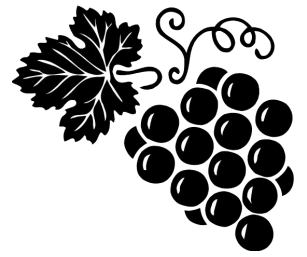


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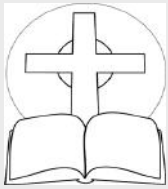


**9.00am – 1.00pm  
Stockton-on-Forest Village Hall**

*Summer Club details on p. 6*

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## Readings for August 2021

### 1 August - Trinity 9

Exodus 16.2-4, 9-15; Ephesians 4.1-16;  
John 6.24-35

### 8 August - Trinity 10

1 Kings 19.4-8; Ephesians 4.25-5.2;  
John 6.35, 41-51

### 15 August - The Blessed Virgin Mary

Proverbs 9.1-6; Ephesians 5.15-20;  
John 6.51-58

### 22 August - Trinity 12

Joshua 24.1-2a, 14-18;  
Ephesians 6.10-20; John 6.56-69

### 29 August - Trinity 13

Deuteronomy 4.1-2, 6-9; James 1.17-  
end; Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23



## From the Registers

Dunnington, Holtby  
Warhill, &  
Stockton on the  
Forest

### Baptisms

*We welcome into the family of God:*

Darcie Smyth  
4 July, Stockton

### Weddings

*none*

### Funerals

*We commit to God's loving care:*

John Greenwood  
30 June, Dunnington

Gwyneth Carter  
8 July, Dunnington

## 'I will hold your people in my heart'.

*A reflection by Rev Canon Terry Joyce*



Dear Friends,

As I'm sure you know, I am moving towards retirement from my role as Assistant Minister in this benefice. The end of August is the formal date, but as I have annual leave to take, in practical terms, the date is the end of July. Debbie and I will be moving back to Nottinghamshire in due course, and when that time comes, we will be carrying within us a wealth of wonderful and warm memories of our time living and ministering in Rural East York benefice. My full-time job was working as a Training Adviser within the Training Team in the Diocese of York, with particular responsibility for ongoing clergy training throughout the diocese and more general church-based and lay training within the Archdeaconry of York.

This has been an exciting and demanding task, but I'm especially grateful that we have been rooted in a loving community which has kept our feet on the ground!

As I reflect on the last 10 years since my appointment, it's natural to review the progress made. As in church life, we can of course count the numbers. As two other colleagues within the Training Team are also retiring, a few days ago, we met together at Wydale Hall to review and celebrate all we have been able to do together since we started. There were a lot of numbers to review: the number of Recognised Parish Assistants trained, the number of clergy who have completed the York Leadership Programme, the numbers who have studied courses on the York School of Ministry, the number of training events held in our annual programme....the list is long. I feel an immense sense of privilege having been involved, with others, during this stimulating and creative time.

But more meaningful than numbers were the stories that were shared, particularly of those whose ministry and discipleship has been tangibly developed, transformed or resourced.

In all this, I've been 'taken' by some words from 2 Corinthians 3 *'You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all; and you show that you are a letter of Christ, prepared by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.'*

It's not the numbers, but it is what is written in people's hearts that matter. These things will be carried with them, it is these things that make the difference and enable us to both live Christ's story as well as tell it.

For me, this links in with the well-loved song 'Here I am Lord', also known as 'I the Lord of sea and sky', which includes the phrase 'I will hold your people in my heart'.

Debbie and I will certainly be carrying you in our hearts as we move away. We've been so encouraged by the deep commitment of so many to the work and ministry of the church in our four villages. There is a real and impressive sense of outreach, service and concern for our communities. Having got through the lockdown challenges which have left us all feeling vulnerable and insecure, it's perhaps harder to recognise what has been achieved in the benefice. But in thanking you for the love you have expressed to us over these (nearly) 10 years, we want to applaud you for your ardent desire to shine as lights to the glory of God. Together you tell a wonderful story of devotion and love and this will be written and held deeply in our hearts. Thank you!

*Terry Joyce*

### DATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

All items for the **SEPTEMBER 2021** edition of the magazine must be received by the Editor no later than **SUNDAY 8 AUGUST**

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*The Magazine Editorial Policy can found on Page 13*

## Behind the mask

Friends,

As I write, Mr Johnson is planning on removing the remaining restrictions across our land (at least, the bits to the south and east of the borders which come under his control), and we are invited to be free, but cautious. Will it be the glorious liberty of casting off the veil? Or the vulnerability of nakedness exposed to the gaze of impetuous viruses lustily eyeing up one's immune system?

