquish an obsession with time, to slow down, rest in the breath-taking beauty of the island, and to savour each moment. This seemed most apt because after all, this is what holidays are all about (as well as sampling the produce of the local fishermen and distillery of course!)

Amidst my relaxing and resting I read these words found in the Celtic Daily Prayer Book and they seemed to chime perfectly with the motif of the clock with no hands:

'Live from day to day, just from day to day. If you do so, you worry less and live more richly. If you let yourself be absorbed completely, if you surrender completely to the moments as they pass, you live more richly these moments.' (Anne Morrow Lindbergh)

As I reflected on these words, I realised that the wisdom within is not intended to be exclusively confined to holidays. This wisdom is the precious pearl that enriches day to day living back on the mainland. It is what Jesus meant when He said, 'Abide in me as I abide in you' (John 15:4). Jesus gifts us with His presence every moment of every day if only we learn to slow down and rest in His breath-taking beauty.

Perhaps this was to be my souvenir this year? I pray that you too will welcome a spirit of 'Mull time' as we journey together into whatever life brings in the weeks and months ahead.

Every blessing

Mark

PS – I DID buy a load of cards, bookmarks, a key ring and a mug from the Iona shop. I even bought a face mask! I told you I was a sucker!!

Parish Churches News & Events

TODAY - Pet Service at Warthill! See poster below.

Online worship. From April 2020 to August 2021, when the Benefice churches were either closed or operating at limited capacity, we provided online Sunday services via YouTube. These have now come to an end, however, we will be offering a slightly shorter and simpler online worship service each week starting 12 September. This is primarily for those who find it difficult or impossible to worship with us in one of the church buildings on a Sunday morning, but anyone anywhere is very welcome to use the videos to aid them in their worship.

Deanery Quiet Day 13 September 2021 10am - 4pm at Thicket Priory, Thorganby. Theme: *A Quiet Place*. Led by Revd Canon Nick Bird. Please bring your own lunch, and we suggest a £5 donation to the community from each person attending if possible. There will be opportunity to pray with the community, and also for personal prayer, reading and reflection. All are welcome. For more information contact revnickbird@gmail.com

Sunday 19th September. There will be no services at St Nicholas, as many of us will be at Wydale, but you will be very welcome at Holy Trinity, Stockton on The Forest at 10.30am. There will also be an online Benefice Service. St Nicholas will be open for visitors and private prayer as usual.

Memorial Service. On Sunday 26th September, at 4pm, we shall be holding a memorial service for the late Revd Mary Willetts in Warthill church. Mary sadly died on the 16th January this year, after years of loyal service to the church and beyond. Numbers were limited at her funeral service, but we now want to take the opportunity to celebrate her life with the wider community. Do join us in this act of thanksgiving.

There will be a collection at the service for a memorial bench to go outside St Mary's Church, Warthill.

St Mary's Church Warthill

A family service with a difference!

Come and join us at our Pet Service

On Sunday 12th September at 10.30am





Children - bring your pets and introduce them to us

Action song, Talk

Share in refreshments outdoors after the service

Everyone of all ages most Welcome

Covid Friendly Arrangements

St Nicholas Church Tower Room booking administrator

Could you take on this voluntary role? It can be fitted into spare moments convenient to you. For more information please contact Peter Helm or Carole White. Thank you.

Carole White – 07508 834565 (carolewhite333@hotmail.com)

Lockdown Crafts. Please bring your crafts for displaying to the Tower Room between 2pm and 4pm on Friday 1st October. They can be collected between 12noon and 1pm on Saturday 2nd October.

Lockdown Recipes. We are looking forward to having your baking to sell, either to take home to eat or to eat with coffee on Saturday 2nd October.



Lockdown Crafts Preview Evening. Tickets, £5.00 each, available from Judith Hewitt 488331, Eve Scoreby 489008 or Joan Verrier 481626. The price includes a glass of wine and nibbles.

Harvest Gifts for Carecent. Please take your monetary donation for Carecent, in a marked envelope, to a Church service or to Dunnington Rectory. Alternatively, you can donate online at www.carecent.org.uk/ harvest-2021/. Carecent do not want food items this year.

Coffee @ St Nicholas. We look forward to seeing you for coffee on Wednesdays from 9.45am to 11.00am and on Saturdays at the Community Café from 10.00am until 11.30am.



Lectionary Corner

13 September: John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople,

Teacher of the Faith 407

14 September: Holy Cross Day

15 September: Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr 258
16 September: Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts c.432
17 September: Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Visionary 1179

This week's full lectionary info.

Everyone is welcome to

St Thomas' Church Osbaldwick

on Monday 4th October at 7.30pm (Doors open from 7.00pm)







HOW TO TALK TO GRETA THUNBERG ABOUT GOD the Mission of the Church in a Time of Climate Crisis

REVD JAN NOBEL: GREEN AMBASSADOR, DIOCESE OF YORK Donations for A Rocha Eco Church will be welcome.

Refreshments will be available.

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