

# NEWSLETTER

Sunday 7 November

Readings: Jonah 3v1-5,10, Hebrews 9v24-end. Mark 1v14-20



## Today

8.00am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington  
Rev Nick Bird

9.00 am Holy Communion: St Mary, Warthill  
Rev Nick Bird

10.30am Holy Communion: Holy Trinity, Stockton  
Rev Nick Bird

### At St Nicholas

9.30-10.00 Church open for quiet prayer and reflection

10.00-10.30 Coffee, reflection, prayer and music

10.30 Holy Communion: Rev Peter Moorhouse

4.00 Family Worship

 [Online Benefice Worship](#) (YouTube)

A reflection from Rev. Nick Bird

## Mark 1.14-20

As COP26 continues the climate discussions in Glasgow this week, I have a particular image in my head. There is a long train, rumbling down the tracks, with a carriage for every nation. Up in the driver's cab are world leaders, diplomats, celebrities and assorted others, and they are arguing amongst themselves. They have a clear diagram in each of their hands, and it shows that the track runs out in a few miles. With no other direction to turn, the train will plummet, with each carriage following in turn, the most vulnerable first. There is an understandable atmosphere of panic in the front carriages, which diminishes the further down the train one goes. At the back, there is little concern, not least for those at the front. In the cab, the leaders continue to argue, disagree and prevaricate. In the cab, what they are most clearly lacking is a corporate sense of urgency. They know that the precipice is approaching, but they can't make the call on how, or how hard, to apply the brake.

Amongst all that we might gather from the opening chapter of Mark's gospel, if we were to gather nothing else, there is a great sense of urgency. Everything must be done now, immediately, quickly, decisively. Jesus wastes no time, for the time is now. The first disciples do not hesitate to respond to the call, and no one hangs around until Jesus literally hangs around, crucified, at the tragic climax. The Kingdom of God can not wait.

The traditional image used for Mark's gospel is that of a lion – fierce, bounding, urgent and roaring. We might feel a complacency in our common church life, but there can be no further complacency as the sands of time run out of our environmental countdown. This is a Sunday when gospel urgency and the climate crisis cohere.

## This week

### Monday 8 November

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

### Tuesday 9 November

9.00am Morning Prayer: St Mary, Warthill

1.45pm Little People, Play and Praise: St Nicholas  
Tower Room

### Wednesday 10 November

9.00am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington

9.45am Coffee Time: St Nicholas Tower Room

10.00am Holy Communion: Holy Trinity, Stockton

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

### Thursday 11 November

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

### Saturday 13 November

10.00 -11.30 Community Café: St Nicholas Tower  
Room

## Sunday 14 November

### Remembrance Sunday

9.00am Holy Trinity, Holtby

9.00am St Mary, Warthill

10.30am Holy Trinity, Stockton

10.30am St Nicholas, Dunnington

The services at Stockton and Dunnington will include an Act of Remembrance at the war memorials

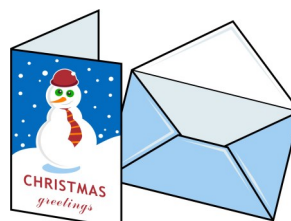
 [Online Benefice Worship](#) (YouTube)

**URGENT**

Do you have a Picture or a Photograph  
suitable for Benefice Christmas Card?

Please let Judith ([judithmhewitt@btinternet.com](mailto:judithmhewitt@btinternet.com))

have it by 12th November



## Parish Churches News & Events

### 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](mailto:carolewhite333@hotmail.com))

**Sunday Coffee at St Nicholas:** Serving coffee is part of our ministry of welcome. Talking over coffee is part of the sharing and caring that we want all to experience. For this to happen we would like people to volunteer to serve coffee before and/or after the 10.30 service. If you can help, please sign your name against a date/s on the list on the rota board, that are convenient to you.



**PCC Members, please save the date!** There will be a Social Evening for all PCC members, and their partners, from across the Benefice on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm in the Tower Room.

**Zoom worship:** Strensall Methodist Church are restarting their weekly Zoom worship and prayer on Thursday mornings, 09:00 to 09:45 beginning 11 November. Members of all churches or none are welcome. To get a Zoom link please contact Rev John Hayward: [John.Hayward@methodist.org.uk](mailto:John.Hayward@methodist.org.uk)

**St Nicholas Covid 19 and 'Flu' measures:** As more people are choosing to resume attendance at St Nicholas Church, we want to ensure that our church remains as safe a place as possible to worship. Increased numbers mean that it is more difficult to maintain social distance. Therefore, we are encouraging the use of face coverings in church during services. We would also advise that you choose to wear something warm and keep your coat on whilst in church as we will continue to have doors and windows open as much as possible to ensure good ventilation (This is known to be one of the best measures for dispersing airborne viruses). There are also numerous bottles of hand sanitizer available - please make use of them on entry and exit.  
**Carole White**

**St Nicholas Church Christmas Fayre:** Please can you bring tombola or raffle prizes to the Tower Room. There is also a list on the table to sign if you can help on the day, Saturday 27th November. Cakes can be brought to the Reading Room on the day.

**Little People, Play and Praise:** Please tell your friends and neighbours that the group for pre-school children and their parents or carers starts on Tuesday 9th November at 1.45pm in the Tower Room.



### PLACE OF WELCOME COMMUNITY DROP INS

All being well, our Carecent / community afternoon drop ins at Central Methodist Church will start week commencing 8th November (1pm-3pm). We still need volunteers for Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Please get in touch if you are able to help. We are looking in particular for people to help make tea and coffee and also to sit and chat with people.

Thank you. Judith Stoddart

([email: deaconjudithstoddart@gmail.com](mailto:email:deaconjudithstoddart@gmail.com))

**Fair Trade.** There are now some Fairtrade catalogues in the Tower Room. If you would like to place an order, please leave it on the table.



### Family Worship

Samson is our Bible Hero on 7th November (today!)

An interactive Service for all ages

**4.00pm**

**St Nicholas Church**

Bring a picnic tea to share. Drinks provided.

**Parish Lunch at St Nicholas:** We are having our first lunch on Sunday 14th November, and the list is now in the Tower Room if you would like to join us. We will only be serving 24 lunches at this first one. There will be a Communion Service at 12.30pm.



### Lectionary Corner at St Nicholas

8 November: The Saints and Martyrs of England

10 November: Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith 461

11 November: Martin of Tours, Bishop c.397

13 November: Charles Simeon, Priest, Evangelical Divine 1836

### 8 November

#### The Saints and Martyrs of England

God, who the glorious company of the redeemed adore, assembled from all times and places of your dominion: we praise you for the saints of our own land and for the many lamps their holiness has lit; and we pray that we also may be numbered at last with those who have done your will and declared your righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Next newsletter on **Sunday 14th November** [Email items to grapevine.rey@gmail.com](mailto:Email items to grapevine.rey@gmail.com) by 9.00 am on Thursday 11th November.