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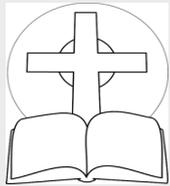


The heart-warming scene created by Grimston Court Care Home for the Dunnington Scarecrow Trail.

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**Dunnington, Stockton on the Forest
Warthill & Holtby**



Readings for June 2021

6 June - Trinity 1

2 Cor. 4.13-5.1; Mark 3.20-end

13 June - Trinity 2

2 Cor. 5.6-17; Mark 4.26-34

20 June - Trinity 3

2 Cor. 6.1-13; Mark 4.35-end

27 June - Trinity 4

2 Cor. 8.7-end; Mark 5.21-end



From the Registers

Dunnington, Holtby
Warthill, &
Stockton on the
Forest

Baptisms

none

Weddings

none

Funerals

We commit to God's loving care:

Nora Barnes

12 May, Dunnington

Loss and Bereavement

Please see the poster on page 6 for the new 'Light A Candle Café' at St Nicholas Church - 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

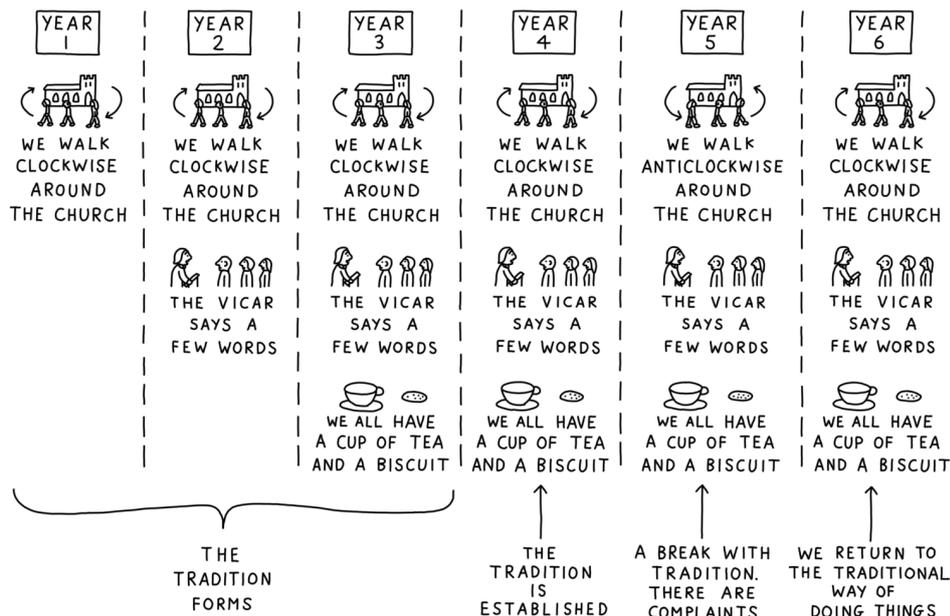
Rev Mark Poole (Curate) 426522

Judith Hewitt (Reader) 488331



TRADITION

HOW IT DEVELOPS



CartoonChurch.com

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

Enjoy Today

A reflection by Judith Hewitt

Dear Friends,

I wonder how many times you have said 'I'm looking forward to.....' in the last eighteen months or so. I would like to suggest it would be many times. I would also suggest there will be a huge number of things that we are all looking forward to.

But what about today and what might happen during it and what we might do in it and who might we meet?

Each day is a gift from God, and He wants that day to be special, to be a day to remember, a day with something in it to say 'thank you' for.

Not all days are days we want to remember, but there will still be something in it to give thanks for. It maybe helpful to think back over a difficult day and to recall something you are grateful for; however small it may be, then to remember how you felt and to offer it to God.

Yes, we are looking forward, because there is so much we are looking forward to, those activities we were, or want to be involved in, those places we want to visit and to have more time to share with others, but make the most of this day and every new day as it comes.

A hymn many of you will be familiar with is 'New every morning is the love', with the last lines being 'and help us this and every day, to live more nearly as we pray.'

Enjoy today,



Judith

John Gotti [the mob boss] had a great line... He said: 'I became everything I wanted to become - how about you?'

Friends,

Call me lazy, but being a mobster and extortionist seems like a huge amount of work, unsocial hours, untrustworthy colleagues and the constant nagging stress of knowing you might be 'whacked' at any time. It must be a lifestyle choice as much as a chosen profession – perhaps it's the suits! And what about job satisfaction? Gotti was reported to earn millions of dollars, and yet died ten years into a whole life sentence for multiple murders. Maybe he didn't do it for the money.