Either way, we have had our faces covered in many public spaces for a long time, and even longed-for change can be uncomfortable. And although seeing everyone's lovely face again will be great (though sensible caution may mean many retain the mouth curtain), each face hides a secret world, a world of experience and memory. I sometimes imagine humans walking around this lump of blue-green space rock like moons orbiting a planet, but within each one, instead of an impenetrable solidity, therein lies its own universe; a vastness and spaciousness of interiority that lies invisibly beyond the eyes and comprehension of others. No other person experiences this world, and no one, even peeking under the skull of another, sees their hidden thoughts. Nothing is known except what is expressed, and perhaps only through that which is displayed through behaviour and action, for actions speak louder – and perhaps more honestly – than words.

I think we are mistaken if we think the outer, visible world more concrete, more real than our psychospiritual universe. Reality is subjective, but then all experience is filtered, and we know what we know. Not that objectivity or scientific knowledge isn't crucial. It's just that we are human, and our knowing and our being are huge creative spaces of experience and encounter, both unique and beautiful.

We see many faces, and many think they can read them well. But really we are looking through a glass darkly, nowhere near the full knowing of another being. So perhaps we might revel in the vastness of our inner being, and, aware of our own unique beauty and darkness, venture into the hidden land of the soul within.

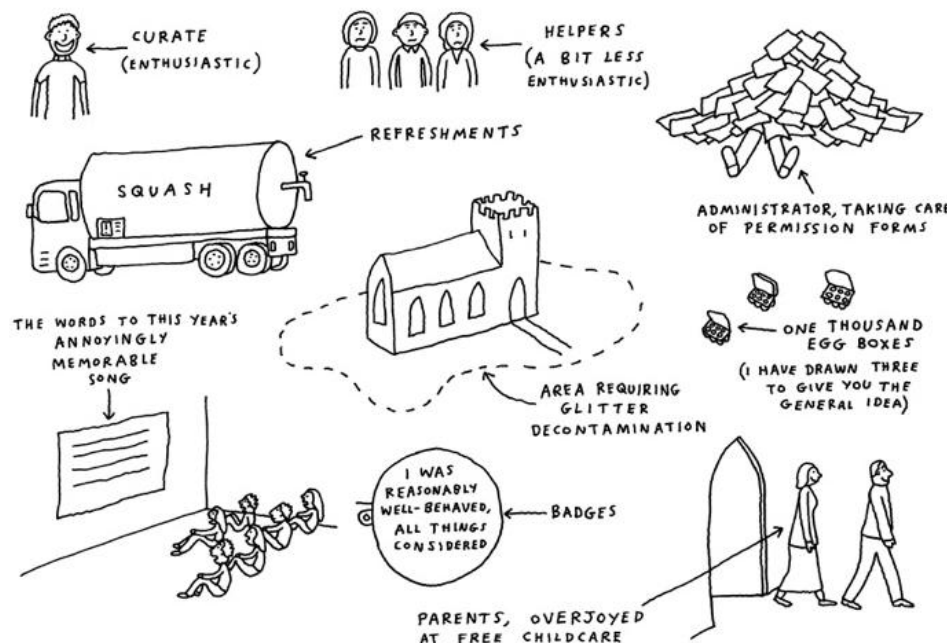
Nick Bird  
Your Rector



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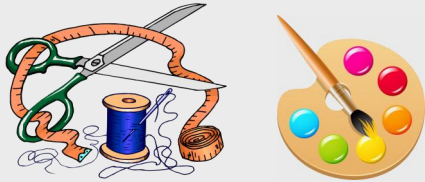
This CartoonChurch.com cartoon by Dave Walker originally appeared in the Church Times.

# CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

## Christian Meditation Group

Currently the Meditation Group is meeting on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 4pm in St Nicholas Church.

Next meeting **Wednesday 25 August**. All welcome.



## Lockdown Crafts

Have you been painting, writing, knitting or sewing over the past 18 months?

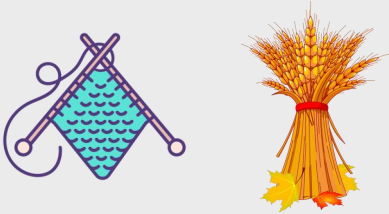
We have had some offers of people willing to share their crafts with us, but we would like some more.

We are going to display your efforts over the weekend **1st to 3rd October** in St Nicholas Church:

- Preview, with wine, on Friday 1st
- Refreshments served on Saturday 2nd
- Harvest Services on Sunday 3rd

More information next month

Proceeds shared between Carecent and St Nicholas Church.



## Monthly Prayer Meeting

There will be no prayer meeting in August.

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 30th September**, venue tbc

**zoom** | **PRAYER MEETING**

## A letter from Revd Dr John Schofield

Friends, hello there! For many of you I am the 'new' Methodist minister in Dunnington. In actual fact I have had partial responsibility at Dunnington Methodists for nearly a year now, but that was in association with the Rev Keith Albans, as he was preparing to serve his final year as a minister here in the York area – and I will have full Methodist responsibility here, as of the 1st September.



