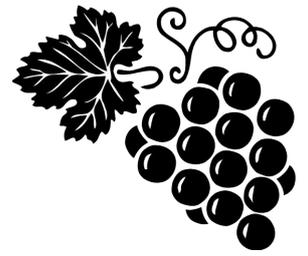


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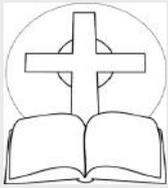


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## Readings for May 2021

### 2 May - Easter 5

Acts 8.26-end; John 15.1-8

### 9 May - Easter 6

Acts 10.44-end; John 15.9-17

### 16 May - Easter 7

Acts 1.15-17, 21-end; John 17.6-19

### 23 May - Pentecost

Acts 2.1-21; John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15

### 30 May - Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6.1-8; John 3.1-17



## From the Registers

Dunnington, Holtby  
Warthill, &  
Stockton on the  
Forest

### Baptisms

none

### Weddings

none

### Funerals

*We commit to God's loving care:*

Basil Barber

25 March, Dunnington

Pamela Z. Frankland

30 March, Dunnington (crem)

Maureen Beckett

7 April, Dunnington

Edna Nicholls

14 April, Stockton

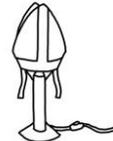


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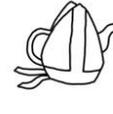
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RAINBOW

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## Catching up

*A reflection by Revd Keith Albans*

As I write, the prospect of life continuing to re-open after lockdown is still on course, with further announcements being planned for mid-May, albeit with a stated intention of following 'data not dates'. As we do, one thing I've heard people say they're looking forward to is 'catching up'. After all it's been so long and, although there have been so many things we haven't done, catching up on news (or even gossip) is an understandable wish!

But I've also heard the phrase 'catching up' used in a context which makes me more anxious – namely when it is used about children who've missed out on schooling. Don't get me wrong, the burden borne by the youngest in our communities is real and evident, and has impacted some far more than others, but simply making a whole generation feel as though they've got a massive hill to climb, in order to fit a pre-pandemic model of where they ought to be, seems to me to add insult to injury. It also fails to acknowledge or value the things that have been done, borne or experienced while normal life was suspended.

In long-distance races it's not unknown for someone who has fallen early on, and been left far behind, to regather themselves, catch up and go on to win. They always say the secret is not to panic, take your time and do it gradually. Likewise, in the Tour de France, a competitor acquiring a puncture can have their wheel changed and re-join the peloton. Their secret is not to do it alone, but to make use of the help of team-mates.

Whatever stage of life we are at, we will all have been marked by the COVID-19 virus. For some, those marks will be very deep wounds – physical, psychological or financial – whilst for others they will be far less severe. The same widely differing outcomes will be true of the groups and institutions which make up our society – and the Church is not immune from this. As we begin to pick up the pieces and 'catch up', measuring everything against 'how it was' simply sets us all up to fail. And while we will not all have learnt how to make sourdough bread, write a novel or even master Zoom, sharing and honouring the things we have experienced is surely a better form of catching up – done slowly and with the help of one another.

*Every blessing, Keith*

## I am a mermaid

Friends,

Like many people this past year I have been predominantly working from home. I have an office in the Rectory, so this isn't entirely new, and my daily commute is about 15 seconds, so nothing to complain about. But with the national lockdown, many meetings have become Zoom meetings, and, also like many people, my work attire is....variable.

Zoom, the online video conferencing platform, gives one the ability to be present, whilst not being entirely 'in the room'. From the waist up, the visible parts, I am usually well presented and am able to appear mostly human. From below the waste there is something vaguely fishy and it's best not to inspect things too closely. Conclusion, I am a mermaid; highly adapted to this peculiar environment, magical in perception, and more rarely sighted during an international pandemic. Like a siren calling people, not on to, but rather away from rocks, I am beautiful, but only in parts.

These modern ways of communicating are both marvellous and draining, but also give you the opportunity to present only the parts that one deems acceptable, and the ability to curate one's appearance. It now only takes half the effort to still look 100% presentable. Dog collar and lounge pants are the order of the day, and I need to remember not to go shopping (on those rare occasions) in slippers. But now I wonder how often this is true for us all, even in normal times. We are incredibly judgemental, and largely toward ourselves, as to what is and isn't acceptable. Even when it's not about our physical appearance, we hide that which we fear might shame us or embarrass, and cover up our quirks and oddities. Few are unabashed about putting themselves on full display – and I'm thinking more personality than physicality at this point. When adults act in ways that are not constrained by social convention or crippled by self-consciousness, we might call them childish or even eccentric. But why do we not simply name them as being 'free'.

Most of us are bound by the need to be a social average, to sit in the acceptable centre and not to stand out. To be eccentric is, by definition, to sit outside the centre, and, considering we are all unique and somewhere on the great spectrum of special, why do we fear to be ourselves in the company of others? Why are we so concerned to present a version of ourselves, a false-self, to not be present ourselves?