An article in the Guardian a few years ago made this report:

Want to be happy in your work? Go to theological college and avoid a career pulling pints. That would seem to be one conclusion to draw from a new study into wellbeing and public policy, which found that employees reporting greatest job satisfaction were vicars, while publicans – who on average earn almost £5,000 a year more – were the least happy in their work.

See, I knew I was doing the most privileged job in the world. But I am fascinated by Gotti's quote; 'I became everything I wanted to become – how about you?' This lays down an immense challenge, not least from someone who became something that many of us would not admire. Would you be able to respond in the affirmative?

Twenty years ago, as a young couple, Diane and I moved from the bright lights of Birmingham to the small, but perfectly formed, city of York. I took a part time Staff Nurse job at the LGI, and Diane was employed as a Community Development Worker in Foxwood, York, also part time. We purposefully bought a smaller house to keep our costs low (at the time choosing not to take on a massive £80,000 mortgage, but a rather more modest one of £60,000 – those were the days). The point being that we decided what we wanted to achieve professionally, personally, and in bricks and mortar, downshifting in order to accomplish a lifestyle, modest in ambition and freeing in practice, and it worked well. In effect, we had the fortune to become everything we wanted to become, without the fortune.

Ordination was an obedient response rather than a career ambition, and I believe that although it doubled my working week, the shared job satisfaction of ministers is because of the privilege we experience of walking alongside people, sharing burdens, engaging in a hugely varied work life (no two days are ever the same by a long shot), and having the freedom to manage our own diaries.

Maybe, just maybe, it's less about our great achievements, but, rather, what we set out to achieve in the first place. If my ambition is to conquer the mountain, then there is a reasonable chance that I'll fail. But if my ambition is to enjoy the climb, the views, the company, the freedom, then I shall likely succeed. Is it too challenging a question to ask 'What do I want to become?' (even in old age), or do we let the river of life carry us downstream and await to discover which shore we are washed up on? Or is the ambition to enjoy the wild ride that life provides, welcoming all that comes to us?

I would love to live like a river flows, carried by the surprise of its own unfolding

John O'Donohue

Nick Bird, Your Rector

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DATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

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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.

The Magazine Editorial Policy can found on Page 10

CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

Family Worship

Sunday 13th June

4.00pm at St Nicholas Church

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

Bring your own picnic tea, drinks provided.

The next date is Sunday 4th July. There will not be Family Worship in August.



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

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



Benefice Weekend at Wydale Hall

17th to 19th September 2021

Are you coming to join us for the weekend or for the Saturday?

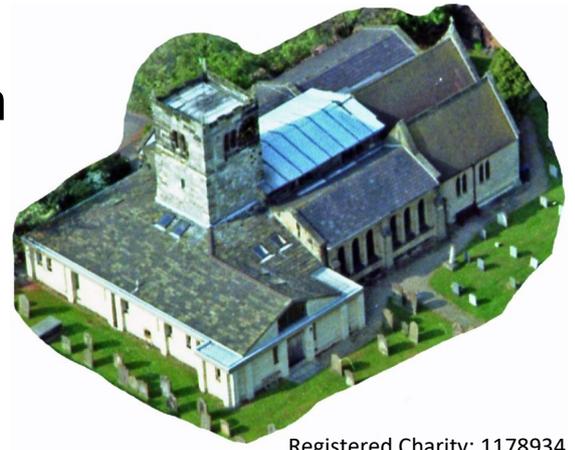
'Keep Looking Up'

Booking forms in the Benefice Churches or from Judith Hewitt



St Nicholas Parish Church

Beyond 2020



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Tower Room Re-Roofing and New Heating System

"Renew, Restore, Rejuvenate"

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who has already donated to our fund to replace the Tower Room roof and install a new heating system. We have received, or been pledged, nearly £30k already, which is a tremendous start to our fund raising!

Undertaking this work is so important for ensuring the church buildings can be used by the whole Dunnington community well into the future. There are already a wide range of users, such as the 'Little People' toddler group, the 'Fun, Food and Fellowship' events, the art and sewing groups, and the yoga classes. Maybe you've relaxed in the Tower Room before now **enjoying an evening of beer and hymns, a ladies' cheese and wine event, or toasting the haggis on Burns' night?** Or enjoyed a quick cuppa in between the school infants' and juniors' Christmas, Easter or Harvest services, or a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie following a service of carols by candlelight?

We have a vision for developing the use of this valuable space even further, particularly as a place to meet people and get support, both of which are so crucial as we emerge from the pandemic. Ideas are developing on hosting a bereavement café; having an annual fair of organisations who provide services to the village; and offering support for local carers and those with dementia.

