

Newsletter

Sunday 22nd May: Easter 6

Readings: Acts 16.9-15; John 14.23-29

Today

- 8.00am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington
Revd Canon Nick Bird
- 10.30am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington
Revd Dr John Schofield
- 10.30am Holy Communion: Holy Trinity, Stockton
Revd Mark Poole
- 10.30am Holy Communion: St Mary, Warthill
Revd Canon Nick Bird
- 6.00pm Evensong: Holy Trinity, Holtby
Revd Canon Nick Bird



[Online Benefice Worship \(YouTube\)](#)

This week

Monday 23rd May

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

Tuesday 24th May

- 9.00am Morning Prayer: St Mary, Warthill
- 1.45pm Little People: St Nicholas Tower Room
- 2.00pm Silver Service Afternoon Tea: Holy Trinity, Stockton

Wednesday 25th May

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

Thursday 26th May

- 9.00am [Morning Prayer \(zoom\)](#)
- 2.30pm Methodist Tea and Chat: St Nicholas, Tower Room
- 7.00pm Deanery Ascension Day Service: Holy Trinity, Stockton

Saturday 28th May

- 10.00am Community Café: St Nicholas Tower Room
- 11.30am Forget-Me-Not Service: St Helen's, Escrick

Sunday 29th May: Easter 7

Readings: Acts 16.16-34; John 17.20-end

- 10.30am Benefice Communion: Holy Trinity, Holtby



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*Please note: this is the only service on
Sunday 29th*

A reflection on Ascension - from Revd Mark Poole



At this point of the liturgical year where we celebrate Ascension Day on Thursday and Pentecost just over a week later, this Sunday's reading from Acts reminds us that the Church expanded through the power of the Holy Spirit sending out believers to proclaim the gospel across the seas to far away lands. I love it, because to me it seems to be a wild, exciting, liberating and unpredictable spreading of the Good News which contrasts the careful, staid and governed Christianity we sometimes experience today. One doesn't have to own something to love it. I wonder if at times the Church of England can come perilously close to forgetting that we don't own God? We establish committees and task groups, create layers of structure and bureaucracy, devise rubrics and ritual and often embroil ourselves in discussions that are fruitless.

Now don't get me wrong, some of that is necessary, and enables us to navigate our Church life in a manner that ensures order, efficiency, and fairness. But none of it domesticates God. We're in Rogationtide, when, traditionally, rural communities like ours simply get out there and bless God in heartfelt thanksgiving for the natural world. Ascension Day also has a sense of wonder and awe, when, confounding the false limits of our minds, Jesus Christ returns to rule as King alongside His father, paradoxically, not to move further away from us but to be even closer to us than before the incarnation. Today's Gospel reading tells us this, 'I am going away' says Jesus, and, 'I am coming to you.' But the Holy Spirit doesn't come to us in a carefully structured and managed way, rather He comes to us in wind and fire. Like the wind that tossed the ship of Paul and his companions on the swelling oceans and drove them into the mission field, and the fire that burned their hearts compelling them with passion and fervour to boldly proclaim that the Messiah is risen from the dead and brings mercy, grace, peace and eternal life to all. Perhaps as our Easter worship turns this week towards the mountain of the ascension, we need to be reminded that we worship a God who is pretty uninterested in being programmed, whom we never own, whom we can never domesticate, and whom it is simply our joy to serve as freely as the dove in flight and wherever the wind and fire may send us.

Parish news & events

Bereavement Café: Our next café is on Wednesday 25th May from 9.45 to 11.15. Do encourage, and bring(?) anyone you know who has suffered a bereavement or who is feeling alone.

'Mainly Movie Music': Ian Hill and Lizzie Hasnip with reflections and music from Ian's Sabbatical in 2021. POPPLETON METHODIST CHURCH 7.30p.m. on Saturday 25th June.

This concert and refreshments are free, but donations are invited to support the overseas relief and development work of Methodist charity ALL WE CAN Please reserve your place(s) by emailing sheilajohn415@gmail.com or texting 07963784356.

School Visits: We have hosted visits from Dunnington Primary School during last week. Mark was keen to say this is their church and they are welcome to visit at any time. We showed and talked about the various parts of the Church and what happens in Church and the Tower Room. We now have some art work from school on display in the Tower Room

Tea and Chat: Rev Dr John Schofield will be hosting the next 'Tea and Chat' on Thursday 26th May at 2.30 in the Tower Room.

Ascension Day service: Will be held at Holy Trinity, Stockton on 26th May at 7.30pm. Revd Mark Poole will be presiding and Archdeacon Sam Rushton will be preaching. All are welcome!

Forget-Me-Not Service: St. Helen's Church in Escrick warmly invite you to their accessible service, held on the 4th Saturday of each month (with the exception of August and December). The next service will be on the 28th May and is suitable for those with memory loss. The service is at 11.30am and will be followed by a light lunch.

Facemask use: You are very welcome to continue to wear a mask when attending worship, but there is no longer an expectation that one should do so.

Jubilee Cake and a Cuppa: On Saturday 4th June the Community Cafe will be celebrating the Queen's Jubilee with cake. Do come and join us between 10.00 and 11.30 in the Tower Room. Cakes are also welcome!!!!

This is **Aldersgate Sunday**, commemorating John Wesley's life changing experience of God's love. Have you been changed by God's love?

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.

Jubilee Tablecloth: One of the members of St Nicholas has embroidered a tablecloth which would make a fitting souvenir for this jubilee year. The table cloth will be raffled with funds raised going to the roof fund. If you would like a ticket, 50p each, they will be available at Church Services, Community Café or from Judith Hewitt. The winning ticket will be drawn on the Jubilee Weekend.

Living in Love and Faith: Derwent Deanery invite you to take part in the 'Living in Love and Faith' course to discuss What it means to be human and live in love and faith with one another. To explore new ideas, tough questions, divisions between Christians, as well as what it means to be holy as understandings and practices of gender, sexuality, and marriage, continue to change. The course will be hosted at St. Helen's Church, Escrick, for 6 weeks, beginning on 13th June at 7.30pm.

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.

Lectionary Corner at St Nicholas

24 May: John and Charles Wesley, Evangelists,
Hymn writers, 1791 and 1788
25 May: The Venerable Bede, Monk at Jarrow,
Scholar and Historian, 735
26 May: Ascension Day

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Next newsletter on **Sunday 29th May** - please email items to grapevine.rey@gmail.com by 9.00 am on **Thursday 26th May**