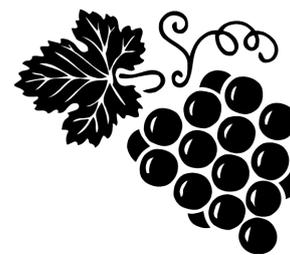


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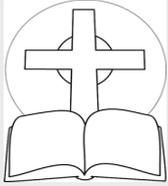
Bee Friendly Trail coming soon!

See p.17 for details

PARISH MAGAZINE

serving the Parishes of

**Dunnington, Stockton on the Forest
Warthill & Holtby**



Readings for May 2022

1 May: Easter 3

Acts 9.1-20; John 21.1-19

8 May: Easter 4

Acts 9.36-end; John 10.22-30

15 May: Easter 5

Acts 11.1-18; John 13.31-35

22 May: Easter 6

Acts 16.9-15; John 14.23-29

29 May: Easter 7

Acts 16.16-34; John 17.20-end



From the Registers

Dunnington, Holtby, Warthill, &
Stockton on the Forest

Baptisms

Erin Louise Walker

3rd April, Dunnington

Funerals

We commit to God's loving care:

Ivy Lees

21 April, Dunnington

Audrey Hopkins

26 April, Dunnington (crem)

Audrey Hunter

28 April, Warthill



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.

Words - a letter from Revd Mark Poole

It is a well-known fact that church notices, bulletin boards and newsletters are the font of all knowledge when it comes to finding out what's going in the local church and community. Sometimes they contain erudite teaching and pearls of wisdom and sometimes they can be a rich source of amusement and indulgent pleasure. I think I prefer the latter! What I mean by this is the way in which well-intentioned authors unintentionally provide multiple meanings to notices penned in Parish magazines. Here are a few of my favourites.....

'The fasting and prayer conference this coming Sunday will include a meal.'

'This morning's sermon: Jesus goes to the wilderness. This evening's sermon: Searching for Jesus.'

'Ladies, don't forget about the bring-and-buy sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping. Do bring your husbands.' (Rightly so, you just COULDN'T get away with that one these days!)

'Don't let worry kill you, let the church help.' (Has to be my all-time favourite!)

'The sermon tonight, "What is hell?" Come early and listen to the choir practice.'

I hope these little gems had you chortling as they did me! As jovial as they are, there is a serious connotation to them. It is all too easy to say something that can be taken the wrong way and can upset and hurt others if we are not careful to think before we

speak. We will have all heard the saying I'm sure, 'Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me!' Well, I disagree. Words can be very powerful indeed and need to be very carefully chosen if we are not going to cause hurt, upset and offence that may cause enduring damage. Maybe that's why I love this ancient prayer:

God be in my head, and in my understanding;

God be in my eyes, and in my looking;

God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;

God be in my heart, and in my thinking;

God be at my end, and at my departing.

Source: Attributed to 'Old Sarum Primer', also attributed to Pynson's Horae, 1514

Revd Mark Poole

Ps – do let me know if you spot any priceless entries in this edition of Grapevine!



Dear friends,

This feels rather strange to write, but on Sunday 10th April it was announced that I shall be leaving our group of parishes in the summer and taking up a new role. The strangeness is mixed with sadness as we have shared the life of these communities for the past 13 years, and this is where our children have grown up.

I have been appointed by Archbishop Stephen to the role of Diocesan Adviser for Vocations, based in York, but covering the whole diocese – Tees to Humber, East Coast to the A1, roughly. The role is one that I have been covering for the past year, since a colleague went on sick leave, but I have been involved in the work of vocations for the past decade. Walking alongside those who feel a sense that they are called to more, to do or be more, whether as a priest, deacon, Reader, or as a trained and recognised lay person working in a secular context.

Vocation is not something that is only the preserve of the religious. Rather I believe that the tradition brings a great wisdom to discerning how we live our lives in all their fullness. Where is that point at which our gifts, passions, experience, training and aptitude meet, and where they are put to the service of others? Some of the people who are most convinced of their calling to priesthood are also the ones most clearly and evidentially unsuited to the role. But then there are a million things out there for which I am an ill-fit. My vocation does not need to be my occupation, even though that may be the case. A vocation may be lived out as a hobby, a volunteer, a gift to others, a part-time role, a hidden service.

Over the past years we have moved from the already complex process of discernment, in order to distinguish between this and that, to a process of discernment and formation. We work with people for them to be on a path of intentional growth – as humans, in experience, in depth, self-awareness, and in spirit. Perhaps this is something we all aspire to – to live fuller, deeper lives which are not simply in the service of our own existence, but held in all their richness of gift and meaning.

My final service is likely to be on 10th July. It has been the greatest privilege to serve the people of these parishes, not simply those who worship in their churches. I hope to be able to say a proper farewell to many of you before we leave.

DATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

All items for the **June 2022** edition of the magazine must be received by the Editor no later than **WEDNESDAY 11 MAY**

Email grapevine.rey@gmail.com

For all other enquiries, please call the Editor on 01904 489817 or e-mail as above.

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The Editor is Louise Dover

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CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

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 (3rd) 9.00am Holy Communion

Sundays (2nd and 4th) 10:30am All Age/Morning Worship

Tuesday 9.00am Morning Prayer

Holy Trinity Holtby

2nd Sunday of the month 9am Holy Communion

4th Sunday of the month 4pm Evening Prayer



... online

A simple service of worship is posted on our YouTube channel each Sunday and remains available thereafter.

tinyurl.com/reyyoutube

(or search YouTube for 'St Nicholas Church, Dunnington').



Weekday Worship via Zoom

Morning Prayer

Mondays & Thursdays at 9.00am

LIVE worship via Zoom

tinyurl.com/reymorningprayer

Compline (Night Prayer)

Wednesdays at 7.00pm

LIVE via Zoom

tinyurl.com/reyclompline

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 25th May

9.45 to 11.15am

Community Café

10.00 to 11.30am every Saturday



CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

THE CHURCHES OF DUNNINGTON, STOCKTON ON THE FOREST, WARTHILL & HOLTBY

Come and join us for

Craft Story Games Food

MESSY CHURCH

Goes Sporty!

Where: Stockton on the Forest Village Hall

When: Saturday 21st May 2022
10:30am-12:15pm (to include lunch)

Future Dates & Events

- May 21st 2022—Stockton on the Forest Village Hall.
- June 25th—Reading Rooms, Dunnington
- July 16th—Stockton on the Forest Village Hall
- September 24th—Messy Harvest Stockton on the Forest Village Hall
- October 25th—Messy Light Party,

This is a family event so all children should be accompanied by an adult.

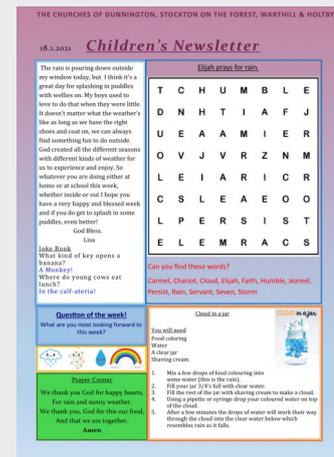
Any further information please contact Lisa Horton, Children & Family Worker — horton2517@sky.com

Children & Young People at St Nicholas

Children's Newsletter

Did you know you can access the children's newsletter online? It contains fun news and activities, and you can find it here:

stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/news/childrens-newsletter/



Voluntary Churchyard Organiser wanted!

Are you interested in managing village greenspace for people and nature? St Nicholas Church, Dunnington needs you! As part of the Church's plans to become an EcoChurch, we are seeking a new organiser to coordinate a team of volunteers and help develop the churchyard to increase the shared use of the land by both people and nature. We have a vision for a vibrant, living churchyard that encourages all members of the village community to spend time remembering their loved ones and enjoy God's creation in the heart of the village. The natural value of traditional churchyards is only now being recognised, and at St Nick's nature needs a sensitive hand to create a shared space for reflection and creation. If you would like to help shape and implement this vision that honours and enables the values of all users of the churchyard, we'd like to hear from you! Please contact Rev Mark Poole for further details: revmarkpoole20@gmail.com.

Calling all pet lovers!

St Nicholas's Church is hosting a Pet Service

(If you don't have a pet, don't worry)

Sunday 1st May 2022,



Light A Candle Café

Last Wednesday of the month
9:45-11:15am
Tower Room St Nicholas Church

25th
May

A space to.....

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

Free refreshments!

All welcome!



CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

Christian Aid Week

15th to 21st May



Collecting envelopes will be in St Nicholas Church to deliver to streets in Dunnington. If you can help deliver, please collect a street or two. Please deliver your donation to 7 Water Lane, 12 Greenside or The Rectory or to a Dunnington Church Service by 29th May.

Community Café, with raffle and Bring and Buy Stall for Christian Aid

Saturday 14th May

10.00 to 11.30

Tower Room

Do you have a pet?

Bring it to St Nicholas for our Pet Service

Sunday 1st May

4.00pm

Followed by 'tea' and cake

No pet? Then bring a cuddly toy or photo of your pet!



