

# NEWSLETTER

## Sunday 3 April: Fifth Sunday of Lent



Readings: Isaiah 43.16-21; Philippians 3.4b-14; John 12.1-8

### Today

- 8.00am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington  
*Revd Mark Poole*
- 10.30am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington  
*Revd Dr John Schofield*
- 10.30am Holy Communion: Holy Trinity, Stockton  
*Revd Canon Nick Bird*
- 12.30pm Baptism Service: St Nicholas, Dunnington  
*Revd Mark Poole*
- 4.00pm Family Worship: St Nicholas, Dunnington

 [Online Benefice Worship](#) (YouTube)

### Mary Anoints Jesus - A reflection from Revd Mark Poole



### This week

#### Monday 4 April

- 9.00am [Morning Prayer \(zoom\)](#)
- 1.30pm Sewing & Art Group: St Nicholas Tower Room
- 5.00pm Bell Ringing: St Nicholas, Dunnington

#### Tuesday 5 April

- 9.00am Morning Prayer: St Mary, Warthill
- 1.45pm Little People, Play and Praise: St Nicholas Tower Room

#### Wednesday 6 April

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

#### Thursday 7 April

- 9.00am [Morning Prayer \(zoom\)](#)
- 7.00pm [Lent Course \(zoom\)](#)

#### Saturday 9 April

- 10.00 am Community Café: St Nicholas Tower Room
- 10.00am Coffee Morning and Easter Fun Day: Holy Trinity, Stockton
- 2.00pm Brass Cleaning: St Nicholas Tower Room

### Sunday 10 April: Palm Sunday

Readings: Isaiah 50.4-9a; Luke 22.14-end of 23

- 8.00am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington
- 9.00am Holy Communion: Holy Trinity, Holtby
- 10.30am Morning Worship: St Nicholas, Dunnington
- 10.30am Holy Communion: Holy Trinity, Stockton
- 10.30am All Age Worship: St Mary, Warthill

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I enjoyed a real treat last Friday night! I went to see Archbishop Holgate's School production of 'Matilda,' courtesy of a Golden Ticket given to me by two of the Re-Ignite youth members, Alex and Declan. The show was absolutely superb in every way – the backstage and production team, the orchestra, the actors, and singers all gave a first-class performance, it was brilliant! The best school show I have ever seen! (Sincere apologies to my own children!)

Like many fairy tales, the story of Matilda is a triumph of good overcoming evil and celebrates authenticity, courage, generosity, and selflessness, all in the name of the common denominator of most treasured fairy tales, and that is love. Such stories exercise our imagination and set out a vision for us all to live within. These themes are not a million miles away from this Sunday's Gospel reading from John, where Mary anoints Jesus.

Mary, the woman who had listened deeply to Jesus, who recognised the profound value and timing of Christ's presence, courageously sacrificed her money and reputation in an act of extravagant generosity towards Jesus. She broke an alabaster jar of expensive perfume, poured it onto Jesus' feet and then wiped them with her hair. It was an authentic gesture of passionate adoration, love and service. Mary offered herself sacrificially and selflessly, and so embodies what it means to be a disciple of Christ.

Discipleship calls us to love God with renewed heart and mind and soul and strength which finds expression in walking authentically with the needy, selflessly lifting up the weak in love, generously feeding the poor, and striving courageously for justice. This is the vision we are called to live within. A life lived in and through His extravagant grace, mercy, compassion and love. So, let's get on the stage of life, and by the power of the dazzling light of Christ sing and dance the show-stopping good news of the gospel for all to see! That the resurrection love of God conquers everything. Alleluia!

**Revd Mark Poole**

## Parish Churches News & Events

**Ivy Lees RIP:** We are sad to report the death of our dear sister Ivy on the morning of Wed 30th March in hospital. Many of you knew Ivy, a regular at the 10.30 service at St Nicholas Church, who had been ill for several weeks. Her son, Ken reported she died peacefully. It is planned that a service celebrating her life will be held at St Nicholas Church in due course. Our prayers are with Ken, her family, friends and all those who mourn Ivy's passing. May she rest in peace.

