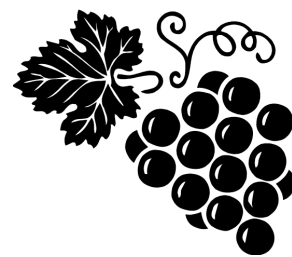


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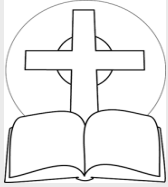


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## Readings for January 2022

### 2 January: Epiphany

Isaiah 60.1-6; Ephesians 3.1-12;  
Matthew 2.1-12

### 9 January: Baptism of Christ

Isaiah 43.1-7; Acts 8.14-17; Luke 3.15-  
17,21-22

### 16 January: Epiphany 2

Isaiah 62.1-5; 1 Corinthians 12.1-11;  
John 2.1-11

### 23 January: Epiphany 3

Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6,8-10; 1  
Corinthians 12.12-31a; Luke 4.14-21

### 30 January: Epiphany 4

Ezekiel 43.27-44.4; 1 Corinthians 13;  
Luke 2.22-40



## From the Registers

Dunnington, Holtby Warthill, &  
Stockton on the Forest

### Baptisms

Noah Nockels

28 November, Dunnington

### Funerals

*We commit to God's loving care:*

Cyril Egarr

25 November, Dunnington

## Advent and Christmas services 2021-22

### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

12.30pm at St Nicholas, Dunnington

### Crib services

24<sup>th</sup> Dec. 3.00pm St Mary, Warthill  
4.00pm Holy Trinity, Stockton  
5.00pm St Nicholas,  
Dunnington

### Christmas Eve Communion

24<sup>th</sup> Dec. 7.00pm Holy Trinity, Holtby  
9.00pm Holy Trinity, Stockton  
9.00pm St Nicholas,  
Dunnington

### Christmas Day Services

25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 9.00am St Mary, Warthill  
10.30am Holy Trinity, Stockton  
10.30am St Nicholas,  
Dunnington

### St Stephen's Day

26<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10.30am Benefice  
Communion, St Nicholas,  
Dunnington

### Carols by Candlelight

2<sup>nd</sup> Jan. 6.00pm St Mary, Warthill

### Star Party and Family Worship

9<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2.30pm St Nicholas,  
Dunnington

We are expecting numbers at our Christmas Services to be high, so please be aware of this and make your own decision about attending. The Church doors will be open to allow (cold) air in so please wear something warm.

### A letter from Judith Hewitt, Reader

Dear Friends,

I am writing this letter to you, before we traditionally sing carols. I don't know about you, but Christmas Carols bring a variety of memories to me. My father liked Silent Night, I don't know why, and my mother was always pleased when she heard the Coventry Carol (Lulla lully) as music in the minor key always 'spoke' to her.

The favourite carols of family members who are no longer with us, are often those we find hard to sing or to listen to. Then there are those we feel we really must sing, or hear, on Christmas Day or at a Carol Service. There are those we can sing loudly and confidently, and those sung quietly as they are thought provoking, and of course those we really don't like!

The words of the carols traditionally hold a religious message. It maybe tells the Christmas story, or sets the scene of the events of that first Christmas.

I wonder what your favourite carol is, and why. It might be the verse of one particular carol, or it might be the tune you like.

Away in a manger is often thought of as a children's carol, but the words of the last verse are a prayer we can all pray.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay  
close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

We sing carols every year, often without thinking about the words, or the meaning behind the words because they have become so familiar to us.

As we sing carols this Christmas, let us think carefully about the words, and the message behind them. What is God saying to us as we sing?

Christmas carols are sung until at least 5th January, when we remember the visit of the wise men, so don't stop singing them on Christmas Day.

Enjoy your Carol Singing and may the words take you into a Happy and Healthy 2022.

Judith.

## Walking Stoically into the New Year



Friends,

For many of us, being stoic about something is synonymous with a grim determination to continue in the face of hardship and suffering, without moaning too much. As I have been discovering recently, Stoicism is much more about freedom. The three great Stoic writers of ancient times were Marcus Aurelius (a Roman emperor), Seneca (philosopher and playwright) and Epictetus (a former slave who established his own school of philosophy). Three quite different lives, but each finding something that brought them tranquillity. So perhaps Stoicism is less grim after all.

I was interested to reflect on the ways in which the wisdom of Stoicism could be found in other traditions, particularly the Christian scriptures, on the basis that if something is true, then it should be true at all times and in all places. Stoicism is not atheist in origin, and it is certainly not Christian, but there are sure parallels, commonalities if you will – inner freedom, a certainty of identity, inoculation against the external vicissitudes of life. In brief: s\*\*t happens, and how we choose to respond depends on our mindset and core values.

Some of the keys to living Stoically might be: Focus on what you can control; Reduce your wants; Ignore the inessential; Don't compare yourself to others; Live as if you've died and come back to life; Don't suffer imagined troubles; and, Do good to feel good. Perhaps all of these we might find echoed in the New Testament, and certainly in what some would call the Perennial Tradition.

As a new year unfolds before us, it is good to take stock, but also to set a determined course for one's own life, even if it is submission and surrender. As Seneca once wrote, 'If one does not know to which port one is sailing, no wind is favourable'.

Wishing you a happy, peaceful and fruitful New Year, and maybe a year of living Stoically.

Nick Bird

Your Rector

### DATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

All items for the **FEBRUARY 2022** edition of the magazine must be received by the Editor no later than **WEDNESDAY 12 JANUARY**

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# CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

## Burns Night

Informal Burns Supper Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022, 7.00 pm in the Tower Room, Dunnington.