So may I therefore wish you a "Happy New Year!" for September.

We Methodist operate on a year operating September to August, that almost matches the school and academic year. That means changes in the church occur well before Advent and Christmas, and new things usually commence in September. One of those changes has been the reluctant acceptance of us being unable to continue with things at our chapel building in the village. I have been part of the review of things and the meetings involved with that.

However the long-associated cooperation between the Methodists and the Anglican in the village is to continue in new ways. I have been asked to be occasionally involved to in worship at St Nicholas parish church, so that Methodist worship continues to play a part in village life. I am already booked in for a service in each of the months of September, October and December.

Methodist ministers usually have a number of responsibilities and I am no exception to that. As well as Dunnington, I am also the minister at Stamford Bridge Methodist Church, and Heslington Anglican-Methodist ecumenical partnership and spend a lot of time with students and staff at the University of York as the Methodist Chaplain there.

But never-the-less, and despite all other things, I am please to be the Methodist minister for Dunnington, and I look forward to what God is going to do in our community in these changed circumstances.

May Christ bless you in our endeavours together,

*John*

## Dunnington Methodist Church

Dear Friends, now we have had our final service at the Methodist Chapel, there is unlikely to be any 'news' directly from Dunnington until later in the year. The stewards will continue to copy the news from the circuit to the weekly church newsletters until the last week in August, after which time we would encourage you to ask to be put on the mailing list personally. (Details below).



If there is anything we might be able to help you with, do not hesitate to call one of us: Anne Castle 01904 481656 Diane Conway 01904 489495 Chris Spedding 01904 48186.

## Receiving the Circuit News

Anyone is welcome to receive the Circuit News, please ask them to contact Lois Cross, Circuit Support Manager & PA to the Superintendent, and ask to be put on the mailing list for the Circuit News.

Email Lois at [yorkcircuitoffice@gmail.com](mailto:yorkcircuitoffice@gmail.com) or Tel: 07984 019995.

(Please note that Lois is currently working flexibly and there may be some delay in responding to emails. Thank you for your patience.)

York Methodist Circuit Hub

Melbourne Terrace Methodist Church, Cemetery Road, York, YO10 5AF

# Light A Candle Café



**Last Wednesday of the month**  
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August**  
**9:45-11:15am**  
**Tower Room**  
**St Nicholas Church**

A space to.....

Talk about loss,  
 bereavement & hope.  
 Remember loved ones.  
 Connect with others.

Free refreshments!

All welcome!  
 Starting 30<sup>th</sup> June



## Little People - could you help?

We would like to re-start Little People in September, but we need some help to do this. Could you offer to do any of the following:

- Set up the room
- Clear up afterwards
- Serve refreshments
- Help with a craft activity



The more offers of help we have the less often your name will appear on a rota!

Little People is a group for pre-school children with their parent or carer. It meets in the

**Tower Room of St Nicholas Church**

**Tuesdays during term-time 1.30 to 3.00pm**

If you can help, or want more information please contact Lisa Horton (our Children and Family Worker) on 07950 700232 or [horton2517@sky.com](mailto:horton2517@sky.com) or Sue Stigant 489302.

## Loss and Bereavement

The 'Light A Candle Café' at St Nicholas Church is a place of support and friendship for those who have been bereaved.

If you are unable to attend the 'Light A Candle Café' for whatever reason, such as you work or have prior commitments, but feel you would benefit from talking to someone about loss and bereavement, then please get in touch with one of the ministry team and we would only too pleased to spend time with you.



Rev Canon Nick Bird (Rector) 489349  
 Rev Mark Poole (Curate) 426522  
 Judith Hewitt (Reader) 488331

## Family Worship

There will be no Family Service at St Nicholas in August.



We look forward to seeing you on **5th September** for an informal Communion Service for the start of the School Year.



## Re-Ignite (Youth Group)

No meeting in August

**Next meeting 26th September**

Our youth group 'Re-Ignite' meets once a month.

This is a group for youth in school year 6 and above (most of the current members are aged 10-14).

If you would like to know more, or get involved, please contact Revd Mark Poole, our curate on [revmarkpoole20@gmail.com](mailto:revmarkpoole20@gmail.com)

# CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS



## Benefice Weekend at Wydale Hall

17th to 19th September 2021

As you read this there will be places to join us for the day, but it may not now be possible to join us to stay for the weekend.

Do contact Judith (488331) if you would like more information about the weekend.

### 'Keep Looking Up'



## Church buildings open for worship - August

### Booking no longer required

Starting Sunday 1 August, booking will no longer be required at either St Nicholas Dunnington or Holy Trinity Stockton for the regular 10.30am Sunday service. We ask that people be sensible about where they sit. We will continue to clean and ventilate the churches well, and provide individual chairs for those who would prefer them.



