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

NEWSLETTER -



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

Today

10:30am Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Stockton: Rev. John Harrison 10.30am Contemporary Holy Communion, St Nicholas Dunnington: Rev. Kath **McBride**

7.00pm Sunday @ 7, St Nicholas Dunnington: David Marles

This Week in the Benefice

Tuesday 19th

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

Wednesday 20th

9.00am Holy Communion, Dunnington 10.00am Holy Communion, Stockton 10.00am KS1 Easter Service, Dunnington 11.00am KS2 Easter Service, Dunnington 7.00pm Compline, via Zoom

Thursday 21st

9.30am Grapevine available for delivery

Saturday 23rd

10.00am Community Café, Dunnington

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.

Next Week

Sunday 24th March

Readings: Psalm 118:19-end; Mark 11:1-11

8,00am BCP Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington

10.30am All Age Holy Communion: walk from Holtby Village Hall, meeting at 9.45am, to Warthill for an All-Age Service at 10.30am. 10.30am Traditional Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington

4.30pm Evensong: St Nicholas, Dunnington

Maundy Thursday Service. As part of this service we will be washing feet, as Jesus did at the Last Supper. If you are willing to have your feet washed do let Judith or Carole know please.

Easter Cards. The cards for Dunnington are now in streets ready for delivery. Please take a street or two to deliver, by 20th, if possible, please. There is a bundle to deliver on Hull Road if anyone would like to venture a little further.

Giving. Each year, St Nicholas PCC donates a portion of our general income to charities in this country and abroad. We'd like our congregation to be more involved in deciding who benefits, so if you have any suggestions please let the churchwardens or Rev Kath know and we can bring this to the APCM for a decision.

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 -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 March: Joseph of Nazareth

20 March: Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne,

Missionary 687

21 March: Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation Martyr 1556

<u>Join our music group!</u>

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
Our next rehearsal is 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). 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 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 24th March. Items to grapevine.rey@gmail.com by 9.00 am on Thursday 21st March.