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)

Warhill, Tuesday 10th May, 7pm

Stockton, Wednesday 11th May 2022, 7pm

Holtby, Tuesday 17th May, 7pm

Everyone on the electoral rolls and members of the Church welcome to come

Further information, including agendas and reports can be found at:
stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/apcm/



'Sankey and Sangria'

A Deanery event at Wheldrake Church

Sunday 8th May

6.30pm



Celebrate the Queen's Jubilee

at

Fun, Food and Fellowship

Thursday 19th May

Coffee served from 10.30am

Bring any royal memorabilia or royal memories to share

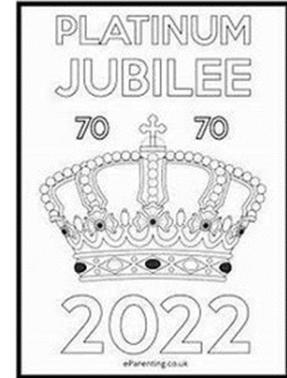
'Royal Quiz'

Roast Dinner

Tea and Cake

The day concludes with Communion at 3.00pm

Come for any part, or all of the day, but please let Judith 488331 know for catering and also if you would like a lift



Deanery Ascension Day Service

Thursday 26th May

7.00pm at Holy Trinity, Stockton on the Forest

Sunday 29th May

Benefice Service at Holtby

10.30am

There will be no other Services in the Benefice today.



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

25th May

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



STOCKTON ON THE FOREST

The Stockton Foresters

Our next play is based on the Bard's "King Lear",
 But don't bother to cringe or retreat in fear.
 Our play goes nowhere near the Stratford scene –
 That's Stratford on Avon, of course, I mean.
 Indeed, our Lear causes laughs, not a sigh,
 'Cos a terrible mix-up creates an outcry.
 Jefferson, an aging Hollywood star,
 Has had only active roles so far,
 But his agent procures a new role, really spiffy,
 That actors world-wide would grab in a jiffy.
 He can't wait to transfer, with not a hint of fear,
 To Stratford, in England, to play King Lear.
 But alas for him, England has many
 A village called Stratford: they're two a penny.
 This Stratford hosts an amateur array
 Who aim to produce this Shakespearian play.
 Dorothy welcomes him – she's the director,
 Nigel, wannabe-Lear, becomes a defector.
 All the others are due to play multiple roles
 Willing to give Shakespeare and Jefferson their souls.
 Indeed Mary and Dennis worship their hero,
 Though the hero's enthusiasm registers zero,
 Especially when Jessica enters the scene:
 His very own daughter thinks him a has-been.
 Will these human components eventually combine
 And manage their differences to resign?
 If you want to see if Jefferson accepts his fate
 Then make sure you mark in your diaries the date
 When we reveal all in our latest play:
 "A Bunch of Amateurs", presented in May.
 Book early so you don't lose out
 From Moira, our friendly ticket tout.

THE STOCKTON FORESTERS are presenting their next production,
 A BUNCH OF AMATEURS by Ian Hislop and Nick Newman (in association with Samuel French Ltd.) at the Village Hall, Stockton on the Forest, on Thursday 12th, Friday 13th and Saturday 14th May at 7.30pm. Tickets at £8.30 are available from Moira Tait (400583) or the Village Shop. There will be a bar, serving wine, beer and juice but, as Covid may still be with us, we shall not yet be serving refreshments in the interval.

We look forward to seeing you once again.

Moira Tait.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
 Stockton-on-the Forest

100 CLUB DRAW
 April 2022

Number 30
Phil Buckton 

Don't Forget
SILVER SERVICE AFTERNOON TEA
Tuesday 24th May

Our next **COFFEE MORNING**
Saturday 14th MAY

Stockton on the Forest
Jubilee Party
 Sunday 5th June 2022

12 - 2:30 Indoor Street Party at the Village Hall.
 Bring your own picnic or pre-order from Julie's Bakery (411174). refreshments and stalls.

Throughout the day- Ice creams, burgers, music and games on the School Drive.
 Others activities throughout the village on the day

Further Information
 sotjubileearty@outlook.com

Things are looking up !

The W.I. Spring Council meeting was held, the last one was in 2019 ! We were introduced to the committee and were given an insight in to the various jobs they did. We had two speakers; the first was a lady who went in the 1980's to Tuvaloo (this used to be the Ellis Islands). We were given an insight into the life of the islanders and their nine islands. Due to global warming, two of these islands have disappeared under the sea. After lunch the speaker was Nicki Chapman, radio and TV presenter. Her talk was very entertaining as she gave us an insight into what her job entailed and the interesting people she had met during her career.

Stockton on the Forest W.I. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month, we have interesting speakers and have a natter over tea, coffee and biscuits. All are welcome whether as a new member or visitors Just turn up ! Contact Valerie Crossley 01904 400601 for more information. **Barbara**

Stockton on the Forest Jubilee Party SUNDAY 5TH JUNE

STALL HOLDERS WANTED – contact Valerie Crossley 01904 400601

The Stockton on the Forest GARDENING CLUB

Meets on Monday 9th May in the Long Room in the Village Hall when the speaker will be John Freer whose subject is 'Pelargoniums'. Further information from Mrs Valerie Crossley on 01904 400601.