Haggis, tatties and neeps (alternative veggie haggis option) plus soup and dessert.

Bring your own drink.

Dress – Smart Casual (but feel free to wear your kilt if you wish).

Tickets £7.50 - numbers are limited so don't delay! - contact Judith Hewitt 488331; Eve Scoreby 489008; Joan Verrier 481626 or Diane Benson 07951 582672.

## A Quiet Space

Do you see articles about the benefits of doing meditation or relaxation and think "That's all well and good, if I could find somewhere quiet to try it out away from all the distractions of home and family!"

At St Nicholas Church we are fortunate to have both the space and some experience of doing this.

We have a retired prison chaplain who lives in our village. He worked 11 years in 3 different prisons and ran non-religious meditation groups for the prisoners, working with the Prison Phoenix Trust. <https://www.theppt.org.uk> These were very popular as the prisoners found them very helpful.

We also have a retired Occupational Therapist who used to teach relaxation techniques as part of her work.

Whilst we have been running monthly Christian Meditation sessions at St Nicholas Church for several years now, we thought that we would now like to offer a **secular, non-religious course** as an introduction to engaging in this beneficial practice.

These sessions will take place in the Tower Room of St Nicholas Church over just three consecutive Tuesday evenings in February 2022. Places are limited to 10 so **booking is essential**.

If you are interested, please contact Carole White on 07508 834565

## Regular Worship

### ... in the church buildings

#### Holy Trinity Stockton on the Forest

**Sunday** 10.30am Holy Communion or Morning Worship

**Wednesday** 10.00am Holy Communion

#### St Nicholas Dunnington

**Sunday** 8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion or Morning Worship

**Wednesday** 9.00am Morning Holy Communion.

#### St Mary Warthill

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

**Sundays (2nd and 4th)** 10:30am Morning Worship

**Tuesday** 9.00am Morning Prayer

#### Holy Trinity Holtby

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

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

### ... online

A simple service of worship is posted on our YouTube channel each Sunday and remains available thereafter. [tinyurl.com/reyyoutube](https://tinyurl.com/reyyoutube)

(or search YouTube for 'St Nicholas Church, Dunnington').



## Weekday Worship via Zoom

### Morning Prayer

Mondays & Thursdays at 9.00am

LIVE worship via Zoom

[tinyurl.com/reymorningprayer](https://tinyurl.com/reymorningprayer)

### Compline (Night Prayer)

Wednesdays at 7.00pm

LIVE via Zoom

[tinyurl.com/reyclompline](https://tinyurl.com/reyclompline)

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.



## Coffee @ St Nicholas

Come and meet others over Coffee, or tea

### Wednesday Coffee Time

9.45 to 11.00am every Wednesday

### Bereavement Café

Wednesday 22nd December

Wednesday 26th January

9.45 to 11.15am

### Community Café

10.00 to 11.30am every Saturday

(except 25th December and 1st January)





## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January

The Service at St Nicholas, at 10.30am on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January will celebrate Christian Unity and will also include the Methodist Covenant Service.

The story of the Magi visiting the Holy Family in Bethlehem is one very familiar to us. The Magi have sometimes been seen as a symbol of the world's diversity – different religions and cultures – that comes to pay homage to the Christ-child. The story might therefore represent the unity of all created that God desires.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 has been prepared by the churches of the Middle East, the history of which was, and still is, characterised by conflict and strife, tainted with blood and darkened by injustice and oppression. The Christians of the Middle East offer these resources conscious that the world shares many of the travails and much of the difficulties that it experiences, and yearns for a light to lead the way to the Saviour who is the light that overcomes darkness.

Serving the Gospel today requires a commitment to the human being, especially the poorest, the weakest and those marginalised. It requires from the churches transparency and accountability in dealing with the world, and with each other. This means churches need to cooperate to provide relief to the afflicted, to welcome the displaced, to relieve the burdened, and to build a just and honest society. This is a call for churches to work together so that young people can build a good future according to God's heart, a future in which all human beings can experience life, peace, justice, and love.

Visit [ctbi.org.uk/resources-for-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2022](http://ctbi.org.uk/resources-for-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2022) for more information and prayer resources for each day of the week.

## Children & Young People at St Nicholas

### Little People, Play and Praise

Tuesday afternoons during term time

1.45pm to 3.00pm

Tower Room, St Nicholas Church

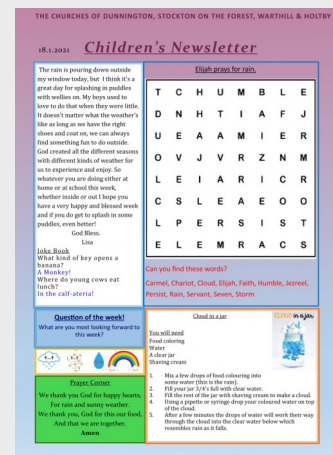
We look forward to seeing pre-schoolers and their carers



## Children's Newsletter

Did you know you can access the children's newsletter online? It contains fun news and activities, and you can find it here:

[stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/news/childrens-newsletter/](http://stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/news/childrens-newsletter/)



## Light A Candle Café

Last Wednesday of the month

9:45-11:15am

Tower Room St Nicholas Church

22nd December  
26th January

### A space to.....

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

Free refreshments!

All welcome!



## CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS



**Carol Singing in Dunnington**  
 Gather to sing in The Glebe carpark  
 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
 4.00pm

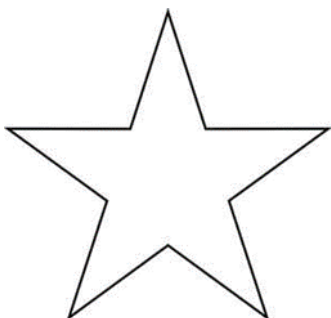
**Carol Singing on The Green**  
 Following last year's successful event we sing again  
 Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December  
 6.00pm

Carol sheets, including the key we will be singing in, will be available from St Nicholas Church website.

Don't forget to bring your musical instrument with you to add to the occasion.

### Carols around the Christmas Tree

Holy Trinity Church, Stockton on the Forest  
 Monday 20th December, 7pm  
 Bring your voices, carol sheets will be provided  
 Mulled wine and mince pies  
 Everyone welcome



### Star Party and Family Worship Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January

from 2.30pm  
 Tower Room, St Nicholas Church  
 Crafts, Games and Worship followed by Bring and Share tea

## Christmas Communion followed by Soup and Pudding Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

12.30pm

St Nicholas Church

We are aware that some people find it difficult to be in Church on Christmas Day, and this can be for many reasons. You are very welcome to come to this quieter service when numbers will be low.

To help with catering, please let Judith 488331 know you are joining us, and let her know if you would like a lift.



## Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January

### Benefice Candlemas Service

10.30am

Holy Trinity, Stockton

### Deanery Candlemas Service

4.00pm

East Cottingwith

## 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.

This month the café is on  
**22nd December and 26th January.**

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



# WARTHILL

## Services in St Mary Church

Do join us at St Mary as we worship together.

On the **1st and 3rd Sunday of the month** there is a 9.00am service of Holy Communion.

On the **2nd and 4th Sunday of the month** there is Morning Worship at 10.30am

**Every Tuesday** there is a 9.00am service of Morning Prayer

All welcome!



*Please note that the timings of services vary slightly from above in January.*

## Diary - Warthill - Christmas 2021 & January 2022

			Church Services	Church / Community Events
Friday	24	3.00pm	Crib Service : St Mary <i>p. 4</i>	
Saturday	25	9.00am	Holy Communion : St Mary <i>p. 4</i>	
Sunday	26	10.30 am 10.30am	Benefice Communion : St Nicholas <i>p.4</i> Benefice Worship : YouTube <i>p. 4</i>	
Sunday	2	10.30am 6.00pm	Benefice Worship : YouTube <i>p. 4</i> Carol Service : St Mary <i>p.4</i>	
Monday	3	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Tuesday	4	9.00am	Morning Prayer : St Mary <i>p. 4</i>	
Wednesday	5	7.00pm	Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Thursday	6	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Sunday	9	10.30am 10.30am	All Age Worship : St Mary <i>p. 4</i> Benefice Worship : YouTube <i>p. 4</i>	
Monday	10	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Tuesday	11	9.00am	Morning Prayer : St Mary <i>p. 4</i>	
Wednesday	12	7.00pm	Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Thursday	13	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Sunday	16	10.30am	Benefice Worship : YouTube <i>p. 4</i>	
Monday	17	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Tuesday	18	9.00am	Morning Prayer : St Mary <i>p. 4</i>	
Wednesday	19	7.00pm	Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Thursday	20	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Sunday	23	10.30am	Holy Communion : St Mary <i>p.4</i>	
Monday	24	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Tuesday	25	9.00am	Morning Prayer : St Mary <i>p. 4</i>	
Wednesday	26	7.00pm	Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Thursday	27	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Sunday	30	10.30am	Benefice Communion: Holy Trinity, Stockton	
Monday	31	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	



# STOCKTON ON THE FOREST

## The Stockton on the Forest Village Hall

Online bookings system is now LIVE.

You can check the diary for availability and make booking requests directly by going to the village website and clicking on the link <http://www.stocktonontheforest.org.uk/index.php/groups/groups-t-z/village-hall/>

Our bookings secretary, Claire, is still available by phone or email for all your enquiries if you prefer.

[Claire.villagehall@gmail.com](mailto:Claire.villagehall@gmail.com) or (01904)

401730 or 07717 756431



## A little note from Foil for Snappy:

Thank you to everyone who has saved their mince pie cases, aluminium foil, drinks cans, household cables and broken Christmas tree lights for us this year. At the time of going to print we haven't got the final totals in yet, but we know it's over 6 tonnes of metal recycling for 2021, a record amount and every penny raised goes to support The Snappy Trust.

For more information about the recycling collection which will continue throughout 2022 and to see the important work The Snappy Trust do to support local disabled children see the website <https://www.thesnappytrust.org/> or look us up on Facebook and Twitter.

Local collection points at all the benefice churches, Deans Garden centre, Asda and Sainsbury's Monk Cross.



