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

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 17th December: Third Sunday of Advent



Today

8.00am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington: *Rev. Kath McBride*

10.30am Christingle: Holy Trinity, Stockton: *Rev. Kath McBride*

10:30am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington: Rev. Peter Moorhouse 4.00pm Carols by Candlelight: St Mary, Warthill: Rev.Kath McBride & Rev John Trevenna 6:00pm Carol Service: St Nicholas, Dunnington: David Marles, Judith Hewitt, Rev. Kath McBride

This Week in the Benefice

Monday 18th

4.00pm Carol Singing at the Glebe

Tuesday 19th

9.00am and 5.30pm Warthill School at St Mary's

Wednesday 20th

9.00am Holy Communion followed by Light A Candle Café, St Nicholas

11.00am Stockton School Carol Service at Stockton 7.00pm Compline via Zoom (this is the last of the year, and will resume Wednesday 10th January)

Thursday 21st

10.00am and 11.00am Dunnington School Christmas Services at St Nicholas 6.00pm Carols on the Green

Carols on The Green. We are looking forward to singing Carols on Thursday 21st December at 6.00pm. Carol sheets will be available or you can down load from St Nicholas Church website. Please wear suitable footwear, keep to the paths and bring a torch.

We need 4or5 people to act a stewards, patrolling the edges of the Green, there are no road closures so traffic will still be passing during this event.

If you have a Hi Vis jacket and are available from 5.45pm until about 7pm and feel able to offer this service, please get in touch with Carole White 07508834565

Next Week

Sunday 24th December: Fourth Sunday of Advent

3.00pm Crib Service: St Mary, Warthill
5.00pm Crib Service: Holy Trinity, Stockton
5.00pm Crib Service: St Nicholas, Dunnington
7.00pm The First Holy Communion of Christmas:
Holy Trinity, Holtby
11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion: St Nicholas,

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Light a Candle Café. Christmas can be a difficult time for those who have been bereaved whether recently or a while ago, do encourage them to come to St Nicholas on Wednesday 20th from 9.45 to light a candle to remember their loved one and to have a coffee with others.

Community Café. There will be no café on 23rd December.

2 week newsletter. Please note that there will be a 2 week newsletter produced for the weeks beginning the 24th and 31st December.

Burns Night. Informal Burns Supper Friday 26th January 2024, 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 £8.50 - numbers will be limited so don't delay! - contact Judith Hewitt 488331; Eve Scoreby 489008 or Joan Verrier 481626

Benefice News And Events

Carol Singing at The Glebe. We have been asked to sing Carols to the residents of The Glebe, probably on Monday 18th at 4.00pm. Meet outside just before 4.00, so we can all enter The Glebe together.

Blue Christmas Service. Monday 18th December 7pm Haxby and Wigginton Methodist Church For those who find Christmas difficult, for whatever reason. A quiet, reflective service of carols and readings.

Music and Meditation at Southlands "Like a Candle Flame". Our next Taize-style service at Southlands will be 7pm on Friday 22 December. Come and have some calm in all the chaos of Christmas! All welcome.

Visit York Minster. Did you know parishioners from across the Diocese of York are welcome to visit York Minster free of charge? The digital passes are available to borrow from our rector and churchwardens.

Help Wanted!

There are a number of roles in our churches which we need to fill, or where we'd like more people to be involved to create capacity for when people are unavailable. Some are larger roles, some smaller but all are ministries, serving God and one another, an enabling our churches to function well. So please would you prayerfully consider whether you could volunteer for any of these roles?

- ☐ Welcomer/Sidesperson
- ☐ Communion adminstrants
- ☐ Making refreshments
- ☐ Intercession pray-ers
- □ Bible readers
- ☐ PCC members (subject to numbers)
- □ Safeguarding Lead
- ☐ Safeguarding admin support
- ☐ Grant applications/ form filling
- □ Sacristan
- ☐ Churchyard Manager
- ☐ Church and/or Churchyard maintenance

St Nicholas Coffee Rota. If you can serve coffee after the Sunday service, please sign up to a convenient date.

Pattern of Worship from January

1st Sunday
9.00am BCP Holy Communion Holtby
10.30am Holy Communion Dunnington
10.30am Morning Worship Stockton
Sunday@7 Dunnington

2nd Sunday

8.00am BCP Holy Communion Dunnington10.30am Holy Communion Stockton10.30am Morning Worship Dunnington

3rd Sunday
10.30am Morning Worship Stockton
10.30am Contemporary Holy Communion
Dunnington
Sunday@ 7 Dunnington

4th Sunday

8.00am BCP Holy Communion Dunnington 10.30am Holy Communion All Age Warthill 4.00pm Evensong Holtby

YOU ARE FABULOUS. The Christmas Fair and Coffee Morning at Stockton raised £1,137.88, a fantastic sum due to the generosity of everyone. The Church was crowded and there was large number of children keen to see Santa who came by special arrangement with Arnie and Pat Jennings. Thank you all so much.

100 CLUB CHRISTMAS DRAW Winners were no.28 Janet Patmore & no. 83 Pam Brighton

Blister Packs. Please note these are no longer being re-cycled, unfortunately they must now go into the grey bin. As soon as this changes we will let you know.

Save the Date!

24th February 2024 10am-4pm Vision Day We have booked a Benefice Vision Seeking Day at Thicket Priory near Wheldrake

Lectionary Corner at St Nicholas

There are no Saints Days this week so a selection of prayers will be displayed at Lectionary Corner.



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