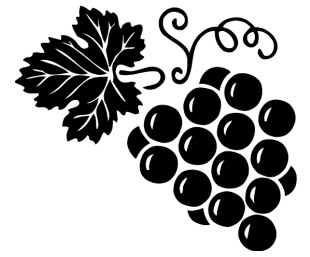


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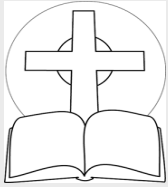


One of the many species found in Stockton's churchyard p. 8

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Readings for July 2021

4 July - Trinity 5

Ezek. 2.1-5; 2 Cor. 12.2-10;
Mark 6.1-13

11 July - Trinity 6

Amos 7.7-15; Eph. 1.3-14;
Mark 6.14-29

18 July - Trinity 7

Jer. 23.1-6; Eph. 2.11-end;
Mark 6.30-34, 53-end

25 July - James the Apostle

Jer. 45.1-5; Acts 11.27-12.2;
Matt. 20.20-28



From the Registers

Dunnington, Holtby
Warthill, &
Stockton on the
Forest

Baptisms

We welcome into the family of God:

Georgia and Evlynn Harrison
6 June, Dunnington

Millie Hattee
6 June, Stockton

Weddings

none

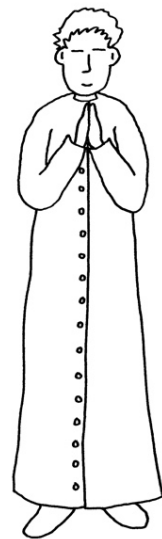
Funerals

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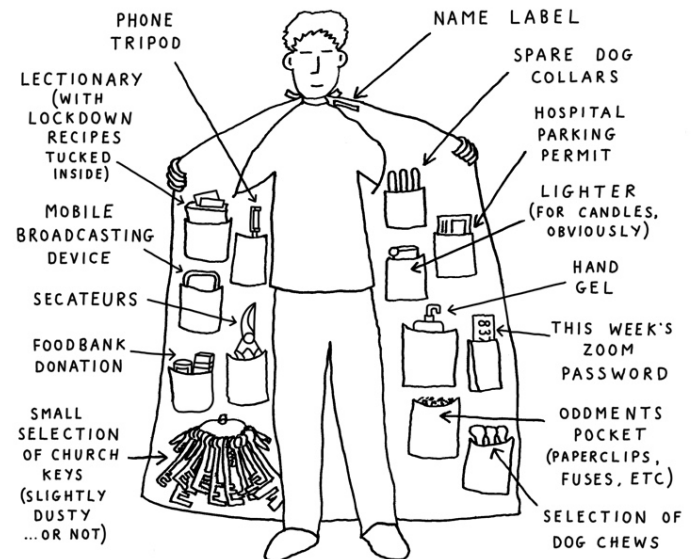
Angela Mazza
22 June, Dunnington

Dorothy Stelling
23rd June, Crem

THE CASSOCK



THE OUTWARD
APPEARANCE



THE INWARD
REALITY

CartoonChurch.com

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

Questions and Answers

A reflection by Rev Mark Poole

Since January of this year, I have become the ordained chaplain at Archbishop Holgate's School in York alongside serving as curate across our benefice. Over the past few weeks, I have visited each Year 10 RE revision class giving me the opportunity to meet some students as school life resumed after the long lockdown. What an enormous privilege this has been! Without exception each class demonstrated excellent behaviour extending a very warm and enthusiastic welcome.

Following an introduction about my background and my faith journey, I encouraged them to ask me anything, 'juicier the better!' Possibly quite foolish but I decided to take the risk anyway. I wasn't disappointed. The students were unafraid to ask about some of the meaty questions of life. I was interrogated on a whole range of issues including nuclear weapons, the death penalty, heaven and hell, sexuality, equality, euthanasia, world religions and abortion to name just a few. They certainly put me through my paces and afterwards I felt an overwhelming desire to lie down in a darkened room!

The students were seeking 'answers' and in particular, my views as a Christian and as a member of the clergy of the Church of England. I suspect that some of my responses were not what they were expecting, and I was careful to emphasise that my views are not representative of all Christian belief and practice. Other less liberal minded Christians would advocate differing views. I also suspect that perhaps the students found some of my responses frustrating because I couldn't base them on empirical evidence, rather they required a step of faith. This is where it becomes challenging, not just for refreshingly inquisitive Year 10 students, but quite possibly for us all.

To live by mystery and faith rather than certainty and knowledge, to think from the seat of the heart rather than the mind, and to seek spiritual communion with the movements of God's love deep within our soul is countercultural and demands vulnerability, humility and trust. It is risky and challenging. It is unfamiliar terrain and perhaps the reason why it is a road that is often less travelled.

Of course, questions are also asked to stimulate discussion, debate and argument which can challenge and influence thinking and behaviour. I hope next time I can enjoy this interlocution with the Year 10s as I am certain they have much to teach me.