Diary - Stockton on the Forest - May 2022

| Church Services | | | | Church / Community Events | |
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| Sunday | 1 | 10.30am 10.30am | Morning Worship: Holy Trinity <i>p. 4</i> Benefice Worship: YouTube <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Monday | 2 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer: Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Wednesday | 4 | 10.00am 7.00pm | Holy Communion: Holy Trinity <i>p. 4</i> Compline (Night Prayer): Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Thursday | 5 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer: Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Sunday | 8 | 10.30am 10.30am | Holy Communion: Holy Trinity <i>p. 4</i> Benefice Worship: YouTube <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Monday | 9 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer: Zoom <i>p.4</i> | 7.30pm | Gardening Club: Village Hall <i>p.8</i> |
| Wednesday | 11 | 10.00am 7.00pm | Holy Communion: Holy Trinity <i>p. 4</i> Compline (Night Prayer): Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | 7.00pm 7.30pm | APCM: Holy Trinity <i>p.6</i> WI: Stockton Village Hall <i>p.8</i> |
| Thursday | 12 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer: Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | 7.30pm | "A Bunch of Amateurs": Stockton Village Hall <i>p. 8</i> |
| Friday | 13 | | | 7.30pm | "A Bunch of Amateurs": Stockton Village Hall <i>p. 8</i> |
| Saturday | 14 | | | 10.00am 7.30pm | Coffee Morning: Holy Trinity <i>p.8</i> "A Bunch of Amateurs": Stockton Village Hall <i>p. 8</i> |
| Sunday | 15 | 10.30am 10.30am | Morning Worship: Holy Trinity <i>p. 4</i> Benefice Worship: YouTube <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Monday | 16 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer: Zoom <i>p.4</i> | | |
| Wednesday | 18 | | Holy Communion: Holy Trinity <i>p. 4</i> Compline (Night Prayer): Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Thursday | 19 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer: Zoom <i>p.4</i> | | |
| Saturday | 21 | 10.30am | Messy Church goes Sporty!: Stockton Village Hall <i>p. 5</i> | | |
| Sunday | 22 | 10.30am 10.30am | Holy Communion: Holy Trinity <i>p. 4</i> Benefice Worship: YouTube <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Monday | 23 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer: Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Tuesday | 24 | | | 2.30pm | Silver Service Afternoon Tea: Holy Trinity <i>p.8</i> |
| Wednesday | 25 | 7.00pm | Compline (Night Prayer): Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Thursday | 26 | 9.00am 7.00PM | Morning Prayer: Zoom <i>p. 4</i> Deanery Ascension Day Service: Holy Trinity <i>p. 7</i> | | |
| Sunday | 29 | 10.30am 10.30am | Benefice Communion: Holy Trinity, Holtby <i>p.4</i> Benefice Worship: YouTube <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Monday | 30 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer: Zoom <i>p.4</i> | | |

Scouts

Since we have come back from COVID, the pack has been busy with a lot of different things from getting together with other Cub packs for a sports day to making kinetic sand.

We have brushed up on our communication through morse code and sign language as well as trying our hand at indoor caving.

We have watched several Cubs go up to Scouts with the Silver Award, which is the highest award they can receive in Cubs and the rest are well on their way to receiving their own.

We are looking to recruit more Cubs and after the Easter holidays we are holding a "Bring-a-friend" night to show off what we do. We will also be attending the County Cub Camp to celebrate the Platinum jubilee with a long weekend of games and activities alongside Cubs from across the County. In May we will also be competing in the annual Cub cooking competition which is back for the first time after COVID and are really hoping to do well.

Stockton on the Forest Scout Group has three sections. Beavers start from 6 years old, Cubs from 8 years old, and Scouts from 10 ½ years old. We believe in teaching young people skills for life in an environment that encourages them to explore the world around them and to learn by doing. The organisation is run entirely by volunteers, from back office administration to leading sections, and everything in between. We are always on the lookout for adults to help us manage and run the group, with roles available to suit everyone.

If you would like to get your child or yourself involved, please contact us on hello@sotfscouts.org or for more information please visit our website sotfscouts.org



Health Walks

The Health Walks are held every Tuesday morning, come wind or weather, starting at 10.30 at

Holtby Church on the first Tuesday of every month

Dunnington Cross Keys every Tuesday except the first in the month.

The walks are of about 3.5 miles, and take about one and a half hours.

Holtby Prize Draw

The winner in March was Peter Broadley – No.45

Thank you to everyone who regularly takes part in the draw by paying their yearly subscription.

If anyone would like to join then please contact Rosalie Butler-Adams at the Old Rectory behind the church.