While there is some way to go in obtaining the necessary funds, progress is being made on developing the plans for the roof replacement, which is the first phase of the project. Our church architect has drafted the specification, which is now enabling us to apply for planning permission. Inevitably, being a listed building of historic importance to Dunnington means that the processes are complex.

If you can make a financial donation to help us take the project forward, we would be enormously grateful. Cash or cheques (made payable to Dunnington PCC) can be put through the Rectory Letterbox (Church Street) or via your normal church contacts. Please mark the envelope with "fabric donation". If you can gift-aid your donations this would be appreciated as this will enable us in addition to claim some tax back. Gift-aid envelopes are available in the church or from the Church Wardens, or you can download a gift-aid declaration from the webpage below.

Donations can also be made online via the church website

<https://stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/news/building-appeal.php>

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Thanking you in anticipation of your help with this. By the village working together on this investment we can ensure our church is renewed, restored, and rejuvenated to serve ourselves and future generations.

Peter Helm and Carole White

"A Christ-like presence with the people of Dunnington"

CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

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.

There will be three services held at the Chapel over the next three months.

Details will be given in the in weekly newsletters.

- **23rd May** at 10.00 am when John Schofield will be leading us in worship. (Pentecost)
- **27th June** at 10.00am Lead by Elisa Main
- **11th July** at 10.00am which will be the last service for our Minister and Circuit Superintendent, Revd Dr Keith Albans who will be retiring this month.

There will also be a Church Council Meeting at the Chapel on **Thursday 1st July** at 2.30 pm, but in the light of the above statement, there will, sadly, be no other meetings, gatherings, or bookings taking place.

June is Bible Month

As usual, this June, churches, groups and individuals join together in looking at the book of Mark. All the resources will be available via the website Bible Month page

(www.yorkmethodist.org.uk/what-we-do/bible-month.html)



- The **Circuit Online Worship for June** will be based on the Bible Month material, and will be led by some of our local preachers and supernumeraries. Videos of services for the four Sundays in June will be made available on the Circuit YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMZll3vyksFEonZ-EQbbhuQ>
- **Study resources** are being created looking at four of the stories from Mark's Gospel. You could choose to meet up with a small group to take part, either on zoom or in person (subject to the current rules on meeting up), or you could use them to study the passage on your own or with your family.
- We will also be producing **videos of dramatised readings** of the four stories covered in the study material, which you can use in a group or service or just watch it yourself for a slightly different take on the story. These will be available on our YouTube channel and on social media- follow us on Facebook for additional prayer suggestions and other content!

Lois would love to hear about your experiences of Bible Month, so please do get in touch to let her know how you get on!

Lois Cross

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Thank YOU

Those two words don't seem enough, but a huge thank you to those of you who made Scarecrows, baked cakes, served refreshments, bought cakes for the 'journey' and bought Trail Maps, your generosity enabled us to raise £1,400 to go into the fund to re-roof the Tower Room.

The atmosphere in Dunnington was amazing and it was so obvious people wanted something to do.

Photographs of the Scarecrows can be viewed on St Nicholas Church website, and there a couple more, along with a poem about the event, on page 13.



Lockdown Crafts

1st to 3rd October

We are looking forward to seeing your crafts as part of our Harvest Celebrations.

We will also need your favourite lockdown cakes for refreshments on the Saturday.



Churches Count on Nature

Saturday 12th June

10am—12:30pm Holy Trinity, Stockton
2—4pm St Nicholas, Dunnington



Caring for creation is one of the church's key missions, but how can we do that if we don't know what we have!

Come and join us in the churchyards of Holy Trinity and St Nicholas and help survey the biodiversity as part of the national Churches Count on Nature initiative.

No specialist skills needed, but if you can, bring a smart phone with the free 'iNaturalist' app installed - you'll be get expert help with your identification by uploading photos of what you see! Our findings will be added to a national database.

Nature Detective activities will be provided for children, to help everyone of all ages to get involved, and we hope to serve refreshments.

Helpers needed

We need help to serve refreshments and hand out nature detective sheets and magnifying glasses.

Any local naturalists would also be very welcome to help!

If you can help on the day, or bake cakes for the event, please email: Lisa Horton at horton2517@sky.com or Colin Beale at colin.beale@york.ac.uk.

Land and Nature webinar series

5 – 13 June 12:00pm – 7:00pm

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

Every weekday during Churches Count on Nature week the Church of England Environment Programme are running webinars. Places are free but must be booked using the link above.

Church buildings open for worship - June

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).

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.

St Mary Warthill

Weekly service of Morning Prayer in the building on Tuesday at 9.00am.