Acting DDO

Friends,

For the past three months or so I have been covering a colleague's role whilst he has been on sick leave, which means I've been around the parishes rather less. The Diocesan Director of Ordinand (DDO, also known as the Diocesan Adviser on Vocations) job is to oversee all those in the discernment process who are exploring a vocation, those going to a national selection event for want-to-be vicars, supporting the bishops in their part, and also helping recommended candidates into training. I will also be at the ordination of deacons in the Minster in late June, which promises to be fun. The DDO job is challenging and exciting, but most of all it is such a privilege to be accompanying people on this particular part of their journey.



There is a story about a young man who goes to the abbot of a monastery and, in all sincerity and piety, asks for the abbot's guidance as to his future. Should he become a priest, a husband, a teacher, a monk? What about a social worker, or doctor, or missionary? How can he possibly know which one is right, and so follow the path that has been laid for him to walk in? The abbot carefully considered the young man's question and then responded: "God doesn't care what you do". The young man was surprised, shocked even. But the abbot continued: "Seek first what is good and just. Love others in the measure that you love yourself. Care for those who come to you in need. After that, God is not concerned as to how you live your life".

Perhaps life is not about fulfilling a particular role, or that there is something predetermined for us to discover; a single correct path that awaits us. But rather that life is about finding the best way for us to live out our gifts, our interests, our passions; bringing together our skills and experience in the service of others. We are not called to *do* a particular thing (the Latin *vocare*, 'to call', is the root of our word vocation), but to *be* something – be loving, be caring, be useful, be present, be just and honest and generous. Does it really matter how we live that out? If we seek first those things that are most important, all these other things – contentment, fulfilment, happiness – will come along too. The priesthood is no higher calling than the bin man, shelf stacker, teacher or accountant. They are simply different ways to live out the life we have been given with the greatest love possible.

Nick Bird, Your Rector

Please Pray for...

Nicky Gladstone as she is ordained deacon on 26th June

Mark Poole as he is ordained a priest on 3rd July at 3.00pm at Holy Trinity, Stockton.

On Sunday 4th July Mark will lead his first service of Holy Communion in Holy Trinity, Stockton.

There are limited spaces available to attend both Mark's ordination and 'First Mass'. Please contact Ennis Tweddle (ennisjacksonuk@yahoo.co.uk or 400364) to book



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Email grapevine.rey@gmail.com or place in the tray in the Tower Room at St Nicholas Church, together with your name and contact details.

For all other enquiries, please call Victoria on 01904 489817 or e-mail as above.

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Family Worship

'Daniel was not afraid'

Sunday 4th July

4.00pm at St Nicholas Church

A short interactive service for all ages.

Our theme for the year is 'Bible Heroes' and this month we consider the courage of Daniel.

Bring your own picnic tea, drinks provided.



There will be no Family Worship in August.

On Sunday 5th September, just before schools return, Family Worship will take the form of a very informal Communion Service.



Loss and Bereavement

The new '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



You are invited!

Please come and join us at our
Big Family Picnic!

On Sunday 11th July 2021 at 4pm
at Holy Trinity Church, Stockton on the
Forest or St
Nicholas' Church, Dunnington.

Everyone's welcome. Bring the whole family and
come and join in the fun, games and activities.

Light A Candle Café



Last Wednesday of the month

Wednesday 28th July

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 30th June



Sax Forte Concert

Friday 9th July 2021

7.30 pm in St Nicholas Church



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

All very welcome.

Tickets £6.50 adult/£3.00 under 18

(to include a glass of Prosecco or Pimms/soft drink)

available from Eve Scoreby 489008, Judith Hewitt 488331, Joan Verrier 481626, or Diane Benson 07951 582672.

Raffle on the night. Proceeds towards re-roofing Tower Room and updating heating system.

Please be prepared to wear face coverings and to social distance

CAN YOU? HELP

We need your help!

We are hoping to run a week long children's Summer Holiday Club (week of 9th August) jointly with the Harton Benefice (see poster below).

We will need helpers 9am-1.30pm to help run the crafts, games and other activities with us. If you are able to help out, whether for the whole week or just a couple of mornings please message me

at horton2517@sky.com. Without additional helpers we cannot run the club. Thanks very much.

Lisa Horton

Children and Families Worker

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.





Christian Aid Week Collection

We have received donations of £2,181.64 from Dunnington residents and £295 from the residents of Warhill, and we know some people will have made donations directly to Christian Aid.

Just over half of the amount came with a gift aid declaration so that adds another £500 plus to the amount.

Thank you for your generosity.

'Keep Looking Up'



Benefice Weekend at Wydale Hall

Our Benefice Weekend will soon be here.

17th to 19th September 2021

Wydale will be ready and waiting for us.

Have you completed a booking form yet?

(available on the [website](#) or in the Benefice Churches or from Judith Hewitt)

We are really looking forward to having your company for the weekend or for the Saturday.



Church buildings open for worship - July

Holy Trinity Stockton on the Forest

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

Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion

All are welcome, but reserving a place for the Sunday service is necessary via our churchwarden Ennis Tweddle (ennisjacksonuk@yahoo.co.uk or 400364). Please wear a face covering in the building.



