

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

NEWSLETTER



SUNDAY 30th November, 2025

Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 24:36-44

Sunday 30th November: Advent

10:30 am Benefice Holy Communion,
St. Nicholas, Dunnington



7:00 pm Sunday@7, The Tower Room,
St. Nicholas, Dunnington

Sunday 7th December:

10:30 am Patronal service with Holy Communion,
St. Nicholas, Dunnington

10:30 am Morning Worship, Holy Trinity, Stockton

4:00 pm Christingle, St. Nicholas, Dunnington

6:00 pm Carol Service, Holy Trinity, Holtby

Week Commencing 30th November:

Tuesday 2nd December:

9:00 am Morning Prayer, St. Mary, Warthill

10:00 am Little People Play and Praise, The Tower
Room, St. Nicholas, Dunnington



Wednesday 3rd December:

9:00 am Holy Communion, followed by
coffee, St. Nicholas, Dunnington

10:00 am BCP Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, Stockton

7:00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

Thursday 4th December:

Grapevine contributions deadline

Friday 5th December:

7.30pm Good Company choir present Nowell, Nowell,
St. Nicholas, Dunnington

Saturday 6th December:

10:00 am Community Café with Tombola and Crafts,
Tower Room, St. Nicholas, Dunnington



Community Café.

Do you have a couple of hours to help
serve tea and coffee, on a rota, at the Community
Café? If so please speak to Jocelyn. The Community
Café is a very popular meeting place each week, and
your help would be much appreciated.

Christingle Bag Packing

There will be a time of packing
Christingle Bags after Little People
on Tuesday 2nd December,
11.30am onwards.

This will enable congregation
members to make their own
Christingles for the Christingle
services around the Benefice.

There will also be teas, coffees, and mince pies! Please
contact Lydia if you can make it.



Christingle collecting candles are in the Tower Room,
for your donations to the Children's Society.

The service in Dunnington is at 4:00 pm on
7th December, with craft activities from 3:00 pm.



Christmas Story Windows

If anyone would like to decorate a
window in their house with a scene
from the Christmas Story to
complement the 'This Is Dunnington' light trail, please
let Lydia know (families@reychurches.org.uk -
these will be added to the 'This Is Dunnington' trail so
people can experience the joy of Jesus this Christmas
as they go round the trail.

Good Company presents **Nowell, Nowell**

SONGS AND SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS

Friday 5th December 2025 at 7.30 p.m.

Church of Saint Nicholas Dunnington

Admission - including light refreshments: £7.50

To book a seat, contact Judith Hewitt 01904 488331
Eva Scoreby 07746 765274 Joan Verrier 01904 481626



Supermarket vouchers for IDAS.

Please consider buying a voucher when you go shopping, they will be given to families being supported by IDAS.

Bring them to a Church Service or to

7 Water Lane

by 10th December.

Thank you.



Benefice Safeguarding Team:

Mary Murray - Benefice Safeguarding Adviser
Joanne Muller - Policies and Parish Dashboard
Eve Scoreby - DBS Checks and Safeguarding Training Records

- In the first instance, please contact Mary Murray – Tel: 01904 488441
- In her absence, please contact The Reverend Kath McBride - revkmcbride@gmail.com 01904 489349

Christmas Parish Lunch

14th December 1:00 pm

There will be a service of Holy Communion at 12.30pm for anyone who would like to attend.

The list, to sign, will be in the Tower Room from Wednesday 3rd December.



Benefice Christmas Cards

If you can deliver a street, or two, in your village, please collect them from your church.

It would be good if they could be delivered by 4th December.

Thank you



**Thank
YOU**

Last Saturday the St Nicholas Christmas Fayre made £920 for Church Funds.

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make this event a success.

There will be a tombola and crafts for sale at the Community Café on Saturday 6th December.

Mince Pies and Shortbread

We would be grateful for offers of mince pies and shortbread for the



Nowell, Nowell Concert on 5th December, and St Nicholas Carol Service 21st December.

Thank You.

Lectionary Corner at St Nicholas:

1 December (transferred from 30 November):
Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland

6 December: Nicholas, Bishop of Myra c.326



To receive newsletters by e-mail, contact grapevine@reychurches.org.uk. Also available on the St Nicholas Church website and in St Nicholas Church.

To receive the Methodist Circuit News, please contact the office by e-mail—yorkcircuitoffice@gmail.com or phone 07984 019995.

Next newsletter on Sunday 7th December. E-mail items to grapevine@reychurches.org.uk by 9.00 am on Thursday 4th December.