Valentine Quiz

The Valentine quiz in February's Grapevine, in which missing words had to be inserted into romantic quotations, brought forth the expected sugary language. One or two contestants, however, not having received a Valentine's card, showed a slightly more earthy approach, as in:

1 *If you have only one smile, give it to the people you HATE*

2 *All you need is love. But a little CHOCOLATE now and then doesn't hurt*

OR

All you need is love. But a little MONEY now and then doesn't hurt

9 *Life's most urgent question is: What are you doing for CHRISTMAS?*

OR

9 Life's most urgent question is: What are you doing for DINNER?

18 *The greatest healing therapy is CHOCOLATE*

OR

The greatest healing therapy is THE NHS

What would YOU have put?

HOLTBY TRADER

Saturday May 7, 10 – 12

Holtby Village Hall

No Maypole, alas

Just lots of things to buy

Coffee and refreshments

Trader Quiz

and lots to catch up on

Quiz - What do these words mean? answers on p. 18

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|------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Inept | a Inexperienced | b Incompetent | c Untried | d Illegal |
| Acolyte | a a kind of fossil | b coal lump | c candle stick | d faithful helper |
| Bellicose | a war-Like | b oval-shaped | c snugly-fitting | d paunchy |
| Chimera | a smoke stack | b unreal fantast | c Spanish dance | d Oriental sweet |
| Rapacious | a razor-sharp | b greedy | c sinful | d bright yellow |
| Garrulous | a rutted | b carefree | c talkative | d excited |

| Church Services | | | | Church / Community Events | |
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| Sunday | 1 | 10.30am | Benefice Worship: YouTube <i>p.4</i> | | |
| Monday | 2 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer: Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Wednesday | 4 | 7.00pm | Compline (Night Prayer): Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Thursday | 5 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer: Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Saturday | 7 | | | 10.00am | Holtby Trader: Village Hall <i>p. 10</i> |
| Sunday | 8 | 9.00am | Holy Communion: Holy Trinity <i>p.4</i> | | |
| | | 10.30am | Benefice Worship: YouTube <i>p.4</i> | | |
| Monday | 9 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer: Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Wednesday | 11 | 7.00pm | Compline (Night Prayer): Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Thursday | 12 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer: Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Sunday | 15 | 10.30am | Benefice Worship: YouTube <i>p.4</i> | | |
| Monday | 16 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer: Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Tuesday | 17 | | | 7.00pm | APCM: Holy Trinity <i>p.6</i> |
| Wednesday | 18 | 7.00pm | Compline (Night Prayer): Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Thursday | 29 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer: Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Sunday | 22 | 10.30am | Benefice Worship: YouTube <i>p.4</i> | | |
| | | 6.00pm | Evensong: Holy Trinity, <i>p.4</i> | | |
| Monday | 23 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer: Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Wednesday | 25 | 7.00pm | Compline (Night Prayer): Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Thursday | 26 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer: Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Sunday | 29 | 10.30am | Benefice Communion: Holy Trinity, Holtby <i>p.4</i> | | |
| | | 10.30am | Benefice Worship: YouTube <i>p.4</i> | | |
| Monday | 20 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer: Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | | |

Holy Trinity Church, Holtby

Bank Holiday Party

For the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend

Thursday 2nd June from 2.30pm to 6.00pm





Everyone is invited to the Old Rectory (Behind the Church) for a village party to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Swimming, Tennis, Croquet and other games

Services in St Mary Church

Do join us at St Mary as we worship together.

Details of services can be found in the diary below

All welcome!



Diary - Warthill - May 2022

| Church Services | | | | Church / Community Events | |
|-----------------|----|--------------------|---|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sunday | 1 | 10.30am | Benefice Worship: YouTube <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Monday | 2 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer: Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Tuesday | 3 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer: St Mary <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Wednesday | 4 | 7.00pm | Compline (Night Prayer): Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Thursday | 5 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer: Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Sunday | 8 | 10.30am 10.30am | All Age Worship: St Mary <i>p.4</i> Benefice Worship: YouTube <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Monday | 9 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer: Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Tuesday | 10 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer: St Mary <i>p. 4</i> | 7.00pm | APCM: St Maty <i>p.6</i> |
| Wednesday | 11 | 7.00pm | Compline (Night Prayer): Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Thursday | 12 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer: Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Sunday | 15 | 10.30am | Benefice Worship: YouTube <i>p. 4</i> | | |
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| Tuesday | 17 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer: St Mary <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Wednesday | 18 | 7.00pm | Compline (Night Prayer): Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Thursday | 19 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer: Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Sunday | 22 | 10.30am 10.30am | Holy Communion: St Mary <i>p.4</i> Benefice Worship: YouTube <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Monday | 23 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer: Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Tuesday | 24 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer: St Mary <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Wednesday | 25 | 7.00pm | Compline (Night Prayer): Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Thursday | 26 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer: Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Sunday | 29 | 10.30am 10.30am | Benefice Communion: Holy Trinity, Holtby <i>p.4</i> Benefice Worship: YouTube <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Monday | 30 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer: Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Tuesday | 31 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer: St Mary <i>p. 4</i> | | |

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Our next coffee morning is on 9th May, join us at 10am for tea, coffee, cake and chat!