### Holy Trinity Stockton on the Forest

**Sunday** 10.30am Holy Communion or Morning Worship (*see p 11*)

**Wednesday** 10.00am Holy Communion

### St Nicholas Dunnington

**Sunday** 8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion or Morning Worship (*see p 12*)

**Wednesday** 9.00am morning Holy Communion.

### St Mary Warthill

**Sundays (1st and 3rd)** 9.00am Holy Communion service

**Tuesday** 9.00am Morning Prayer

### Holy Trinity Holtby

**2nd Sunday of the month** 9am Holy Communion service

**4th Sunday of the month** 6pm Evening Prayer service

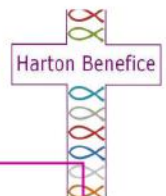
### Benefice Service

On **Sunday 29 August** there will be a Benefice service at St Nicholas Church Dunnington. Booking is necessary via the churchwarden Carole White 07508 834565

**Online** - our online service provision is continuing. See facing page. ➡

St Nicholas Church, Dunnington  
*Hope at the heart of the community.*

The Benefice of Rural East York & The Harton  
Benefice are delighted to be jointly hosting a...



## CHILDREN'S 'SUPERHERO' SUMMER CLUB!



Mon 9th August to Fri 13th August. 9.00am –1.00pm Stockton-on-Forest Village Hall

(Must book for a minimum of 2 days) Children aged 4 upwards.

Cost - £15 for 2 days, £20 for 3 days, £24 for 4 days, £30 for 5 days

(£5 per day for additional siblings). Contact Lisa Horton 07950700232  
or Rachael Harrison 07847329015 for more details or a booking form.



## Regular services online

As well as services in the church buildings (see facing page), our weekly online Sunday worship is continuing, with a service posted on our YouTube channel each Sunday and remaining available thereafter.



The services are normally shared on the channel the day beforehand. Many of us worship 'together' at 10.30am on a Sunday morning, using the video service prepared for that day, but you can watch them anytime!

<https://tinyurl.com/y28h5aec> (or search YouTube for 'St Nicholas Church').

To be added to the list of people who receive a weekly email invitation to the service when it goes live, please email Nick Bird on [revnickbird@gmail.com](mailto:revnickbird@gmail.com).



## Phone

Know someone without internet access? They can listen to the audio version of the weekly service by phone at any point during the week. It's the cost of a local call and very simple to do - just dial 899433.



## Weekday Worship via Zoom

We continue to share live midweek worship over zoom (in addition to the Wednesday morning services of Holy Communion in Dunnington and Stockton and the Tuesday morning service of Morning Prayer in St Mary, Warthill):

### Morning Prayer

Mondays & Thursdays at 9.00am

LIVE worship via Zoom

<https://tinyurl.com/y2whk8c9>

### Compline (Night Prayer)

Wednesdays at 7.00pm

LIVE via Zoom

<https://tinyurl.com/y3upjx3k>

Both Morning Prayer and Compline are short services (c. 15 minutes). You are welcome to leave as soon as the service is over or stay for a chat.



## Diocesan Synod commits to carbon-neutral plans

At Diocesan Synod on 17th July, our **Diocesan Green Ambassador, the Revd Jan Nobel**, introduced a motion inviting Synod to support the Church of England's resolve to become carbon-neutral by 2030.

The motion included a call upon all parts of the Diocese of York to measure carbon emissions, and urgently to examine what would be required to reach net zero emissions by 2030, so a plan of action can be drawn up to achieve that target.

Further, it called on the Diocesan Environment Steering Committee to provide practical guidance to churches on how to measure and reduce emissions, to prepare a draft Diocesan Environment Policy, and to report on diocesan carbon emission reductions every three years beginning in 2024.

Jan outlined the journey made by the Diocese with highlights including the appointment of deanery 'Deans of Green' in 2011 (some of whom have been active throughout while others have not been replaced), and the A Rocha 'Eco Church' awards held by 35 of our churches (and counting). The Diocese is registered with A Rocha to become an 'Eco Diocese', but as yet is far from earning its Bronze Award.

He showed Synod an **inspirational video** calling for environmental awareness and action, made by and featuring students at Archbishop Holgate's Church of England School in York ([bit.ly/ahsclimatevid2021](https://bit.ly/ahsclimatevid2021)), and described by the Dean of York as "inspiring and visionary leadership from young people".

The motion was overwhelmingly supported by Synod with 91% in favour and 5% against (4% abstained).

Read the full Synod report at <https://dioceseofyork.org.uk/news-events/news/diocesan-synod-report-17th-july-2021/>

**STAY UP-TO-DATE »**

For up to date information on Benefice Services, in case plans need to change or services are cancelled, please refer to the St. Nicholas Church website [stnicholasdunnington.org.uk](http://stnicholasdunnington.org.uk) or contact Rev Nick Bird 489349.