You are invited to  
**SILVER SERVICE**  
**AFTERNOON TEA**  
at Holy Trinity



**An Afternoon of tea/ coffee**  
**Scones and cakes**  
**From 2.30pm till 4pm**

**Tuesday 18th January**  
**Tuesday 22nd February**  
**Tuesday 22nd March**

## Diary - Stockton on the Forest - Christmas 2021 & January 2022

Church Services				Church / Community Events	
Friday	24	4.00pm	Crib Service : Holy Trinity p.4		
		9.00pm	Holy Communion : Holy Trinity p.4		
Saturday	25	10.30am	Holy Communion: Holy Trinity p.4		
Sunday	26	10.30am	Benefice Communion : St Nicholas p.4		
		10.30am	Benefice Worship : YouTube p. 4		
Sunday	2	10.30am	Morning Worship : Holy Trinity p. 4		
		10.30am	Benefice Worship : YouTube p. 4		
Monday	3	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom p. 4		
Wednesday	5	10.00am	Holy Communion : Holy Trinity p. 4		
		7.00pm	Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom p. 4		
Thursday	6	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom p. 4		
Saturday	8			10.00am	Coffee Morning : Holy Trinity p.4
Sunday	9	10.30am	Holy Communion : Holy Trinity p. 4		
		10.30am	Benefice Worship : YouTube p. 4		
Monday	10	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom p. 4		
Wednesday	12	10.00am	Holy Communion : Holy Trinity p. 4		
		7.00pm	Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom p. 4		
Thursday	13	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom p. 4		
Sunday	16	10.30am	Morning Worship : Holy Trinity p.4		
		10.30am	Benefice Worship : YouTube p. 4		
Monday	17	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom p.4		
Tuesday	18			2.30pm	Silver Service Afternoon Tea : Holy Trinity p.4
Wednesday	19	10.00am	Holy Communion : Holy Trinity p. 4		
		7.00pm	Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom p. 4		
Thursday	20	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom p. 4		
Sunday	23	10.30am	Holy Communion : Holy Trinity p.4		
Monday	24	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom p.4		
Wednesday	26	10.00am	Holy Communion : Holy Trinity p. 4		
		7.00pm	Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom p. 4		
Thursday	27	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom p. 4		
Sunday	30	10.30am	Benefice Communion : Holy Trinity p.4		
		10.30am	Benefice Worship : YouTube p. 4		
Monday	31	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom p. 4		

# HOLTBY

## HOLTBY TRADER

As in the old (pre-covid) days, there will be no Holtby Trader in January, allowing time to recover and replenish resources

But on Saturday February 5 we'll be back with a Valentine Special – the opportunity to spoil your dearest with what they pine for.



## Health Walks: Doubling up

The Tuesday Health Walks are all about three and a half miles and take about one and a half hours, starting and finishing at the Cross Keys. This is a good healthy distance and a good time for most people, but occasionally we offer the opportunity to do a little more or a little less.

In November we all walked together to the end of Hagg Lane, where walkers were given the option of going back through Hagg Wood, or taking a detour round the Scoreby estate. The numbers were roughly even, the pace a little more brisk for the first group, who arrived back at the Cross Keys at 12 noon, the second group about 12.15. There's no question of physical superiority, simply a way of satisfying individual preferences.



*That's the oaks and hazels*

## Greening Holtby Lane

York, New City Beautiful, Toward an Economic Vision is a report written in 2010 for City of York Council, in which a consultant recommended that tree planting, especially along the approach roads, would make York a healthier, greener, more sustainable place, likely to attract economic growth in the areas of industry, education and tourism.

Councillor Mark Warters and two Tremendous volunteers - Micki Storey and Derek Utley - recently added a small step to the many we have already taken down this path.

The new sites were on the verges on Holtby Lane, at the turning to Murton. The verges were recently cleaned up in preparation for 4 medium-sized oak trees and 75 saplings - 25 each of 3 native species: hazel, cherry and silver birch.

We hope that not only will this previously scruffy-looking site improve as the trees grow, but they will also add to the carbon capture, biodiversity and wild life which we hear is a major factor in avoiding the ecological crises currently threatening us.

This won't save the planet, but it's another step in the right direction.

## Diary - Holtby - Christmas 2021 & January 2022

			Church Services	Church / Community Events
Friday	24	7pm	Holy Communion : Holy Trinity <i>p.4</i>	
Sunday	26	10.30 am 10.30am	Benefice Communion : St Nicholas <i>p.4</i> Benefice Worship : YouTube <i>p. 4</i>	
Sunday	2	10.30am	Benefice Worship : YouTube <i>p. 4</i>	
Monday	3	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Wednesday	5	7.00pm	Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Thursday	6	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Sunday	9	9.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion : Holy Trinity <i>p.4</i> Benefice Worship : YouTube <i>p.4</i>	
Monday	10	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Wednesday	12	7.00pm	Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Thursday	13	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Sunday	16	10.30am	Benefice Worship : YouTube <i>p.4</i>	
Monday	17	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	

## DIARY CONTD./HOLTBY TRADER INTERNATIONAL QUIZ/CPR

Wednesday	19	7.00pm	Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom p. 4
Thursday	20	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom p. 4
Sunday	23	4.00pm	Evening Prayer : Holy Trinity p.4
Monday	24	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom p. 4
Wednesday	26	7.00pm	Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom p. 4
Thursday	27	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom p. 4
Sunday	30	10.30am	Benefice Communion: Holy Trinity, Stockton
Monday	31	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom p. 4

### Sweettooth

Do you have a sweet tooth?

Name a chocolate or sweet from these clues.

Example:

Cereal with sweet substance

Barley sugar

- Where refined people live
- Edible fasteners
- Teddy bears hold them
- Middle eastern pleasure
- Intelligent sweets
- Theme, subject
- The red planet
- Sport of princes
- 100% precious metal
- Carrier for dairy product
- Miscellaneous all black
- Mutineers' boat
- Citrus gem
- Two tier bus
- Nine pins
- Before nine
- A spell in the dark
- Complete without the bolt
- Wobbly offspring
- Cows' starry path



### A simple video on how to do CPR during COVID-19

Recent months have seen several high profile CPR incidents occur that have made the news. These have mainly occurred at professional Football matches, but could happen to anyone, anywhere at anytime!