We have a craft session for all ages on Tuesday 31st May to help celebrate the Queen's Jubilee – just drop in between 2 and 5pm to help us create some celebratory bunting!

Booking is now open for our free talk on 'St John Ambulance – past, present and future' with County Vice-President Angela Tattersall on Thursday 5th May at 7pm. There will be a raffle and refreshments on the night.

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Dunnington WI

At our April meeting we welcomed 46 members including a new one and 4 visitors. Choirmaster Vanessa Lee began by giving us a detailed account of her life and career as a musician, both in her native South Africa and here in the UK and went on to describe how the Dunnington Community Choir came into being. Vanessa then led the whole group in a series of warm up routines followed by the singing of a Polynesian rowing song in two parts. After that, the choir entertained us with a variety of wonderful music, from traditional South African songs to "You'll Never Walk Alone" from Carousel.

The competition was for a "Musical Score" and the winning entry was brought by Barbara Harrison.

Afterwards our members spent time in small groups brainstorming how we as the WI, can help the village celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, as well as how we can best use the amazing gift of £1,500 we received from "Dunnington Community Events Committee." So watch this space for more innovative ways in which we can celebrate being in this WI and part of this wonderful village.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 3rd May at 7.15pm when Rachel Poulton will tell us about her families experiences of caring for unaccompanied young adults who are refugees. Welcoming them into their own home and enabling others in our area to do the same. She is also involved with helping accommodate people from Ukraine and was interviewed recently on Look North and I think other BBC programs. She is an inspiring woman and I recommend you come and hear her.

Don't forget on 17th May we are providing more Tea and Cake, plus Board Games. Every one is very welcome to come and join in.

Chris Bayne

Dunnington Brownies and Rainbows - Printer ink cartridge recycling scheme

Think-Inks UK (www.think-inks.uk) have linked up with Girlguiding to help raise funds for local units following the Covid-19 pandemic. The idea is to raise funds and prevent tonnes of plastic waste from going to landfill. If you have used printer ink cartridges which you would normally throw away, please would you save them for us? Used cartridges (all ink cartridges accepted) can be dropped off at the Scout & Guide hut, Garden Flats Lane (box outside) or at 20 Holly Tree Croft (please leave in a bag on the doorstep). Your help would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

DUNNINGTON PLAYERS



Our Spring Production will be on



Thurs, Fri & Sat, 26th, 27th & 28th May 2022
 in the **Reading Room**, Dunnington at **7.30pm**

We will be performing TWO comedies
 "A Jolly Sinister Jape" and "Lockdown in 'Dunnington'"
both by David Tristram

Seating will again be 'Cabaret Style' and you are welcome to **Bring Your Own Drinks and Nibbles**, Tea and biscuits will be available in the interval.

Tickets, costing £8 each, will be available from
 Dunnington Newsagent
 or members of Dunnington Players

Parish Magazine Editorial Policy

We warmly invite contributions to The Grapevine. However, owing to limitations of space, we cannot publish everything received. Our priorities are to represent the four villages and publicise news and activities of local interest. Contributions must follow these guidelines:

- Articles are a **maximum of 350 words**.
- Articles are received as **unformatted text** in a Word document
- Text is in sentence case, **not all CAPITALS**
- Articles are received in **black and white**
- Articles are of relevance and interest to local people.
- Pre-formatted posters can sometimes be accommodated **by arrangement with the editor**. The text **must** be clearly legible when the poster is reduced to A7 size.
- Articles are, where possible, accompanied by a photo or other image. These should be submitted as **separate files** to the text.

NOTE: All articles are subject to acceptance by the Editorial Committee and may be edited as necessary before publication.

