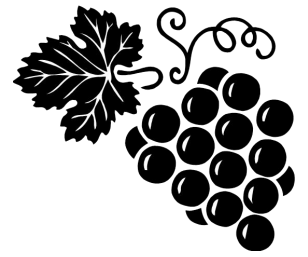


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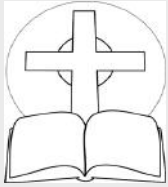
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## Readings for October 2021

### 3 October - Trinity 18

Genesis 2.18-24; Hebrews 1.1-4;  
2.5-12; Mark 10.2-16

### 10 October - Trinity 19

Amos 5.6-7, 10-15; Hebrews 4.12-end;  
Mark 10.17-31

### 17 October - Trinity 20

Isaiah 53.4-end; Hebrews 5.1-10; Mark  
10.35-45

### 24 October - Bible Sunday

Isaiah 55.1-11; 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5;  
John 5.36b-end

### 31 October - All Saints' Day

Isaiah 25.6-9; Revelation 21.1-6a; John  
11.32-44



## From the Registers

Dunnington, Holtby  
Warthill, &  
Stockton on the  
Forest

### Baptisms

*We welcome into the family of God:*

Elliot Charlie Binns  
15 August, Dunnington

Noah Jack Byfield  
22 August, Dunnington

Violet Wray  
22 August, Stockton

Alessia Golding  
5 September, Stockton

### Weddings

*We congratulate*

Elizabeth Howden & Ian Kinsella  
14 August, Stockton

### Funerals

*We commit to God's loving care:*

Joan Rawkins  
23 August, Stockton



## Grapevine Subscriptions are now due

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Have you got a new neighbour?

Have you told them about the Grapevine?

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## JOB OPPORTUNITY

### Communications Officer for St Nicholas Church

Do you have a passion for supporting our village church and community? Do you have good communication skills and experience with Microsoft Office, web editing and social media? We are seeking a communications officer to work 7-10 hours a week to produce printed communications (including the village magazine 'The Grapevine') and manage the church's online presence. IT equipment and office space is provided at the church, but partial homeworking, and flexibility of hours, are possible. £13.26 per hour. We are seeking someone who is sympathetic to the Christian faith. For a full role description and other enquiries, please contact the Rector Nick Bird on 489349 or [revnickbird@gmail.com](mailto:revnickbird@gmail.com), or Revd Mark Poole on 426522 or [revmarkpoole20@gmail.com](mailto:revmarkpoole20@gmail.com).

Deadline for applications is 9:00am on Monday 11th October.

Interviews to take place on Monday 18th October at 10:00am. This can be flexible if necessary.

## Reader Ministry

*A reflection by Judith Hewitt*

Dear Friends,

I am writing this letter on the day after celebrating Reader ministry in the Diocese of York. Readers are lay people, called by God to teach and preach, and many are also involved in a pastoral ministry, including taking funerals, in the communities where they live.

As Christians we are all called to serve God in the actions of our daily lives, but some are called to do more.

The York School of Ministry offer various courses that many people find so interesting that it leads them to think 'what is God calling me to do'. The ministers in the Benefice are always available for you to share your call with them.

Our Harvest weekend in Dunnington is giving people the opportunity to share their talents from lockdown with others. It might also be the time you recognise the gifts that God is calling you to share.

Every Reader's ministry is different, just as we are all different. You may think God has nothing for you to do, but we can all talk to him, listen to him, pray for others and to enjoy all that is around us and to say 'thank you'.

May this Harvest time see us offering all that we have to Him as we celebrate all that God gives to us each and every day.

*Judith M. Hewitt*

## Autonomy

Friends,

Many of you, like myself, will have watched the news with grim fascination as the State of Texas not only outlawed abortion, but invited people to anonymously inform on any possible violations. There has been outrage in response, and I have been reflecting on the personal, social and spiritual implications of this.



By instinct, I am not a big fan of abortion, but I also believe that this takes us straight to the heart of an unhealthy debate and misunderstanding. Whether one classes oneself as pro-life or pro-choice (to keep things binary), I don't really believe that anyone thinks that abortions are a first-choice good thing, or is seeking for there to be an increase in such procedures. In my previous vocation as a nurse, mostly working in and around the operating theatre, I have been present at the termination of pregnancies, and have cared for women during their recovery. None were there, I would say, because they thought this was top of their list as a good day out. The decision to proceed will have been very difficult, alternative options limited or non-existent, and the whole experience somewhere on the spectrum between uncomfortable to traumatic. No one is looking for that.