Holy Trinity Holtby is still closed at present.

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



Light A Candle Café



Last Wednesday of the month

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



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, 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.



Re-Ignite (Youth Group)

Our youth group 'Re-Ignite' is now meeting face to face each month. The next dates are **27th June** and **25th July**.

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

Tuesday 29th June and 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.



Giving to your church

Thank you so much to all who support your church with regular giving.

The church locally and nationally has been hit hard by coronavirus, in a similar way to the rest of the country, and there is a concern that the repercussions of this will be very significant unless we can meet the issue with generosity and steadfast commitment. You are invited to be part of our response. Do speak with your churchwarden (contact details on page 19) if you are able to increase your regular giving, or make a one-off donation.

For St Nicholas church, donations can be made online if you prefer. Details of how you can give are available at stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/outreach/giving.



“The Fallen” - Remembered

German aircraft crash at Dunnington Lodge Farm (part 2). Near the farmhouse there is a small wayside memorial with a wooden cross. An inscription beside it carries the names of those who lost their lives in the incident. Another refers to a remarkable story, outlined in the York Press by Richard Harris in 2008.

In 1944 a Lancaster bomber from RAF Wickenby, returning from a mission over Berlin, was shot down by a Messerschmitt 110 fighter. The crew bailed out, the last being the navigator Arthur Lee whose parachute opened just in time to land him in a wood near Katzenelnbogen, 20 miles southeast of Koblenz. The rest of his crew were all killed. Angry local people rushed to the site, apparently intent on lynching the young British airman. A German soldier confronted the crowd at gunpoint, insisting that the airman be released and given medical treatment. Arthur's life was saved, though the soldier, Rudi Balzer, was later court-martialled.

About 45 years later, the airman and the soldier met again at the crash site – where, after the war, Herr Balzer had created a memorial with a mahogany cross, and six smaller crosses alongside to commemorate the dead aircrew. Other veterans were with them, and together they decided to find in Britain the site where the last German aircraft was brought down – for a like memorial.

This was the Ju88 nightfighter crash site at Dunnington Lodge Farm, where three of the Moll family were fatally injured and the German aircrew were all killed. A memorial was erected in 1989, after which British and German veterans began visiting this and the Katzenelnbogen sites in alternate years.

Since then, both Arthur Lee and Rudi Balzer have died; but their friendship and shared respect for the memory of ‘The Fallen’ had set an example. The reciprocal visits continue – under the joint patronage of the Doncaster Air Gunners Association and the German Nightfighters Association. In Britain, the event includes an associated visit to the Yorkshire Air Museum at the nearby former RAF Elvington airfield.

Fr Val Hollands (faithirV@googlemail.com / 01904 489 283)

**YORK
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STUDIOS**

YORK OPEN STUDIOS IN OUR AREA NEW DATES: 10/11 and 17/18 July 2021

PAINTING • SCULPTURE • CERAMICS • JEWELLERY • TEXTILES • PHOTOGRAPHY

After the Covid-19 pandemic stopped play last year, we are looking forward to welcoming you back to our studios this summer. Here are the artists taking part this side of York:

STOCKTON- ON-THE-FOREST

VENUE 88

Julie Lightburn (painting)
First Floor, Unit 13, The Bull Centre,
YO32 9LE

MURTON

VENUE 96

Rosie Bramley (painting)
19 Murton Garth YO19 5UL

Covid-19 measures will be in place to make your visit as safe and as enjoyable as possible.

HOLTBY

VENUE 97

Hannah Arnup (ceramics)
Michelle Galloway (painting)
Tabitha Grove (painting & drawing)
Peter Heaton (photography)
Kate Pettitt (painting & drawing)
Reg Walker (sculpture & collage)
Emma Welsh (jewellery)
Arnup Studios, Panman Lane, YO19 5UA

HOLTBY

VENUE 98

Chris Utley (ceramics)
Constance Isobel (jewellery)
Virginia Cottage, Main Street, YO19 5UD

WARTHILL

VENUE 99

Judith Glover (ceramics)
Tim Pearce (painting & sculpture)
Brambles YO19 5XW

STAMFORD BRIDGE

VENUE 100

Bernadette Oliver (painting)
11 Huntsman Lane YO41 1ES

FANGFOSS

VENUE 101

Here Be Monsteras (ceramics)
Ashtree Lodge, Gowthorpe Lane,
YO41 5QL

ELVINGTON

VENUE 102

Linda Harvey (textiles)
18 Belvoir Avenue YO41 4DS

To plan your visits and find out more about all of the artists and makers taking part throughout York and surrounding areas, visit yorkopenstudios.co.uk