Diary - Dunnington - May 2022

| Church Services | | | | Church / Community Events | |
|-----------------|----|--|--|--|--|
| Sunday | 1 | 8.00am 10.30am 10.30am 4.00pm | Holy Communion: St Nicks <i>p. 4</i> Holy Communion: St Nicks <i>p. 4</i> Benefice Worship: YouTube <i>p. 4</i> Family & Pet Service: St Nicks <i>p.4</i> | | |
| Monday | 2 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer: Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | various | Library & Cancer Support Group Shop |
| Tuesday | 3 | | | 10.30am various 1.45-3.00pm 7.15pm | Health Walk: Meet at The Cross Keys <i>p. 10</i> Library & Cancer Support Group Shop Little People, Tower Room, St. Nicks <i>p. 5</i> Dunnington WI: Reading Rooms <i>p. 13</i> |
| Wednesday | 4 | 9.00am 7.00pm | Holy Communion: St Nicks <i>p. 4</i> Compline (Night Prayer): Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | 9.45am | Coffee Time: St Nicholas Tower Room <i>p. 4</i> |
| Thursday | 5 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer: Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | various 7.00pm | Library & Cancer Support Group Shop Dunnington Library Free Talk <i>p. 13</i> |
| Saturday | 7 | | | various 10-11.30am | Library & Cancer Support Group Shop Community Café: St Nicholas Tower Room <i>p. 4</i> |
| Sunday | 8 | 8.00am 10.30am 10.30am | Holy Communion: St Nicks <i>p. 4</i> Holy Communion and APCM : St Nicks <i>p. 4, 6</i> Benefice Worship: YouTube <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Monday | 9 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer: Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | various 10.00am | Library & Cancer Support Group Shop Dunnington Library Coffee Morning <i>p. 13</i> |
| Tuesday | 10 | | | 10.30am 10.30am 1.45-3.00pm various | Health Walk: Meet at The Cross Keys <i>p. 10</i> Tuesday Cycle Rides: Meet at The Cross Keys <i>p. 10</i> Little People, Tower Room, St. Nicks <i>p. 5</i> Library & Cancer Support Group Shop <i>p. 12</i> |
| Wednesday | 11 | 9.00am 7.00pm | Holy Communion: St Nicks <i>p. 4</i> Compline (Night Prayer): Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | 9.45am 2.00pm | Coffee Time: St Nicholas Tower Room <i>p.4</i> AWOC 'Meet Independent Celebrants': Spark & Zoom <i>p.15</i> |
| Thursday | 12 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer: Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | various 10.00am | Library & Cancer Support Group Shop Cancer Support Group Shop Jumble Sale <i>p. 15</i> |
| Saturday | 14 | | | various 10-11.00am | Library & Cancer Support Group Shop Community Café with bring and buy stall for Christian Aid: St Nicholas Tower Room <i>p. 6</i> |
| Sunday | 15 | 8.00am 10.30am 10.30am | Holy Communion: St Nicks <i>p. 4</i> Holy Communion: St Nicks <i>p. 4</i> Benefice Worship: YouTube <i>p. 4</i> | 12.30pm | Dunnington Cancer Support Group Quiz <i>p.15</i> |
| Monday | 16 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer: Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | various | Library & Cancer Support Group Shop |
| Tuesday | 17 | | | 10.30am various 1.45-3.00pm 2.00pm | Health Walk: Meet at The Cross Keys <i>p. 10</i> Library & Cancer Support Group Shop Little People, Tower Room, St. Nicks <i>p. 5</i> WI Afternoon Tea & Cake <i>p. 13</i> |
| Wednesday | 18 | 9.00am 7.00pm | Holy Communion: St Nicks <i>p. 4</i> Compline (Night Prayer): Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | 9.45am | Coffee Time: St Nicholas Tower Room <i>p. 4</i> |
| Thursday | 19 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer: Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | various 10.30am | Library & Cancer Support Group Shop Jubilee Celebration: St. Nick's <i>p. 7</i> |
| Saturday | 21 | | | various 10-11.30am | Library & Cancer Support Group Shop Community Café: St Nicholas Tower Room <i>p. 4</i> |
| Sunday | 22 | 8.00am 10.30am 10.30am | Holy Communion: St Nick's <i>p.4</i> Holy Communion: St Nicks <i>p.4</i> Benefice Worship: YouTube <i>p. 4</i> | | |
| Monday | 23 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer: Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | various | Library & Cancer Support Group Shop |
| Tuesday | 24 | | | 10.30am various 1.45-3.00pm | Health Walk: Meet at The Cross Keys <i>p. 10</i> Library & Cancer Support Group Shop Little People, Tower Room, St. Nicks <i>p. 5</i> |
| Wednesday | 25 | 7.00pm | Compline (Night Prayer): Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | 9.45am | Light a Candle Café: St Nicholas Tower Room <i>p. 5</i> |
| Thursday | 26 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer: Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | various | Library & Cancer Support Group Shop |
| Saturday | 28 | | | 10-11.30am | Library & Cancer Support Group Shop Community Café: St Nicholas Tower Room <i>p. 4</i> |
| Sunday | 29 | 10.30am | Benefice Communion: Holy Trinity, Holtby <i>p.4</i> | | |
| Monday | 30 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer: Zoom <i>p. 4</i> | various | Library & Cancer Support Group Shop |
| Tuesday | 31 | | | 10.30am various 1.45-3.00pm 2.00pm | Health Walk: Meet at The Cross Keys <i>p. 10</i> Library & Cancer Support Group Shop Little People, Tower Room, St. Nicks <i>p. 5</i> Dunnington Library Craft Session <i>p. 13</i> |

