

Churches in the Benefice of Rural East York
Dunnington, Stockton-on-the-Forest, Warthill & Holtby

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 26th March: 5th Sunday of Lent

Readings: *Ezekiel 37.1-14: Romans 8.6-11: John 11.1-45*



Today

10.30am Benefice Holy Communion, Holy Trinity
Stockton: *Ven. Sam Rushton*
6:00pm Evensong, Holy Trinity Holtby

Don't forget the clocks go forward an hour at 1am on 26th March!

This week

Tuesday 28th March

9.00am Morning Prayer: St Mary, Warthill
1.45pm Little People: St Nicholas Tower Room
7.00pm Lent Course: St Nicholas

Wednesday 29th March


9.00am Holy Communion: St Nicholas,
Dunnington
9.45am Coffee: St Nicholas Tower Room
Bereavement Café
10.00am Holy Communion: Holy Trinity,
Stockton
7.00pm [Compline \(zoom\)](#) **zoom**

Thursday 30th March

9.00am Warthill school Easter service, St Mary
Warthill
10.00am
& 11.00am Dunnington school Easter services, St
Nicholas Dunnington

Saturday 1st April

10.00 am Dunnington Cancer Support Group
coffee morning (no community café in the Tower
Room)

There also continues to be a [YouTube](#) service  produced each week.

Mission and Charity giving.

The PCC have agreed that 50% of the "Home" share of the 2022 Mission and Charity giving should be donated to York Besom Charity (£2,125) and 50% to Bundles of Joy (£2,125) which is another part of York Besom.

Tim Eady. We are delighted the Archbishop has given PTO (permission to officiate at services) to Tim. He will now be taking services in our Benefice Churches.

Next Week

Sunday 2nd April: Palm Sunday

Readings: *Matthew 21.1-11: Isaiah 50. 4-9a: Philippians 2.5-11: Matthew 26.14-27: Matthew 27.11-54*

8.00am Holy Communion, St Nicholas Dunnington
10.30am Morning Worship, St Nicholas Dunnington
10.30am Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Stockton

Easter Cards. Our benefice Easter cards are now ready for delivery in our parish churches. If you can take a street or two to deliver that will be great. Thank you.

Electoral Roll – Parish of St Nicholas. If you have recently moved into the parish and/or now attend worship at St Nicholas on a regular basis, have you considered applying to be added to the Electoral Roll? Being on the roll not only shows your commitment to St Nicholas church but also entitles you to participate/vote at the annual meetings and stand for office. The electoral roll for the parish of St Nicholas will be revised on **31st March** this year. Any new applications for inclusion must be received by that date if you wish to participate in the Annual Meeting on 23rd April. Forms are available in the Tower Room or contact Elizabeth Skilbeck, Electoral Roll Officer. 01904 481165 or email eskilbeck58@gmail.com.

Welcome to Lent Talks 2023

This year St Nicholas, Dunnington have been hosting a series of 5 Lent Talks, where we will have the opportunity to listen and talk to representatives of various faith groups. Our speakers are all members of York Interfaith Group who meet on a monthly basis and whose aim is to promote understanding, inclusion and mutual respect amongst those of all faiths and none.

The meetings are held at St Nicholas Church 7.00—8.30pm pm Tuesday evenings.

You are most welcome to attend any or all of the meetings. (Refreshments provided). See overleaf for further information.

For further information contact: John Vernon
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Benefice News And Events

Coffee after our Services. Jesus shared fellowship with others at meal and refreshment times. We, in our churches, want to offer that same time of fellowship.

If you are able to help set up and serve tea and coffee either sign the list (at St Nicholas) or speak to your churchwarden. At St Nicholas we would also like someone, or some people, to check the rota as they arrive at Church to make sure tea and coffee will be served, thank you.

Home Bible Study Group is meeting again on alternate Wednesdays @ 2pm in various homes. Everyone very welcome. The next meeting is 5th April.

Food Bank. Warthill Church has a box for food bank donations. The Church is open daily from 10.00 until 3.00 for you to leave donations. You can always check the York Food bank web site to find their current needs.

Lent Course. The last evening of our Benefice Lent Course is on Tuesday 28th March at 7.00pm in the Tower Room. The speaker will be Varsha Gulati speaking about the Hindu faith. Refreshments will be served as you arrive.

Sikh Evening. We had an excellent talk about the Sikh faith as part of our Lent Talks. Avtar has left copies of his presentation on the noticeboard in the Tower Room. Do have a read. They will be there for a couple of weeks.

Thank you. Jake gave a fantastic, first, organ recital last Saturday, and saw £282 go into the Church heating fund, thank you to those who supported him. Thank you to all who have baked or provided cakes over the past weeks, we are very grateful.

Welcome. We will be welcoming children from our local schools into church on Thursday, for their Easter Services. Warthill at 9.00, Dunnington at 10.00 and 11.00.

St Nicholas Easter Garden. If you can help lay the foundations for the Easter Garden, please speak to Pamela White. They are planning to do this on Maundy Thursday, at a time to be arranged, but they need some help.

Bereavement Café. Our next café is on Wednesday 29th March. Do join us if you would like to share your bereavement with others.

BENEFICE DISCIPLESHIP MORNING

SATURDAY 1st APRIL

The Five Marks of Mission

What are they? What do they mean to us?

Coffee from 10.00 to start at 10.30, Tower Room

We will conclude the morning by praying for the interview process for a new Rector. Bring your lunch and stay for fellowship.

*Does anyone in your family, or someone you know have Autism? Do let them know about the special Palm Sunday service happening in **Escrick church**, designed to be Autism friendly. This communion service will be held on **2nd April at 10.30am.***

Rotas.

Sidespersons/welcomers. For the 8am and 1030am Sunday services. If you can help on this important role, please do speak with Peter or Carole.

Reading and leading Intercessions at St Nicholas. If you would like to join the rota, please let Judith know by 31st March. If for any reason you would like to come off the rota, please also let Judith know by 31st March. Thank you.

Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday Bible readers at St Nicholas. If you are willing to read at either of these services, please can you let Judith know. The Palm Sunday service will require several readers. Are you willing to record a reading for the YouTube service on either of these Sundays?

Little People, Play and Praise. We would really like to have one or two more people to serve drinks to those who attend. The group for pre-school children and their parents or carers meets in the Tower Room on Tuesday afternoons, during term time, from 1.30 until 3.00. Call in on a Tuesday, or sign the list on the Tower Room rota board.

Re-Ignite Adult Supervisor required

Our marvellous youth group, ably led by Thom and Grace at St Nicholas, require an adult to fulfill supervisory requirements. This person will need to undertake the leadership safeguarding training and get an enhanced DBS certificate (all organised by the Diocese). If you think this is something that you could offer once a month on the 4th Sunday evening, please see Carole or Judith. We ask for your prayers that someone will feel God's call to offer this vital service.

'Calling all God's people', 8th to 10th September.

Booking forms for our Benefice weekend, at Wydale Hall, are now available in the benefice churches. Do consider coming to join us for either the whole weekend or for the Saturday. Not sure it's for you? Speak to Judith.

Lectionary Corner at St Nicholas

As there are no Saints' Days or Festivals this week, a selection of prayers will be displayed at Lectionary Corner.



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Next newsletter on **Sunday 2nd April** Email items to grapevine.rev@gmail.com by **9.00 am on Thursday 30th March 2023**