All NYP Police officers, PCSO's, Special constables, Detention officers and the majority of our workforce are First Aid trained. We also have advanced trained medics within our Firearms teams who offer high level medical care until an Ambulance is available. Please take time to watch the Yorkshire Ambulance Service guidance on how to do CPR,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YgQdVkFbQkk&t=101s>

Remember to Call 999 in an emergency, and ask for an Ambulance. Police and Fire & Rescue may also attend in some circumstances as first responders.

Message from Carlos Archer (Police, PCSO, North Yorkshire)

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## DUNNINGTON

### Dunnington Library

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#### OPENING TIMES

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 Tue 2.00 - 5.30    Sat 9.00 - 12.30

Join us for our next coffee morning on Monday January 10th, 10am – 12.30pm (refreshments served until 12 noon).

We are still selling “What’s on the menu” quiz sheets for £1 per copy, remember to return your completed sheets by 29th January to be in with the chance of winning a £20 garden centre voucher.

There’s still time to sign your children up to Eric Bloodaxe’s book challenge – if they read four books by 15th January they can collect stickers and get their certificate.

We are now taking bookings for our Under 5s Storytimes in January, they take place every Monday at 10.30am, please contact the library to book a place.

Please note that Dunnington Library will reopen after the Christmas break on Tuesday 4th January at 2pm. Happy New Year to all of our volunteers and customers!

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### Dunnington WI

Our knowledge of bees should have increased after Graham Watson’s talk to us on Tuesday January 4th.



Next is an early reminder for our February 1st meeting when we discuss and decide on the WI’s next national campaign, something the WI has been doing for over one hundred years. The resolutions range from “Girls’ clothing - is it fit for purpose?”, “Women in prison for nonviolent crimes”, “Equality in law for menopausal women”, “Undiagnosed girls and women with ASD and ADHD”, to “Tackling digital exclusion”. Every member has a vote, and your vote does have influence.

The evening will conclude with a fun quiz and our competition is “Your New-Year’s Resolutions.”



Look out for our next tea and cake session, advertised on Facebook and on noticeboards around the village.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

### Chris Bayne

#### A Quiet Space

#### Learn to Meditate

A short course in meditation and relaxation

This course is non religious and is open to those of any faith or none

Tuesday 1, 8, and 15 February, 7.30 pm

The Tower Room, St Nicholas Church

There are a maximum of ten places on the course, first come, first served

To book a place please contact Carole White on 07508 834565



### Parish Magazine Editorial Policy

We warmly invite contributions to The Grapevine. However, owing to limitations of space, we cannot publish everything received. Our priorities are to represent the four villages and publicise news and activities of local interest. Contributions must follow these guidelines:

- Articles are a **maximum of 350 words**.
- Articles are received as **unformatted text** in a Word document
- Text is in sentence case, **not all CAPITALS**
- Articles are received in **black and white**
- Articles are of relevance and interest to local people.
- Pre-formatted posters can sometimes be accommodated **by arrangement with the editor**. The text **must** be clearly legible when the poster is reduced to A7 size.
- Articles are, where possible, accompanied by a photo or other image. These should be submitted as **separate files** to the text.

**NOTE:** All articles are subject to acceptance by the Editorial Committee and may be edited as necessary before publication.

# Diary - Dunnington - Christmas 2021 & January 2022

		Church Services		Church / Community Events	
Wednesday	22	9.00am 7.00pm	Holy Communion : St Nicks <i>p. 4</i> Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	9.45am	Light a Candle Café : St Nicholas <i>p.4</i>
Thursday	23	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	12.30pm	Communion followed by Soup and Pudding : St Nicholas <i>p.4</i>
Friday	24	5.00pm 9.00pm	Crib Service : St Nicks <i>p.4</i> Holy Communion : St Nicks <i>p.4</i>	1.00pm	Children's Christmas party : Dunnington Sports Club <i>p.14</i>
Saturday	25	10.30am	Holy Communion : St Nicks <i>p.4</i>		
Sunday	26	10.30am 10.30am	BENEFICE COMMUNION St Nicks <i>p.4</i> Benefice Worship : YouTube <i>p. 4</i>		
Sunday	2	8.00am 10.30am 10.30am	Holy Communion : St Nicks <i>p.4</i> Holy Communion : St Nicks <i>p.4</i> Benefice Worship : YouTube <i>p.4</i>		
Monday	3	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	various	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop
Tuesday	4			10.30am various 1.45-3.00p	Health Walk : Meet at The Cross Keys <i>p. 15</i> Library & Cancer Support Group Shop Little People, Tower Room, St. Nicks <i>p. 5</i>
Wednesday	5	9.00am 7.00pm	Holy Communion : St Nicks <i>p. 4</i> Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	9.45am	Coffee Time : St Nicholas Tower Room <i>p. 4</i>
Thursday	6	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	various	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop
Saturday	8			various 10-11.30am	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop Community Café : St Nicholas Tower Room <i>p. 4</i>
Sunday	9	8.00am 10.30am 10.30am 2.30pm	Holy Communion : St Nicks <i>p. 4</i> Morning Worship : St Nicks <i>p. 4</i> Benefice Worship : YouTube <i>p. 4</i> Star Party and Family Worship : St Nicks <i>p.6</i>		
Monday	10	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	various 10.00am 10.30am	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop Library Coffee Morning <i>p.12</i> Under 5s Storytimes : Dunnington Library <i>p.12</i>
Tuesday	11			10.30am various 1.45-3.00pm	Health Walk : Meet at The Cross Keys <i>p. 15</i> Library & Cancer Support Group Shop Little People, Tower Room, St. Nicks <i>p. 5</i>
Wednesday	12	9.00am 7.00pm	Holy Communion : St Nicks <i>p. 4</i> Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	9.45am	Coffee Time : St Nicholas Tower Room <i>p. 4</i>
Thursday	13	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	various	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop
Saturday	15			various 10-11.30am	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop Community Café : St Nicholas Tower Room <i>p. 4</i>
Sunday	16	8.00am 10.30am 10.30am	Holy Communion : St Nicks <i>p. 4</i> Holy Communion : St Nicks <i>p. 4</i> Benefice Worship: YouTube <i>p. 4</i>		
Monday	17	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	various 10.30am	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop Under 5s Storytimes : Dunnington Library <i>p.12</i>
Tuesday	18			10.30am Various 1.45-3.00pm	Health Walk : Meet at The Cross Keys <i>p. 15</i> Library & Cancer Support Group Shop <i>p. 12</i> Little People, Tower Room, St. Nicks <i>p. 5</i>
Wednesday	19	9.00am 7.00pm	Holy Communion : St Nicks <i>p. 4</i> Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	9.45am	Coffee Time : St Nicholas Tower Room <i>p.4</i>
Thursday	20	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	various	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop
Saturday	22			various 10-11.30am	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop Community Café : St Nicholas Tower Room <i>p. 4</i>
Sunday	23	8.00am 10.30am 10.30am	Holy Communion : St Nicks <i>p. 4</i> Covenant & Unity Service : St Nicks <i>p. 4</i> Benefice Worship : YouTube <i>p. 4</i>		

