

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 14 February - Sunday before Lent

2 Kings 2.1-12; 2 Corinthians 4.3-6; Mark 9.2-9



Today

Any time [Benefice Worship Service](#)
(youtube) led by Revd Nick Bird, with a homily from Andy Hagon. Andy is training for ordination and currently on placement with us



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 & chat via Zoom](#)

This week

Monday 15 February

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

Tuesday 16 February

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

Ash Wednesday 17 February

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

9.00am Morning Prayer for Ash Wednesday (Methodist Circuit) via Zoom (*details overleaf*)

10.00am Reflective Service for Ash Wednesday (Methodist Circuit) via Zoom (*details overleaf*)

7.00pm [Ash Wednesday Service \(Benefice\) via Zoom](#)

Thursday 18 February

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

Sunday 21 February : Lent 1

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

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7.00pm Re-ignite Party Night for young people (*details overleaf*)



Love + Injustice = Transformation

a reflection by Revd Keith Albans

In physics, an interference pattern is what happens when two or more waves interact – some get higher, others cancel each other out – things are changed. I'm sure that's how we're meant to live our discipleship – not keeping everything in discrete boxes but bringing them into the same space and experiencing the fruit of the interference!

So this Sunday I offer you three waves. It's Valentine's Day – which behind the rampant commercialism is a celebration of human love and cherishing. Secondly, it's Racial Justice Sunday, which is a challenging reminder that racial injustice is still the lived experience in our society, not just on the surface but systemic and deeply engrained. The third wave is the set gospel reading for this Sunday – Mark's account of the Transfiguration.

I'll leave you to make the interference pattern – if you want some pointers look up the URC's materials for today <https://ctbi.org.uk/rjs-2021-resources>. And the realisation that Mark 9:3 offers a disturbing example of the equation "White = Holy and Pure" is a good place to start.

The famous song says, 'Love changes everything'. Being in love, being loved and loving all affect our perception of reality – and when love is real, that changed perception affects everything and marks us for life. And whilst it was Jesus who was transfigured, it was the changed perception of his friends that marked them and helped them make sense of the path Jesus had chosen. In her poem 'In God's Image' Karen Campbell challenges us to integrate that same life-changing love with racial justice.

Why must my life be constrained by your norms, Your customs, Your rules, Your ways, Your judgment of who or what is acceptable – Or not? Who gave you the monopoly on 'rightness' – And rightness in whose eyes? Love others as you love yourself – Or maybe, as you would wish to be loved. And judge not in case you too Are judged. So says our Parent God - In whose image We both are made.

Keith Albans – Methodist Minister

Community Support Group

We are still here to help



If you would like someone to collect your shopping, or to walk your dog, or if you'd like a friendly chat on the phone

Contact Rev. Nick Bird
01904 489349 : revnickbird@gmail.com
who will put you in touch with your local contact

Heart Tree

Each parish church now has a 'Heart Tree'. Do go and find it.

There are resources available there for you to add a heart of your own. Choose a heart, write the name of someone you love, or someone who really needs to feel God's love, and hang it on the tree.



Parish Churches News & Events

Re-ignite Party Night

Calling all young people in Year 6 and above! You are warmly invited to attend a youth group session via Zoom on Sunday 21 February at 7pm. We will play games and enjoy making and eating pancakes!



The session will be run by Revd Mark Poole, Anna Lewis and Lisa Horton. Contact Mark on revmarkpoole20@gmail.com for details and the zoom link. Mark will also deliver a goody bag on Thursday 18th February, which will contain almost everything needed to take part. We will end with a brief chat to find out if the youngsters would like to meet in this way again and if so, how often and what sorts of things they would like to do.

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

Ash Wednesday. Our benefice Ash Wednesday service this year will take place [via zoom](#) on Wednesday 17 February at 7pm, and will replace our weekly Compline service. It will be a marking of the beginning of the season of Lent, and our intention to keep this penitential season both faithfully and lovingly.

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.



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.

Lectionary Corner

17 February: Ash Wednesday. [This week's full lectionary info.](#)

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

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.

Celebration of Worship & Preaching. On 3pm Sunday 14th February there will be a Circuit Celebration of worship and preaching, including the admission of Victoria Etherington as a Local Preacher. This will be livestreamed from Huntington and you can watch via the [Circuit YouTube channel](#).

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.

Ash Wednesday (17 February) Morning Prayer will be held at 9am on zoom. Email ruth.duck@methodist.org.uk for the link. Also, a **reflective service for Ash Wednesday**, 10am on Zoom. All welcome. Email localpastor@hwmc.org.uk for the link.

Praying for our Circuit. The church on the Circuit Prayer Rota for **14th February** is **Sheriff Hutton**. 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 21 February** [Email items to grapevine.rey@gmail.com](#) by **9.00 am on Thursday 18 February**