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

# **NEWSLETTER**

Sunday 14th April

Readings: Acts 3:12-19; Luke 24:36b-48

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### <u>Today</u>

8.00am BCP Holy Communion; St Nicholas,

Dunnington: Rev. Kath McBride

10.30am Holy Communion; Holy Trinity,

Stockton: Rev. Kath McBride

10.30am Morning Worship, St Nicholas,

Dunnington: Rev. John Trevenna

#### **Next week in the Benefice**

#### Tuesday 16th

9.00am Morning Prayer, Warthill 1.45pm Little People, Play and Praise, Tower Room

#### Wednesday 17th

9.00am Holy Communion followed by coffee,Dunnington10.00am Holy Communion, Stockton7.00pm Compline via Zoom

#### Thursday 18th

10.45 onwards Fun, Food and Fellowship, Tower Room

3.00pm Communion Service for all who would like to come

#### Saturday 20th

10.00am Community Café, Tower Room

delighted to announce their 2024 Eco Conference: ACT NOW! for a Better World. This will be happening on Saturday 27th April from 9.30 - 14.30. The day will follow the same timetable as last year with a keynote from Prof Colin Beale, two workshop slots and a soup and roll lunch followed by networking opportunities. We have been able to keep ticket prices the same as last year, with adult tickets now on sale for £10 and youth/child tickets for £5. Children are very welcome at ACT NOW and there will be dedicated workshops with qualified youth workers available. For further information and to purchase tickets, please head to <a href="https://www.actnowyork.org">www.actnowyork.org</a>

#### **Next Week**

#### Sunday 21st April

Readings: Acts 4:5-12 & John 10:11-18

10.30am Holy Communion; Holy Trinity, Stockton 10.00am Contemporary Holy Communion; St Nicholas, Dunnington

11.00am APCM; St Nicholas, Dunnington 7.00pm Sunday @ 7; St Nicholas, Dunnington

**Music Group.** If you enjoy singing, we would love you to be a part of the church music group. We usually meet every other Thursday 7.30pm to 9pm at St Nicholas, Upcoming rehearsals are: 18th April, 2nd May, 16th May

Fun, Food and Fellowship. Invitations for our next day, Thursday 18th April, are now available, pinned onto the noticeboard, in the Tower Room, or ring Judith, 488331. If you can provide a pudding or a cake, please sign the list in the Tower Room.

**Plants.** There are now various plants available, for a donation, in the Tower Room. They will attract bees into your garden.

Evening Fellowship Group. You are welcome to a meeting Wednesday 17 April, 7:30pm at 9 Church Balk, Dunnington.

Benefice Prayer Meeting. The next Benefice prayer meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th April at 7pm at Fair View Warthill. York. YO19 5XW. If you would like to come and pray for the needs of the Benefice then please do come and join us. You will be most welcome.

Quiet Time. Derwent Deanery warmly invites everyone to join with them at Stillingfleet Church on Saturday 20th April from 10.00am til 1.00pm for a time of Quiet, led by Revd Jan Nobel. Please bring drinks with you, and also a packed lunch if you would like to stay and chat with the others. Any further info please talk with Alison, allie.48@yahoo.com

#### **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. 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 -postponed until May - date TBA 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

https://www.london.anglican.org/kb/the-pcc/ or https://www.london.anglican.org/kb/churchward ens/ 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**

19 April: Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr 1012.



## 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). This year we also need to elect 1 delegate to the Derwent Deanery Partnership (Deanery Synod representatives). If you think this is something that might interest you, please speak to Judith.

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

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#### St Nicholas APCM 21st April 11am

Sunday 21st April is the APCM for St Nicholas Dunnington.

Join us for contemporary worship from **10am** followed by coffee at **10.45** before the meeting at **11am**. All are welcome for the meeting.

The documents for this meeting are now available on the St Nicholas website.

**Grapevine Distributors.** Don't forget to respond to your invitation for the 'Thank you' evening on 27th April!

125th Anniversary of Bishopthorpe Methodist Church, 11th to 14th April. There will be a display on the life of the Church from 11.00 to 3.00 each day and a celebration Service on Sunday 14th followed by coffee and cake.

**BeerN'HymnsN'Pimms.** Friday 17th May. Tickets are now on sale, £6, from Judith, Eve and Joan.

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Next newsletter on Sunday 21st April. Items to grapevine.rey@gmail.com by 9.00 am on Thursday 18th April.