It's not that I believe or don't believe in abortion, but rather I believe in bodily autonomy and a woman's right to choose. And I absolutely don't believe in the right of men, particularly those in religious leadership, to dictate or seek to control how a woman lives her life, or to pass judgement on her choices. Why is it that the Venn diagram of those, especially Texans, who espouse a 'sanctity of life' argument in support of their anti-abortion arguments seem to largely overlap with those who hold pro-capital punishment views? Can there possibly be anything more hypocritical?

As we have seen Afghanistan taken over by the rule of the religiously conservative Taliban, the great cry has gone up 'What about the rights of women'? And yet may I dare suggest that the views held by such an oppressive group are simply further along the spectrum to those held in many other societies, including our own. Whether it be views on a woman's purity, reproductive rites, clothing choices, motherhood or occupation – discrimination and dominance is still assumed by men. Whether these decisions are made about women or an unborn child, it is principally an exercise in power rather than compassion, a seeking to control the lives of others.

As a religious leader myself I really don't feel it is my role to judge, but to serve; not to add to the oppression, but to proclaim liberty; not to presume, but to listen; not to increase guilt, but to help heal. Life can be taken away in many ways. Let us, especially men, not add to that.

*Nick Bird*  
*Your Rector*

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# CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS



## Come and Celebrate Harvest in the Benefice

### Sunday 3rd October

10.30am Harvest Worship  
Holy Trinity, Stockton on the Forest

10.30am Harvest Communion  
St Nicholas Dunnington

4.00pm Harvest Family Worship  
St Nicholas Dunnington

### Sunday 10th October

10.30am All Age Harvest  
St Mary, Warthill

## Yorkshire Marathon

### Sunday 17th October

There will be a shorter service at St Nicholas Church at 10.30am.



Refreshments, and toilets, will be available in the Tower Room until about 2.00pm.

Please be aware some of the roads in the area will be closed for the Marathon. There is more information about the route, road closures etc on pages 18 and 19.

## Christian Meditation Group

### Wednesday 27th October 7.30pm

The Meditation Group is meeting on the fourth Wednesday of each month at St Nicholas Church. All welcome.

## Monthly Prayer Meeting

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 28th October**, 7pm, via Zoom.

## Benefice Service at St Nicholas

### Sunday 31st October 10.30am

Come and share worship together.

## Regular Worship

### ... in the church buildings

#### Holy Trinity Stockton on the Forest

**Sunday** 10.30am Holy Communion or Morning Worship

**Wednesday** 10.00am Holy Communion

#### St Nicholas Dunnington

**Sunday** 8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion or Morning Worship

**Wednesday** 9.00am morning Holy Communion.

#### St Mary Warthill

**Sundays (1st and 3rd)** 9.00am Holy Communion

**Tuesday** 9.00am Morning Prayer

#### Holy Trinity Holtby

**2nd Sunday of the month** 9am Holy Communion

**4th Sunday of the month** 6pm Evening Prayer

### ... online

A simple service of worship is posted on our YouTube channel each Sunday and remains available thereafter. <https://tinyurl.com/y28h5aec> (or search YouTube for 'St Nicholas Church').



## Weekday Worship via Zoom

### Morning Prayer

Mondays & Thursdays at 9.00am

LIVE worship via Zoom

<https://tinyurl.com/y2whk8c9>

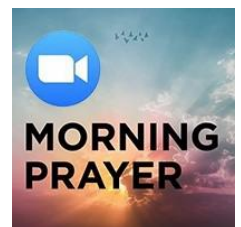
### Compline (Night Prayer)

Wednesdays at 7.00pm

LIVE via Zoom

<https://tinyurl.com/y3upjx3k>

Both Morning Prayer and Compline are short services (c. 15 minutes). You are welcome to leave as soon as the service is over or stay for a chat.



