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

# **NEWSLETTER**

Sunday 21st April

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

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#### **Today**

10.30am Holy Communion; Holy Trinity, Stockton: *Rev. Canon John Harrison* 10.00am Contemporary Holy Communion; St Nicholas, Dunnington: *Rev. Kath McBride & Rev. Tim Eady* 

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

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

#### Monday 22nd

7.00pm Deanery Zoom Evening Prayer

#### Tuesday 23rd

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

#### Wednesday 24th

9.00am Holy Communion followed by Light a Candle Bereavement Cafe, Dunnington 10.00am Holy Communion, Stockton 7.30pm Meditation Group, St Nicholas

#### **Thursday 25th**

9.30am onwards, Grapevine ready for collection

#### Saturday 27th

10.00am Community Café, Tower Room 6.00 for 6.30pm Grapevine distributors evening, Tower Room

Rainbows for Pride! Do you enjoy crocheting? Amy needs your help making small rainbows for York Pride. She has a very simple pattern to offer to any individuals or groups who want to get involved! Send her an email to find out more amy.shephard@methodistyouth.org.uk

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.

#### **Next Week**

#### Sunday 28th April

Readings: Actis 8:26-end; John 15:1-8

8.00am BCP Holy Communion; St Nicholas, Dunnington

10.30am All-Age Holy Communion; St Mary, Warthill

6.00pm Evensong: Holy Trinity. Holtby

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: 2nd May, 16th May

**Zoom Evening Prayer**. On Monday 22nd April Deanery Evening Prayer, at 7.00pm, will be led by Rev Kath McBride. There will be no Zoom Compline this week.

#### Prayers in church (intercessions) meeting

Wednesday 8th May 7.30pm in St Nic's Tower Room. For all those who currently lead prayers in services across our benefice, and those who are interested learning more. We'll look at the hows and whys of praying together as a congregation.

ACT NOW Eco Conference. ACT NOW are 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 www.actnowyork.org

#### **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/churchwardens/ 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**

23 April: George, Martyr, Patron of England c.304

25 April: Mark, Evangelist

27 April: Christina Rossetti, Poet



## 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; pcc-secretary@stnicholasdunnington.org.uk

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!

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

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

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 28th April. Items to grapevine.rey@gmail.com by 9.00 am on Thursday 25th April.