St Nicholas Dunnington

Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion

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

Wednesday 9.00am morning Holy Communion.

It is necessary to reserve a place for the 10.30am Sunday service (but not the other services). Please call Carole White, churchwarden, on 07508 834565. The church remains open until 4.00pm for private prayer on both days. Please wear a face covering in the building.

St Mary Warhill

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 (starting Sunday 11th July)

4th Sunday of the month 6pm Evening Prayer service (starting Sunday 25th July)

Benefice Service

On Sunday 25 July there will be a Benefice service at Holy Trinity, Stockton. Booking is necessary via the churchwarden Ennis Tweddle (ennisjacksonuk@yahoo.co.uk or 400364).

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

Dunnington Methodist Church

The Methodist Church Council met after Easter to discuss how we might respond to a shortage of those able and willing to hold office, a decreasing number of members and the effects of 15 months of lockdown. After a wide-ranging discussion we reached the conclusion that carrying on in our current form is not possible and that we must therefore seek permission to begin the process of likely closure. Conversations have begun with our ecumenical partners and we have committed ourselves to find ways of maintaining a Methodist witness within the Village. This has been a very difficult decision for everyone involved, as well as for the wider community, and it is one which has been passed to the Circuit and District for their consideration and support.

If anyone reading this statement has any questions about the issue, do not hesitate to call one of the stewards

Anne Castle 01904 481656, Diane Conway 01904 489495, Chris Spedding 01904 481867

The last service to be held at the Chapel will take place on **11th July** at 10.00am which will also be the last service for our Minister and Circuit Superintendent, Revd Dr Keith Albans who will be retiring this month. It would be helpful if you could leave a message with one of the stewards if you intend to come.

We are also hoping to be able to view the Circuit Celebration Service in the chapel on the afternoon of July 11th (If we can master the technology required!) followed by a 'farewell' afternoon tea (covid restrictions allowing).



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.



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, Warhill):

Morning Prayer

Mondays & Thursdays at 9.00am

LIVE worship via Zoom

<https://tinyurl.com/y2whk8c9>

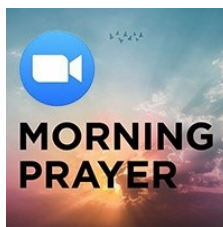
Compline (Night Prayer)

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.



Re-Ignite (Youth Group)

**Sunday 25th July, 7.00pm
at St Nicholas Church**

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



zoom | PRAYER MEETING

Monthly Prayer Meeting

Monday 26th July via Zoom

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 to receive the joining 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 or contact Rev Nick Bird 489349.



CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

Churches Count on Nature

How much nature finds a home in your local Churchyard?

With nature in England under pressure as never before, this is the question which groups from Holy Trinity Church in Stockton and St Nicholas Church in Dunnington set out to answer on Saturday 12th June.

Part of a national initiative run by the charities Caring for God's Acre and A Rocha UK, in just over 2 hours at each site the 'Churches Count on Nature' recorded over 90 species of plants, birds and animals across the two churchyards, with more records still being collated.



Visitors to Holy Trinity were treated to a bewildering display of wildflowers in the tall grass and wilder margins, with an impressive range of bees and flies helping pollinate them. Although diversity was somewhat lower in Dunnington, several surprising species like the Small Copper butterfly (pictured left) and a singing Goldcrest, together with various woodland plants, indicate the potential for creation to thrive here too, given sensitive management.

Younger participants enjoyed the Nature Detective activities Lisa Horton had organised, and also having a close up look at some of the bugs and beasts that were caught and released.



Thank you to all the volunteer observers, and also those who provided teas and coffees, cold drinks and cakes, which were greatly appreciated!

Unlike most of our countryside, most of our churchyards have never been given artificial fertilizer or sprayed with pesticides, making them increasingly valuable oases for wildlife. Churches across the country are gradually waking up to the responsibility this bestows upon them to care for all of God's creation. We hope that the Churches Count on Nature becomes an annual event that provides a regular stock take on the state of nature in our Churchyards. With careful management, burial grounds can become vibrant homes to nature squeezed by ever more intensive land use elsewhere.

Although management of churchyards in recent years has prioritised tidiness over biodiversity, perhaps church communities are ready to return to a more traditional management of Churchyards and see what life can be encouraged to thrive alongside us? After all, what better memorial could we wish for, than an abundance of life?



Nick Bird's Epic Challenge

Revd Nick is taking on another epic (crazy?) challenge.

On Friday 23rd July, at about midday, he plans to leave Hull and walk the Yorkshire Wolds Way continuously to Filey, a total distance of 80 miles.

The purpose is to raise money towards repairing the Tower Room roof at St Nicholas Church, as part of our Building Work Appeal, so that we can continue to host community activities for years to come.

Sponsorship forms will be available soon, but you can already give online using the dedicated GoldenGiving link on the homepage of the St Nicholas website stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/