## Coffee @ St Nicholas

Come and meet others over Coffee, or tea

### Wednesday Coffee Time

9.45 to 11.00am every Wednesday

### Bereavement Café

Wednesday 27th October

9.45 to 11.00am

### Community Café

10.00 to 11.30am every Saturday



*We look forward to seeing you*



## Harvest Weekend in Dunnington Come and join us at St Nicholas' Church

### Friday 1st October

7.00 - 9.00pm

View the crafts, listen to music with a glass of wine

Tickets £5.00 each

Judith Hewitt 488331, Eve Scoreby 489008,  
Diane Benson 07951582672, Joan Verrier 481626

### Saturday 2nd October

10.00 to 12.00

'Cake, Cuppa and Chatta'

As part of York Over 50's Festival

Crafts and Harvest display can be viewed

### Sunday 3rd October

#### Harvest Services

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Harvest Communion

4.00pm Harvest Family Worship

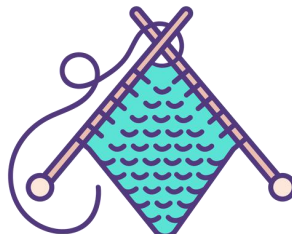
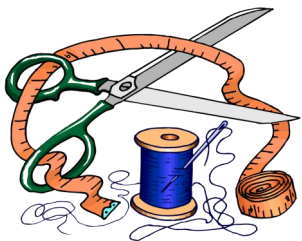
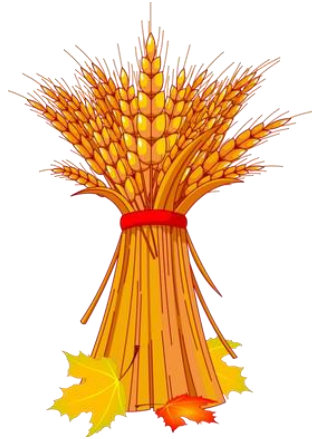
Meet Ruth - a Bible Hero

Bring a picnic tea, drinks provided

Proceeds over the weekend will be shared between Carecent and St Nicholas Church

Carecent are requesting gifts of money again this year. Please bring your donation to one of the Harvest services, in a marked envelope, or deliver to a Churchwarden or to Dunnington Rectory.

Please bring your crafts for display to the Tower Room on Friday 1st between 2.00 and 4.00 and collect them on Saturday (2nd) between 12.00 and 1.00. Thank you.



## Children & Young People at St Nicholas

### Family Worship

A short interactive service  
suitable for all ages



### Sunday 3rd October 4.00pm

Meet Ruth a Bible Hero

St Nicholas Church

Bring a picnic tea, drinks provided



### Re-Ignite (Youth Group)

#### 31st October 7pm

Our youth group 'Re-Ignite' meets  
once a month.

This is a group for youth in school year  
6 and above (most of the current  
members are aged 10-15).

If you would like to know more, or get  
involved, please contact Revd Mark  
Poole, our curate on  
[revmarkpoole20@gmail.com](mailto:revmarkpoole20@gmail.com)

### An Invitation to Pre-school youngsters and their Carer

#### Wednesday 13th October

2.00-3.00pm

Enjoy a cuppa and a chat with  
playtime, singing and story time.

Tower Room of St Nicholas Church.



## Light A Candle Café

Last Wednesday of the month

9:45-11:15am

Tower Room St Nicholas Church

27<sup>th</sup> October

#### A space to.....

- Talk about loss, bereavement & hope
- Remember loved ones
- Connect with others.

Free refreshments!

All welcome!





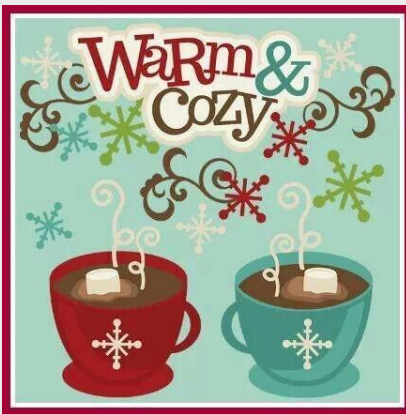
## Save the Date!

**Christmas Fayre and Coffee Morning**  
**Saturday 27th November**

Dunnington Reading Rooms

Start saving tombola and raffle prizes, please

If you would like a stall to sell craft or almost new items, ring Judith 488331



## Fairtrade

Do you buy Fairtrade goods?

Could you 'run' an occasional Fairtrade stall on a Wednesday morning

Contact Judith 488331

We are hoping to have a Christmas Fair trade event; watch the weekly newsletter or St Nicholas church website for details.



