Churches in the Benefice of Rural East York Dunnington, Stockton-on-the-Forest, Warthill & Holtby

Sunday 10th March: Fourth Sunday of Lent: Mothering Sunday Readings: Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

<u>Today</u>

8.00am BCP Holy Communion, St Nicholas, Dunnington: *Rev. Kath McBride* 10.30am Mothering Sunday Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Stockton: *Rev. Kath McBride* 10.30am Mothering Sunday All Age Service, St Nicholas, Dunnington: *Judith Hewitt*

This Week in the Benefice

Tuesday 12th

9.00am Morning Prayer, Warthill 1.45pm Little People, Tower Room 7.30pm Lent Course, Tower Room

Wednesday 13th

9.00am Holy Communion, followed by coffee, Dunnington 10.00am Holy Communion, Stockton 7.00pm Compline, via Zoom 7.30pm Dunnington PCC

Saturday 16th

10.00am Community Café, Dunnington 1.30pm onwards, brass cleaning and cobweb clearing, St Nicholas

Palm Sunday, 24th March. There will be a Traditional Palm Sunday Communion Service at 10.30am at St Nicholas Church. You can also walk from Holtby Village Hall, meeting at 9.45am, to Warthill for an All-Age Service at 10.30am.

Choral Classics Concert. Tickets, £6.00 each, are now available from Eve, Judith and Joan for the concert given by the Stamford Bridge Singers on Sunday 24th March at 3.00pm at St Nicholas Church. The concert will be followed by refreshments and Choral Evensong at 4.30pm. There will not be Evensong at Holtby. If you can provide cake for tea, please let Eve, Joan or Judith know, thank you.

<u>Next Week</u>

Sunday 17th March Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34; John 12:20-33

10:30am Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Stockton 10.30am Contemporary Holy Communion, St Nicholas Dunnington 7.00pm Sunday @ 7, St Nicholas Dunnington

Mothering Sunday. The service at St Nicholas will be a service for all ages, so do invite families near you to join us. There is also a Mothering Sunday Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Stockton celebrating all those who are like mothers to us.

Easter Cards. The benefice Easter cards will be ready for delivery from Wednesday 13th March. Dunnington cards will be in streets so do take a street or two. The churchwardens will have the cards for Warthill, Holtby and Stockton so please offer your help to them. It would be good to have all the cards delivered by Friday 21st March.

St Nicholas Spring Clean and Sparkle

If you enjoy cleaning brasses please join Carole from 1.30pm on Saturday 16th March when she will be cleaning all the church brasses ready to put out on Easter Day. If you'd rather tackle some of the cobwebs and dust in the church, then this would also be an opportunity to do this. Please bring your own cleaning materials with you. Refreshments will be provided mid afternoon!

FOR GENERAL ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT REV. KATH MCBRIDE AT REVKMCBRIDE@GMAIL.COM OR ON 01904 489349

Benefice News And Events

Electoral Rolls

The Church of England does not have a formal membership policy, but being on the Electoral Roll demonstrates commitment and interest in church matters and means that you have a vote in the APCM. To be on the electoral roll, you must be over 16, baptised, and either living in the parish or a regular attender of the church - if you'd like to be added please see Rev Kath or your parish Churchwardens.

You can be on the roll of more than one parish

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Each of our parishes has an APCM in April, the dates are:

Warthill Tuesday 16th April 7pm in St Mary Dunnington Sunday 21st April 11am in St Nicholas

Holtby Monday 22nd April 7.30pm in Holy Trinity Stockton Wednesday 24th April 7pm in Holy Trinity

During our meetings we will receive reports about the churches' finances, fabric and mission and ministry over the past year, and we'll elect Churchwardens, PCC members and Deanery Synod reps.

Church Governance Vacancies

Each church needs ChurchWardens, PCC Members and Deanery Synod Representatives to ensure the effective running of the church. Details of the number of vacancies next week, but if you'd like to find out more about these roles, look at

<u>https://www.london.anglican.org/kb/the-pcc/</u> or <u>https://www.london.anglican.org/kb/churchward</u> <u>ens/</u> or

https://www.london.anglican.org/about/deanerysynods/ (these are from the Diocese of London so some details may be inaccurate)

Lectionary Corner at St Nicholas

10 March: Mothering Sunday.



Join our music group!

Everyone from our benefice is welcome. There are no expectations and no commitment. Our aim is to have fun singing together. We usually meet every other Thursday 7.30pm to 9pm St Nicholas' Church, Dunnington

Upcoming rehearsals are: 14th March, 4th April We would love to have more instrumentalists, so if you play an instrument and would like to be part of the band, please talk to anyone in the music group or email music@stnicholasdunnington.org.uk.

St Nicholas' Annual Meetings 2024 –

Vacancies It is important to fill vacancies at the APCM on Sunday 21st April, 2024 - a strong representative PCC is essential to ensure decisions reflect the wishes of our Parish and Benefice.

There will be 4 vacancies for PCC members to serve a 3 year term (until 2027) and 3 vacancies for a 1 year term (until 2025).

The meeting for the annual election of Churchwardens will take place at the same time. Peter and Carole, who have done this role for a number of years, are now looking for a phased retirement. New volunteers are now required.

If you have any questions, please speak to Kath, Peter, Carole, Judith or Elizabeth. Please consider nomination. Forms available in the Tower Room or from Elizabeth Skilbeck (PCC Secretary) 481165; 07803 151058; pccsecretary@stnicholasdunnington.org.uk

Electoral Roll – Parish of St Nicholas

The electoral roll for the parish of St Nicholas will be revised on 31st March this year. Any new applications for inclusion must be received by that date if you wish to participate in the Annual Meeting on 21st April. Forms are available in the Tower Room or contact Elizabeth Skilbeck, Electoral Roll Officer. 01904 481165 or email eskilbeck58@gmail.com.

To receive newsletters by email, contact grapevine.rey@gmail.com. Also available on the website and in St Nicholas Church. To receive the Methodist Circuit News, please contact the office by email yorkcircuitoffice@gmail.com or phone 07984 019995. Next newsletter on Sunday 17th March. Items to grapevine.rey@gmail.com by 9.00 am on Thursday 14th March.