So, for now, I am going to enjoy being a mermaid. Alluring when in vision, and mysterious when out of sight. And I'm going to commit myself to the contemplative practice, not to be super spiritual as that's never going to happen. But rather to stare honestly and without judgement at what is, and to receive the gaze of the Divine Lover who sees our quirks, celebrates our differences, and who knows that those leggings don't go with that hoodie, but doesn't care, because the outer appearance is of far less concern than the inner life where true beauty can be found.

*Nick Bird*

*Your Rector*



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# CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

## Dunnington Scarecrow Trail

1st to 3rd May 2021

Collect your trail maps from St Nicholas Church

10.00am—4.00pm  
Saturday, Sunday and Monday



Take Away refreshments available from the Tower Room

We will be operating a one way system at Church to keep everyone safe.

Proceeds to St Nicholas Church Big Build fund to keep us warm and dry.

## Family Worship

'The seed is the word of God'

Sunday 2nd May

4.00pm at St Nicholas Church

We will not be having a Bring and Share tea this month, but hope to have a picnic outside afterwards, so do bring food for you and your family.



## Christian Aid Week

9th -15th May

Envelopes for the Dunnington house-to-house collection will be available in St Nicholas Church from 1st May.

We are **not** asking for them to be collected.

Please can you deliver your donation envelope to 7 Water Lane, 12 Greenside or The Rectory, Church Street by 22nd May, thank you.



## Reopening our buildings for worship

Holy Trinity Stockton on the Forest

On **Sunday 25 April** Holy Trinity Stockton on the Forest will be recommencing Sunday services at 10.30am, and the Wednesday morning 10am Holy Communion service will begin on the 28th. All are welcome, but reserving a place for the Sunday service will still be necessary via our churchwarden Ennis Tweddle ([ennisjacksonuk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ennisjacksonuk@yahoo.co.uk) or 400364).



St Nicholas Dunnington

**Sunday 2nd May** will see St Nicholas Dunnington starting their 8am Holy Communion service, but NOT the 10.30am service as yet. The 9am Wednesday morning Holy Communion service will begin again on the 5th May. It is not expected that reserving a place will be necessary, as the church's capacity, using the nave, is twice that of the average congregation for these particular services. However, if it turns out that demand is greater than expected, we shall make sure that places can be reserved.

Warhill and Holtby are still under consultation and no decision has been made as yet.

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

## Benefice Weekend at Wydale Hall

17th to 19th September 2021

'Keep Looking Up'

Rev Rachel Hirst, a retired priest from Norton, will lead the Saturday of our weekend for us.

Lisa, our Children and Family Worker will lead activities for the younger people.

Booking forms available in the Benefice Churches, on line and from Judith Hewitt.

Do come and join us for the weekend or the Saturday.



## Annual Parochial Church Meetings

It's that time again. The dates for the annual meetings are below. The ACPM in Dunnington will be via Zoom. It is anticipated that the others will take place in the church buildings.

**Dunnington**

Sunday 16 May, 3pm (via Zoom)

**Warhill**

Monday 24 May, 7pm

**Stockton**

Tuesday 18 May, 7pm

**Holtby**

TBA

# ACPM



# CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

## 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.



## Coffee and chat

Do join us for a catch up over Zoom at 11.30am each Sunday, once people have had a chance to participate in a service <https://tinyurl.com/y2hlhgvs>

## Weekday Worship via Zoom

We continue to share live worship over zoom, in addition to the Wednesday morning services of Holy Communion in Dunnington and Stockton:

### Morning Prayer

Mondays, Tuesdays & 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.



## Ignite (Youth Group)

Our youth group 'Ignite' has been meeting via Zoom, but

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE LIVE!!**

**23rd May at 7:00pm.**

The details and venue to will be emailed out nearer the time.

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)

## Monthly Prayer Meeting



**Tuesday 25th May,**  
venue tbc.

Revd Mark Poole invites you to join him for an informal time of prayer.

Each session lasts about an hour, commencing at 7:00pm, and is an opportunity to pray for the needs of our communities, our nation and our world especially during these difficult times. It is also an opportunity for us to pray for God's mission in our villages as we seek to serve in His Kingdom.

You, and anyone you know, are very welcome to join us. Email Revd Mark Poole [revmarkpoole20@gmail.com](mailto:revmarkpoole20@gmail.com) to receive the details.

If you do not wish to join us, but would like prayer, then let Mark know, including whether you are happy for this to be prayed for during the meeting.

**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.



## Save the Date - Sax Forte!

The Sax Forte Concert, originally planned for 2020, has been re-arranged to **Friday 9th July 2021** at 7.30pm at St Nicholas Church, subject to Covid19 restrictions at that time.

Enjoy an evening listening to a varied programme of music by this talented quartet of saxophonists.

More information in next month's Grapevine.