# St Nicholas Parish Church Beyond 2020

Registered Charity: 1178934

## St Tower Room Re-Roofing and New Heating System

### “Renew, Restore, Rejuvenate”

We have now received just over £40k towards this important project which is tremendous. So, we wish to say a huge “thank you” to everyone who has donated so generously to date. As well as individual donors, we wish to thank everyone involved in organising and supporting several fund-raising activities, including the very successful Scarecrow Trail, the Saxophone evening and Nick’s mammoth walk. We are pleased to report that donations have also been received from the Grapevine, Sir John Priestman Charity Trust, the Allchurches Trust, Persimmon Homes, Rowley and Sons Family Funeral Services and J Rymer Funeral Directors.

Undertaking this work is so important for ensuring the church buildings can be used by the whole Dunnington community well into the future.

Good progress is being made on the plans for the new roof. Planning permission has now been obtained from York Council. Tenders will be obtained once the design has been cleared by the Structural Engineer. Diocese approval will be required when we have a preferred contractor. With all the stages that must be gone through and builders’ busy schedules, realistically, it will be next year before we see the work being done.

As regards the heating, various options are being investigated with the help of a local expert. We are wanting a system which is cost effective, environmentally efficient, and future proofed. With the speed technology is changing together with the drive to more greener solutions there are several complex issues to weigh up.

While we are very pleased with the funds raised so far, more money is still needed to reach our target of £100k. Raising funds more funds is essential to ensure the whole project can progress as quickly as possible. Ideally, we want to secure as much of the full funding as we can before any work starts as this helps with the grant funding. The sooner we get the work done, the more we reduce the risk of not being able to use the building because of leaks and lack of heat.

If you have not yet made a financial donation and would like to contribute to this project, we would be enormously grateful for your support. Cash or cheques (made payable to Dunnington PCC) can be put through the Rectory Letterbox (Church Street) or via your normal church contacts. Please mark the envelope with “fabric donation”. If you can gift-aid your donations this would be appreciated as this will enable us in addition to claim some tax back. Gift-aid envelopes are available in the church or from the Church Wardens, or you can download a gift-aid declaration from the webpage below.

Donations can also be made online via the church website  
<https://stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/news/building-appeal.php>

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Thanking you in anticipation of your help with this. By the village working together on this investment we can ensure our church is renewed, restored, and rejuvenated to serve ourselves and future generations.

**Peter Helm and Carole White, Churchwardens**

“A Christ-like presence with the people of Dunnington”

## Loss and Bereavement

The 'Light A Candle Café' at St Nicholas Church is a place of support and friendship for those who have been bereaved.

This month the café is on  
**27th October.**

If you are unable to attend the 'Light A Candle Café' for whatever reason, such as you work or have prior commitments, but feel you would benefit from talking to someone about loss and bereavement, then please get in touch with one of the ministry team and we would only too pleased to spend time with you.

Rev Canon Nick Bird (Rector) 489349

Rev Mark Poole (Curate) 426522

Judith Hewitt (Reader) 488331



## SAYING YES TO LIFE

*a Day Conference on our care for the environment for church members in the Diocese of York.*

**Saturday 9 October**

9:45am – 3:30pm

Via Zoom



This is a day of inspiration and encouragement through talks and workshops on the theme of building our awareness and care of the environment. Our keynote speaker will be Dr Ruth Valerio, who is an Environmentalist and theologian, social activist and author. She is the Director of Global Advocacy and Influencing at Tearfund, based in the UK. She was previously Churches and Theology Director at A Rocha UK, during which time she launched the Eco Church scheme.

Ruth writes: "I have a particular interest in environmental issues and long to see the culture of the Church change so that caring for God's earth becomes an integral part of church life". We will also be joined by Jo Chamberlain, who is the National Environment Officer for the Church of England, who will talk about resources for churches and individuals for taking action on the environment.

Book using the Eventbrite link  
[www.sayingyestolife.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.sayingyestolife.eventbrite.co.uk)

This is a Zoom Conference, which means you log in from home. A more detailed programme and a list of available workshops to choose from during the day (one in the morning and one after lunch) will be sent to you by email in September, giving you the opportunity to choose your preferences in good time.



Everyone is welcome to

## St Thomas' Church Osbaldwick

on Monday 4th October at 7.30pm  
*(Doors open from 7.00pm)*



## HOW TO TALK TO GRETA THUNBERG ABOUT GOD

- the Mission of the Church in a Time of Climate Crisis

REVD JAN NOBEL:  
GREEN AMBASSADOR FOR THE DIOCESE OF YORK

Donations for A Rocha Eco Church will be welcome.

Refreshments will be available.

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