**Frank Hall RIP:** The funeral of the late Frank Hall, father of Vivienne and former resident of Mill House, Warthill, will take place at St Everilda's church, Nether Poppleton at 12.30pm on Monday April 4th. May he rest in peace.

**Donations for Ukraine:** After the service at St Nicholas, on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, there will be a retiring collection for the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

**Holtby Village Hall Coffee Morning:** A very BIG thank you to everyone who supported the coffee morning in aid of Ukraine on Saturday 25th in Holtby Village Hall, the total raised together with donations now stands at an amazing total of £932.40. THANK YOU.

**Baptism service - Sunday 3 April 12.30pm** for Erin Louise Walker conducted by Revd Mark Poole. Please remember Erin and her parents Simon and Amanda in your prayers.

**Brass cleaning afternoon Saturday 9th April 2pm:** If you enjoy polishing brass, please join Carole in the Tower Room next Saturday afternoon (9th) from 2pm. You will need to bring with you whatever brass cleaning materials you like to use. There's a huge quantity of brass and it would be great to have it all shiny and bright for Easter. A hot drink and biscuits will be available as an incentive!

**Palm Sunday at St Nicholas:** The 10.30 Service will be one of readings, reflections, music and prayers as we begin Holy Week together.

**Dunnington Methodist Church Closing Service June 19th:** We would like to invite you to this Service. We begin at 2:00pm with some community singing of favourite hymns and then lead into the Service at 2:30pm addressed by Rev Christopher Humble. Tea and refreshments will then be served in the Reading Room. We would appreciate it if you could let us know whether you can attend for seating and catering arrangements. As soon as possible would be helpful, but at least before June 5<sup>th</sup>. Replies to: Jocelyn Auton 01904 488044 or Pat Muir 01904 488919 or [pmchronos@aol.com](mailto:pmchronos@aol.com), Or Sign the list available in the Tower Room.

**Easter Cards:** If you can deliver a street or two of cards in Dunnington, please take them from the Tower Room. If you can deliver in the other villages, please speak to your churchwarden. Thank you.

**Maundy Thursday:** During the service we will, as is traditional on this day, be washing feet, as Jesus did before the Last Supper. If you would like to be part of this, can you let Judith know? We are suggesting you bring your own towel, but we will have some spares.

**Dunnington Easter Garden:** We are going to lay the foundations of the garden at 4.00pm on Maundy Thursday in Church. Do come and help us if you are able to. We will complete the garden, with your plants, at the Eastingle Service at 11.00 on Good Friday.

**Messy Easter:** We are having our first post-covid Messy Church on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April. If you can provide a plate of food, please sign the list in the Tower Room, or ring Judith 488331.

**Electoral Roll – St Nicholas:** The electoral roll for **St Nicholas** will be revised on 15<sup>th</sup> April this year. Any new applications for inclusion must be received by that date if you wish to participate in the Annual Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> May. Forms are available in the Tower Room or contact Eve Scoreby, Electoral Roll Officer. 01904 489008 or email [eve\\_scoreby@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:eve_scoreby@hotmail.co.uk)

**Easter Communion and Afternoon Tea:** On Holy Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> April, we are having a Communion Service, at 3.00pm, for anyone across the Benefice, who may find it difficult to get to Church on Easter Sunday. If you can provide a plate of food or offer a lift, please sign the list in the Tower Room. Thank you.

**Lent Course:** The final session of our Lent course is taking place on zoom this week:

7th April - 'Generosity' - Mark Poole

The session will last just one hour and will begin, after a short prayer, with a roughly 10 minute 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. We shall regather toward the end of the session in plenary for any feedback and sharing across groups.

If you would rather not stay for the discussion part of the course, you are perfectly welcome to drop out after the introduction. Each talk will be recorded and uploaded to YouTube.

## Lectionary Corner at St Nicholas

As we enter Passiontide, there are no feast days or festivals this week, so a selection of prayers will be displayed at Lectionary Corner.

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Next newsletter on **Sunday 10th April** [Email items to grapevine.rey@gmail.com](mailto:grapevine.rey@gmail.com) by **9.00 am on Thursday 7th April**