## ME

*A poem by June Rickell*

I've got 2 arms that reach up high  
If needs must  
I have 2 legs that reach the ground  
But only just  
I have 2 eyes to see the light  
A bit more difficult at night  
I have 2 ears to hear you talk  
I have 2 feet that help me walk  
I have a head, a nose, a chin  
I have a mouth to put things in  
Chocolate of course, I hear you think  
And also somewhere to put my drink  
I have 2 hands to say my prayers  
I have 2 knees – don't like the stairs  
I have a neck, must hold it straight  
So I can gain a bit of height  
All put together as you see  
These things just go to make up me  
But best of all, and here it ends  
I have the most delightful friends

## Dunnington Methodist Church

Dear Friends

As we enter the month of May, we look forward to gathering in the Chapel on **23rd May** for the festival of Pentecost. Obviously this will have to be held in line with government guidelines (whatever they might be by then!) and with advice from the circuit, so detailed information will be given in the newsletters nearer the time. It seems that we have all been living with so many uncertainties, much unpredictability and powerlessness in our lives over the last year, we all surely need to tap into the energy of that first Pentecost that enabled ordinary people (the disciples) to do extraordinary things that they would never have thought possible. In part, this process involved letting go of the known, the familiar, and allowing themselves to be taken forward in many diverse and different directions, some of which they didn't fully understand initially. Post covid we can only guess what might be in store, personally, nationally and globally, but there just might be the most amazing adventure around the corner. We live in hope!

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, Chris Spedding 01904 481867

### Worship

Online worship produced by the Circuit can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMZlI3vyksFEonZ-EQbbhuQ> and a list of online worship services around the Circuit is available at: <https://www.yorkmethodist.org.uk/coronavirus-information/online-services.html>.

### 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.



## ARE YOU MOURNING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE?

We are very aware that a number of you have sadly lost a loved one during this past year, maybe from Covid or maybe from another cause.

You may now be feeling that you want to talk to someone about the person you have lost, to someone who will listen, to someone who cares about how you are feeling.

Your family, if you have one, may think time has passed and you are now 'over it', but the pain may still be there.

We would like to invite you to pick up the phone and call either of us for a chat and, if we can, to arrange to meet you, if that is what you want.

Rev Canon Nick Bird (Rector) 489349

Rev Mark Poole (Curate) 426522

Judith Hewitt (Reader) 488331



*'In the rising of the sun and in its going down,  
We remember them'*

*'When we have joys, we yearn to share,  
We remember them'*



## Churches Count on Nature

5 – 13 Jun 2021

'Churches Count on Nature' runs as part of *Caring for God's Acre's* 'Love Your Burial Ground week' from Saturday 5th June – Sunday 13th June 2021. The Church of England is asking churches to use the week as a springboard to start recording the wildlife within their churchyards.

So, if you fancy running a wildlife spotting event in Love Your Burial Ground Week then please register and you will be sent to a link to a page where you can download various resources.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/webinars-land-and-nature-churches-count-nature-week#na>

### Land and Nature webinar series

5 – 13 June 12:00pm – 7:00pm

Every weekday during Churches Count on Nature week the Church of England Environment Programme are running webinars at noon and 4pm. On Monday and Wednesday, there are evening webinars at 6pm. Each one covers a different facet of land, nature, and ecology, from the practical to the theological.

Places on all webinars are free but must be booked using the link above. Before the webinar, you will be sent a unique Zoom link which you click to join.

#### Monday 7th June:

Noon - Nature and climate : twin crises, shared solutions  
 4pm - Forest Church  
 6pm - The National Burial Grounds Survey

#### Tuesday 8th June:

Noon - Finding our faith in trees  
 4pm - 5 steps to good management of your churchyard or burial ground [BOOK HERE](#)

#### Wednesday 9th June

Noon - Practical examples from Bristol Dioceses of churchyards managed for nature  
 4pm - Blooming and beautiful : flower-rich grasslands [BOOK HERE](#)  
 6pm - Bats in Churches

#### Thursday 10th June

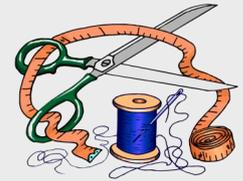
Noon - Devon Living Churchyards Project  
 4pm - Eco Church : Land

#### Friday 11th June

Noon - A beginner's guide to biodiversity and ecology [BOOK HERE](#)  
 4pm - Biological recording for Churches Count on Nature and the Beautiful Burial Ground Project



## Lockdown Crafts



During the lockdowns many of us have taken up new crafts or returned to crafts we had previously enjoyed but not had the time to do.

We, at St Nicholas Church, would like to give you the opportunity to 'show them off' over the weekend of 1st to 3rd October as part of our Harvest Celebrations.

If you are willing to share your craft, please contact Judith Hewitt, 488331 or



[judithmhewitt@btinternet.com](mailto:judithmhewitt@btinternet.com) by 1st June.

## News from York Diocese

Diocesan Synod met online on 17 April. Among other matters discussed were:

- The 2018 Church of England's report '**Setting God's People Free**' (SGPF) which urges churches to empower and encourage every member in declaring and living out their practical Christian faith from Monday to Saturday each week as well as in church on Sunday.
- the '**Faith at Home**' campaign, which supports the faith development and pastoral care of children and young people alongside and together with our work in schools and churches.
- The '**Living Christ's Story**' programme, including the projects:
  - \* **Multiply**; building new worshipping communities amongst those in their 20s, 30s and 40s