

# NEWSLETTER

## Sunday 17 April: Easter Sunday



Readings: Acts 10.34-43; 1 Corinthians 15.19-26; John 20.1-18

### Today

- 6.00am Dawn Service: Holtby Wood  
*Revd Canon Nick Bird & Revd Mark Poole*
- 8.00am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington  
*Revd Canon Nick Bird*
- 9.00am Holy Communion: Holy Trinity, Holtby  
*Revd Mark Poole*
- 10.30am Holy Communion: St Mary, Warthill  
*Revd Peter Moorhouse*
- 10.30am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington  
*Revd Canon Nick Bird*
- 10.30am Holy Communion: Holy Trinity, Stockton  
*Revd Mark Poole*

 [Online Benefice Worship](#) (YouTube)

### This week

#### Monday 18 April

- 1.30pm Sewing & Art Group: St Nicholas Tower Room

#### Wednesday 20 April

- 9.00am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington
- 9.45am Coffee: St Nicholas Tower Room
- 10.00am Holy Communion: Holy Trinity, Stockton

#### Thursday 21 April

- 1.00pm Funeral: St Nicholas, Dunnington

#### Saturday 23 April

- 10.00 am Community Café: St Nicholas Tower Room
- 6.30pm Grapevine distributors thank you evening: St Nicholas, Tower Room

#### Sunday 24 April: Easter 2

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

- 10.30am Benefice Communion: St Mary, Warthill  
**Please note: this is the only morning service today**
- 6.00pm Evening Prayer: Holy Trinity, Holtby
- 7.00pm Re-Ignite: St Nicholas, Tower Room

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### A reflection on Mary - by Revd. Mark Poole

John's account of the resurrection invites us to see the glory of the first Easter morning through the eyes of Mary. And there's much to see.

Mary loved Jesus deeply. He had rescued her from others who despised her and considered her an outcast. Lonely and broken, marginalised and oppressed, Jesus also rescued Mary from herself. He believed in her and under his wing she blossomed, gained new friends, and discovered the freedom of a fresh new start. Jesus loved her for who she was. He healed her and restored her to herself, and she found life, life in all its fullness. But then he was brutally murdered. The world would never be the same.

Devastated by his death, Mary could not bear to be in any other place than in the garden of his resting place. It was an easy mistake to make. Garden, gardener. Early morning, before the blazing sun made manual labour intolerable, was the hour to be working the land and sweeping the paths. Who else would be there at that time, among the dead? The gardener edged nearer and suddenly she heard his voice. 'Mary,' the voice that called her home, was calling to her again. Through teary eyes she returned his gaze, their eyes locked, and her heart skipped a beat. Sunlight bathed her, grief fled into the shadows and her mourning turned to dancing. The light of understanding dawned upon her. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it. Once again Mary knew that the world would never be the same. She could not keep the news to herself.

Through Mary we too receive the news. The good news that through the resurrection of Jesus Christ the world will never be the same. In Christ there is healing, freedom, reconciliation, forgiveness, and peace. Because of him, there is life, new life, life in all abundance. Death no longer has the final word. Love is stronger than evil. Our God reigns victorious. Alleluia!

'In the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us.' It has! The world will never be the same! Can you keep this news to yourself?

Happy Easter!

Revd Mark Poole



**The Revd Canon Nick Bird** has been appointed Adviser for Vocations for the Diocese of York, and has now accepted Archbishop Stephen's invitation to take up this substantive post from 1st September 2022.

Nick has served as parish priest in this benefice since January 2009, and has been the acting Adviser for Vocations for the past year. He will be finishing work in the benefice at the end of June, and there will be a leaving service on 10th July.

## Parish Churches News & Events

**Benefice prayer meeting:** Please note, the Benefice Prayer meeting which was scheduled for Weds 20th April, 7pm, has been **cancelled**.

**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](mailto:eve_scoreby@hotmail.co.uk) to discuss what's involved. Carole White

**Sunday Coffee at St Nicholas:** We serve coffee after our 10.30 service every week when there is a chance to talk and share with each other. We are now looking for volunteers to fill the spaces on the rota which you can find on the rota board in the Tower Room. New to the rota, then there is always someone to help you!

**Funerals:** Sadly in the next week or so, we have the funeral of Ivy Lees on 21st April at 1.00pm at St Nicholas and on 26th April at 1.45 at York Crematorium it will be Audrey Hopkins funeral. Please remember both families in your prayers.

**Grapevine 'thank you' evening:** We will be saying 'thank you' to our distributors who deliver the Grapevine to you, in all weathers, on Saturday evening.

**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.

**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 5<sup>th</sup>. Replies to: Jocelyn Auton 01904 488044 or Pat Muir 01904 488919 or [pmchronos@aol.com](mailto:pmchronos@aol.com), Or Sign the list available in the Tower Room.

## 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

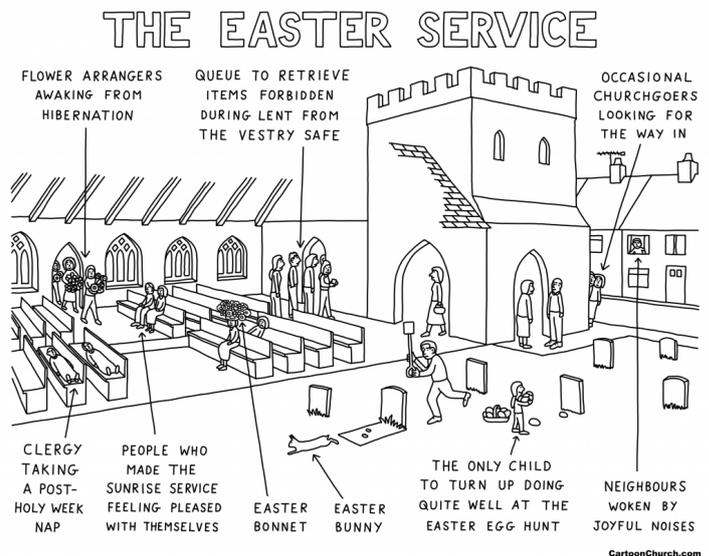
Holtby, Tuesday 17th May, 7pm

Further information will be available soon at:

[stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/apcm/](http://stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/apcm/)



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## Lectionary Corner at St Nicholas

17 April: Easter Day

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Next newsletter on **Sunday 24th April** [Email items to grapevine.rey@gmail.com](mailto:grapevine.rey@gmail.com) by **9.00 am on Thursday 21st April**