# DIARY CONTD./DUNNINGTON SPORTS CLUB/ GARDEN TREES

Monday	24	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom p. 4	various 10.00am 10.30am	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop Library Coffee Morning p.12 Under 5s Storytimes : Dunnington Library p.12
Tuesday	25			10.30am various 1.45-3.00pm	Health Walk : Meet at The Cross Keys p. 15 Library & Cancer Support Group Shop Little People, Tower Room, St. Nicks p. 5
Wednesday	26	9.00am 7.00pm	Holy Communion : St Nicks p. 4 Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom p. 4	9.45am	Light a Candle Café : St Nicholas Tower Room p.
Thursday	27	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom p. 4	various	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop
Saturday	29			various 10-11.30am	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop Community Café : St Nicholas Tower Room p. 4
Sunday	30	10.30am 10.30am	Benefice Service : Holy Trinity, Stockton p.4 Benefice Worship: YouTube p. 4		
Monday	30	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom p. 4	various 10.00am 10.30am	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop Library Coffee Morning p.12 Under 5s Storytimes : Dunnington Library p.12

## Dunnington Playing Fields & Sports Club

We would like to thank all those who have supported us over this past difficult year. We have introduced music nights and dining on a Friday/ Saturday and Sunday and appreciate that you have made the effort to join in and enjoy the facilities. We hope you have a happy and health new year. The volunteers in each section have worked hard to provide sport for everyone and the challenges have been great for them. Their work is very much appreciated.

January is a quiet month but food will continue to be offered on Friday/ Saturday/Sunday lunchtime.

There is no Diamond Club but Band night will be on Wednesday 26th January and the quiz continues every Thursdays at 9pm. Sport continues so support your local team or come and watch live sport on TV and enjoy a drink.

Contact Nick on 01904 481039 or 07905677559

nick@dunningtonsportsclub.co.uk - for more information on any of the above and there is information on the website and facebook.

The New Derwent dining

Friday 6-9pm

Saturday 6-9pm

Sunday Lunch 12-4pm – prebooking required – Nick as below or Gemma on 07772038484

**WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS – if you can spare some time please contact Josette on 488322 or Linda on 481697.**

## Garden Trees Scheme – 62 terrific trees!

Dunnington Green Initiatives Group, including the indefatigable Derek Utley (of Treemendous York), braved very windy, wintry weather at the end of November to provide residents with attractive, wildlife-friendly trees for their gardens. Forty-three residents e-mailed for further info, resulting in orders for a total of 62 native trees. The majority opted to beautify their gardens with our blossoming species (crab apple, rowan, hawthorn and wild cherry) but some found space for silver birch, a biodiversity champion.

Most residents chose to collect their trees from the cemetery, but a delivery service was also ably provided by Micki Storey, with help to plant if required. Donations to cover the costs were gratefully received and we were delighted by the generosity shown, resulting in a small fund which we'll put towards more trees in a public patch somewhere in the village.

We were helped in this project by Phil Etherington who gave us a very affordable price for the trees from his nursery in Wilberfoss (<https://a-v-etherington-and-sons.business.site>), and the Parish Council who allowed us to use the cemetery as our collections point. Many others helped to promote the scheme, whether publishing our posts & articles, e-mailing community group members, putting up posters or telling their friends. Finally, a huge thank you to those residents who took us up on the offer, stepped up for the environment and made a positive contribution towards making our village even more beautiful. We hope you enjoy your trees for many years.

What a way to celebrate National Tree Week (<https://treecouncil.org.uk/take-action/seasonal-campaigns/national-tree-week/>)! The tree planting season continues through the winter so there's still time if you want to get a tree on the map for the Queen's Green Canopy (<https://queensgreencanopy.org/map-education-hub/qgc-map/#/>) or if you want to join in with Countryfile's Plant Britain (<https://www.plantbritain.co.uk>).

