

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 24 April: Easter 2

Readings: Acts 5.27-32; Revelation 1.4-8; John 20.19-end



Today

10.30am Benefice Communion: St Mary, Warthill
Revd Canon Nick Bird

Please note: this is the only morning service today

6.00pm Evening Prayer: Holy Trinity, Holtby
Judith Hewitt

7.00pm Re-Ignite: St Nicholas, Tower Room

 [Online Benefice Worship](#) (YouTube)

This week

Monday 25 April

9.00am [Morning Prayer \(zoom\)](#)
7.00pm Creative Prayer Spaces: Escrick Church

Tuesday 26 April

9.00am Morning Prayer: St Mary, Warthill
1.45pm Little People: St Nicholas Tower Room
1.45pm Audrey Hopkins Funeral: York Crematorium

Wednesday 27 April

9.00am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington
9.45am Bereavement Café: St Nicholas Tower Room
10.00am Holy Communion: Holy Trinity, Stockton
7.00pm [Compline \(zoom\)](#)
7.30pm Meditation Group: St Nicholas Tower Room

Thursday 28 April

9.00am [Morning Prayer \(zoom\)](#)

Saturday 30 April

10.00 am Community Café: St Nicholas Tower Room

Sunday 1 May: Easter 3

Readings: Acts 9.1-20; John 21.1-19
8.00am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington
10.30am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington
10.30am Morning Worship: Holy Trinity, Stockton
4.00pm Family & Pet Service: St Nicholas, Dunnington

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A reflection from Revd Canon Nick Bird on John 20.19-31

Friends,

When dead people with holes in them appear in the midst of lockdown party, it's probably just as well that they reintroduce themselves with the words, 'Peace be with you'.

Our gospel story for today is the encounter between Jesus and his disciples on the evening of that first Easter. His followers are terrified ("They did it to Jesus, will they come and get us next?"), but one is missing – Thomas. We read this passage at other times, especially on Thomas' feast day, and we then often talk about 'doubt' and 'faith'. But this is a post resurrection story, and our focus is not on the disciples, but on the crucified Christ who has overcome death, burst out of the tomb, and somehow joined them in a locked house. The disciples' response? They 'rejoiced when they saw the Lord', which, frankly, may be one of the great biblical understatements.

In times of fear, distrust, darkness and loss, Jesus appears. In times of anxiety, doubt, threat and disorientation, Jesus appears. He doesn't arrive with an explanation, or even a solution to the predicaments in which we find ourselves, but his presence seems to be everything. His presence brings trust, and trust, as this gospel says, brings life.

We risk a spiritual glibness in saying this. If I was writing from the dark basement of bombed out district of Mariupol, Ukraine, my words might be a little more convincing, rather than the safety of Yorkshire. But I wonder whether the gospel call we hear is one not simply to embrace faith, but life itself; to believe in life, to trust in light beyond the darkness? We don't need much hope to get us through, but we do need some. Whilst the world may seem all Good Friday and Golgotha at the moment, we are Easter people, and so even in fear and darkness, we sing Alleluia and watch for the dawn.

Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCMs) in the benefice

The details of this year's APCMs are as follows:

Dunnington, Sunday 8th May, 10.30am (during the morning service)

Warthill, Tuesday 10th May, 7pm

Stockton, Wednesday 11th May 2022, 7pm

Holtby, Tuesday 17th May, 7pm

Further information is available at:

stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/apcm/

Parish Churches News & Events

St Nicholas Coffee Rota: The rota for the next few months is now on the rota board in the Tower Room. If you are able to make and serve coffee after the 10.30 service, please choose a convenient Sunday. Thank you.

Pet Service: Do you have a pet or had a pet? We are having a Pet Service at St Nicholas Church on Sunday 1st May at 4.00pm. We hope you will come with your pet, or a photo of it, or your cuddly toy pet. Refreshments available after the Service.

Creative Prayer Spaces: On Monday 25th April at 7.00pm there will be an evening to explore Creative Prayer Spaces as part of the RPA course, at Escrick Church. This evening is open to anyone who maybe interested. If you would like to go, please can you let Judith know.

Bereavement Café: Many people have experienced Bereavement and our café is an opportunity to come and share with others. Do consider coming on Wednesday 27th April from 9.45 to 11.15 in the Tower Room.

Christian Aid Coffee Morning: At the Community Café, on Saturday 14th May, at St Nicholas Church, (10.00 to 11.30) there will be a Bring and Buy Stall and a raffle with proceeds going to Christian Aid.

Desperate plea for new PCC secretary: Regrettably, to date, we have received no offers to take on this role at St Nicholas church from Eve Scoreby when she steps down after the APCM in May. If you are organised and have some word processing skills and have been hoping that someone else would volunteer, then I have to break the news that maybe God is calling YOU to take on this vitally important role.

Please give this some prayerful consideration and get in touch with Carole 07508 834565 or Eve eve_scoreby@hotmail.co.uk to discuss what's involved. Carole White

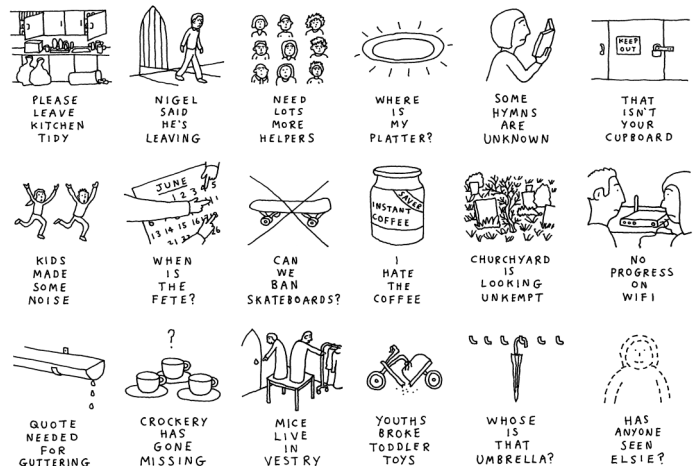
Dunnington Methodist Church Closing Service June 19th:

We would like to invite you to this Service. We begin at 2:00pm with some community singing of favourite hymns and then lead into the Service at 2:30pm addressed by Rev Christopher Humble. Tea and refreshments will then be served in the Reading Room. We would appreciate it if you could let us know whether you can attend for seating and catering arrangements. As soon as possible would be helpful, but at least before June 5th. Replies to: Jocelyn Auton 01904 488044 or Pat Muir 01904 488919 or pmchronos@aol.com. Or Sign the list available in the Tower Room.

Stamford Bridge Singers: It is with much regret that due to circumstances beyond our control we have had to postpone the Come and Sing on 31st April. We are looking at 9th July as an alternative date and will keep you informed.

In honour of the upcoming APCMs...

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Lectionary Corner at St Nicholas

- 25 April: Mark the Evangelist
- 26 April: George, Martyr, Patron of England c.304 (transferred from 23 April)
- 27 April: Christina Rossetti, Poet
- 29 April: Catherine of Siena, Teacher of the Faith 1380

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