Dunnington GIG



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# CHRISTMAS TREES/QUIZ ANSWERS/YEOAKS

## Answers to the Holtby Trader International Quiz on p. 11

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|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Where refined people live  | Quality street     |
| 2. Edible fasteners           | Chocolate buttons  |
| 3. Teddy bears hold them      | Picnic             |
| 4. Middle eastern pleasure    | Turkish delight    |
| 5. Intelligent sweets         | Smarties           |
| 6. Theme, subject             | Topic              |
| 7. The red planet             | Mars               |
| 8. Sport of princes           | Polo               |
| 9. 100% precious metal        | All gold           |
| 10. Carrier for dairy product | Milk Tray          |
| 11. Miscellaneous all black   | Liquorice Allsorts |
| 12. Mutineers' boat           | Bounty             |
| 13. Citrus gem                | Lemon drop         |
| 14. Two tier bus              | Double Decker      |
| 15. Nine pins                 | Skittles           |
| 16. Before nine               | After Eight        |
| 17. A spell in the dark       | Black Magic        |
| 18. Complete without the bolt | Whole Nut          |
| 19. Wobbly offspring          | Jelly Babies       |
| 20. Cows' starry path         | Milky Way          |



## Bartlett Tree Experts

### Christmas Tree Recycling

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To recycle your Christmas trees in exchange for a donation to charity.

Funds received will be donated to SNAPPY York and Dementia Forward

All our wood chip is sent to be recycled for use in Biomass production



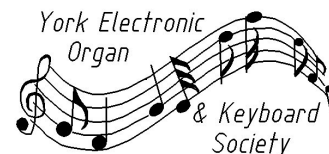
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- 10.10-10.30 Stockton Ln, Beansway
- 10.40-12.00 Stoneriggs
- 12.05-12.15 The Village Hall
- 12.20-12.35 Westfield House
- 13.30-14.20 Holtby - Church Rise

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# COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 8th January

Holy Trinity Church

Stockton-on-the-Forest

10am to 12 noon



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Children's Games with Lisa

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If you want to place an advert, or would like more information, please contact the editor of The Grapevine.

Email [grapevine.rey@gmail.com](mailto:grapevine.rey@gmail.com)

Alternatively, phone 01904 489817 and leave a message.

## ADVERTISE IN THE GRAPEVINE

### Friends of Hagg Wood



The Autumn colours on the leaves seem to have been especially stunning in Hagg Wood this year and what a pleasure it has been to walk around the wood swishing through a thick covering of fallen leaves. Storm Arwen arrived with a vengeance at the end of November and removed the last of the leaves that were bravely hanging on to the broadleaf trees.

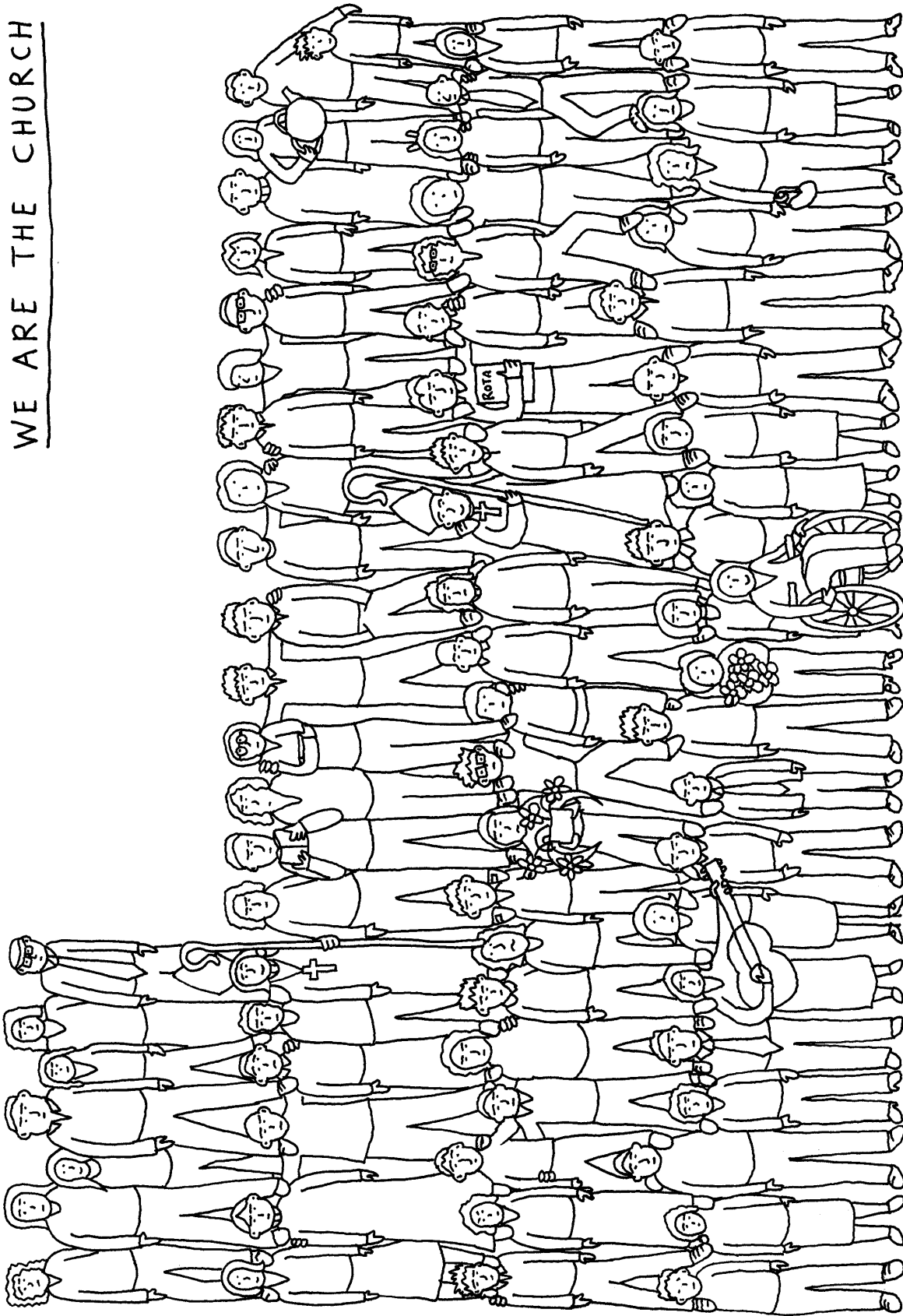
Forestry Commission contractors are planning to thin out some of the more mature conifers in the coming weeks. They may even have begun this work by the time this article is read. This is a regular practice and the extra light that gets through to the surrounding areas benefits not only the remaining trees, but also the ground cover, increasing the flora, in the following months.

The display of fungi in Hagg Wood has also been abundant this year. There is always something new to see on a visit to the wood. Sometimes when the colder wetter weather arrives at this time of the year, it can be difficult to become motivated to take a walk in Hagg Wood, but if you make that effort you will be rewarded with a sense of appreciation of the amazing nature that is free to enjoy without having to travel too far. It is well known that such a walk can have enormous benefits for our mental well-being.

In the next few weeks the first snowdrops will be appearing; the best area to see them is near the notice board at the bottom of the Stone Road. Regular walkers in Hagg Wood will probably remember when the Forestry Commission contractors resurfaced the Stone Road a few years ago. Initially it looked so stark and so urban, but in the following months and years Nature gradually reclaimed the edges. It is now probably less than half its previous width, with grass, wild flowers and shrubs creeping back. For more information on the wood and our own activities, please visit our website: [www.fohw.org.uk](http://www.fohw.org.uk).



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## Parishes Of Dunnington, Stockton on the Forest, Holtby & Warthill and Dunnington Local Ecumenical Partnership

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<b>Reader</b>	<b>Judith Hewitt</b>	7 Water Lane <a href="mailto:judithmewitt@btinternet.com">judithmewitt@btinternet.com</a>	488331	
<b>Methodist Minister</b>	<b>Revd Dr John Schofield</b>	<a href="mailto:rev.dr.john.schofield@gmail.com">rev.dr.john.schofield@gmail.com</a>	861477	<i>Usual Day Off: Friday</i>

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<b>Hassacarr Nature Reserve: Warden</b>	<b>Terry Weston</b> 489830	<b>Bowls</b>	<b>John Taylor</b> 399160
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## Reed Buntings

Not really a garden bird you may think, but increasingly Reed Buntings are being seen in gardens in mid-winter when food is short elsewhere, particularly those in less urban areas or near rivers and lakes. They are predominantly a wetland bird, typically found in wet vegetation but they have more recently spread onto farmland and, in winter, into gardens.

Reed Bunting abundance has fluctuated without a clear trend since the 1980s with British Trust for Ornithology results showing a population increase in north-eastern England since 1995. An initial decline in the 80s pushed the species onto the red list but latterly, with evidence of some recovery in numbers, it was moved from red to amber.

The Reed Bunting is a medium-sized member of the bunting family, with a large-headed, thick-necked appearance. Although the male is unmistakable in its breeding season plumage of black head with broad white collar and white moustachial stripe, they are most commonly seen in gardens outside the breeding season, when identification becomes more difficult(!) They are camouflaged by fresh warm-buff feather tips that will gradually be worn away to reveal their distinctive black plumage in time for spring and the breeding season. The buff stripe above the eye, known as the supercilium, and the grey-brown crown and cheeks are still useful in identification though, as is the boldly

## THE BIRDS IN YOUR GARDEN

marked back. If you only get a quick glance, they can easily be confused with a sparrow, which is much the same size, but a second look will tell you that you've seen something a bit different. The longer tail and rather brighter colours are the give-away.

Despite its name, the Reed Bunting breeds across a range of habitats from reedbeds and conifer plantations to hedgerows and arable crops. They particularly like oil seed rape for finding food and nesting. During the non-breeding season, they are dependent upon weed seeds, and as such used to join other species in winter flocks on farmland stubbles, when they still existed. Their decline, due to mainly changes in farming practices, matches that of other farmland species such as Tree Sparrows and Linnets, and their increasing winter use of gardens almost certainly is a result of the decrease in availability of winter food. In the breeding season they are mainly insectivorous, and like many other species rely upon the ever-decreasing number of insects to provide high protein food for their young.

During the winter months, large flocks of Reed Buntings may gather to roost. These flocks prefer wet or marshy areas and often roost communally in reedbeds, where they are at less risk from predators – whether these flocks roam around and might end up in someone's garden I don't know – but we can always hope.

Male Reed Buntings usually establish breeding territories in the same area as the year before, with nest building left to the female. The nests tend to be low down in the vegetation, and eggs can be laid from early May onwards. If a predator appears near the nest, adults may feign injury in an attempt to draw them away from where it is hidden.

Eyes peeled then! The photo is of a Reed Bunting in my garden this time last year, was taken through a double-glazed window, so it may not be the best!



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