Dunnington Methodist Church

Closing Service on June 19th 2022

We would like to invite you to the above Service on this significant occasion. We begin at 2:00 pm with some community singing of favourite hymns and then lead into the Service at 2:30 pm 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



AWOC (Ageing Without Children) York

Our entry in the **York's Dead Good Festival**, 3-15 May, which is part of national **Dying Matters** will be:

Meet Independent Celebrants, Anne-Marie Ledson, Annette Jones and Louisa Starr. At this special AWOC York monthly meeting we look forward to hearing about the celebration of key life moments and the tailored-to-you service that celebrants offer. We'll include end-of-life planning, how poetry can help, and still have plenty of time for questions and discussion at this hybrid event (in person and online). All welcome.

DATE: Weds 11th May

TIME: 2.00pm - 4.00pm

VENUE: On Zoom, and at Spark, 17-21 Piccadilly, York, YO1 9PB

BOOKING: Please contact the organiser below

CONTACT DETAILS: Sue Lister, 01904 488870, hello@awocyork.org.uk



Dunnington Cancer Support Group: Supporting York Against Cancer

Our next fund raising event will be a QUIZ on SUNDAY 15th MAY AT 2pm in the Reading Room. Tickets are available from our shop or any volunteer, and the price is £5 including tea and coffee, or bring your own drink if you prefer.

Please come and support us, I am sure it will be a fun and interesting afternoon.

The footfall for our coffee morning was not surprisingly down on previous years due to covid being prevalent in the village. However we made an amazing amount of £980.85 including £100 donation, and thank everyone who supported us in these difficult times.

Shop takings and donations for March 2022

Monday: £36.70

Tuesday: £154.50

Thursday: £104.67

Saturday: £125.20

Jumble sale: £190.79

Miscellaneous: £42.60

Total shop sales: £732.67

Donations:

Dunnington Community Events:

£2000.00

Joan Williamson

Greetings cards: £175.50

Total income for March 2022: £2908.17

Shop opening times:

Monday 9-30 - 12 noon

Tuesday. 9.30 - 12 noon. 1.30 - 4pm

Thursday. 9.30 - 12 noon

Saturday. 9.30 - 12 noon

Please note Our Jumble sale is now back up and running on the second Wednesday of the month from 10am - 11.30am

REMINDER

Please do NOT to leave bags outside when the shop is closed. This is classed as fly tipping. Thank you.

TUESDAY CYCLE RIDES/A QUIET SPACE

Tuesday Cycle Rides

The small group of cyclists go out on the 2nd Tuesday of the month leaving the Cross Keys at 10.30am for ride of between 10 & 20 miles sometimes on rough tracks, however there is usually an alternative road route.

On Tuesday 11th April 5 riders cycled via Warthill & Stockton On Forest to the cafe at The Farming Museum at Murton where delicious bacon sandwiches were enjoyed.

On Tuesday 10th May we are riding to Elvington to the cafe at the Air Museum.

All rides are subject to change on the day depending on weather conditions.

Helmets and bright clothing are recommended, please bring a spare inner tube in case of puncture, ride at your own risk. Do come and join us. You are also welcome if you have an e bike.

Any queries please contact Margaret Eastwood on 07791 599661 or Tony Hudson on 08979 793066



A Quiet Space

Review of Introduction to Meditation Course

This short course on learning how to meditate and relax was held over three consecutive Tuesday evenings in February.

It was led by the Revd Peter Moorhouse and Carole White. Peter has been organising a monthly Christian Meditation Group for over eight years now, following a sermon he preached about the benefits of meditation as prayer, and its beneficial effects on our general wellbeing. He also ran meditation groups for prisoners for eleven years when he was a prison chaplain, working with the help of the Prison Phoenix Trust <https://www.theppt.org.uk/> Carole White, a retired Occupational Therapist has been attending the Christian Meditation Group since its inception. She has contributed to the group her knowledge of relaxation skills built up over her years of practice, and her experience in meditation.

It was thought that as there has been a lot of publicity recently about the benefits of meditation and relaxation, that we would like to offer to the community a free opportunity to learn about the techniques of meditation and relaxation. As this is a beneficial practice and does not need to be linked to any religious or spiritual practice, we wanted to ensure that we were clear that it was non-religious and we would welcome participants of any faith or none.

The course was over-subscribed and we have kept the details of those who we were unable to accept (or who had to drop out at the last moment due to health issues) as we are intending to re-run the course again.

The 3 sessions lasted approximately an hour each time. The information covered the principles of meditation and a variety of relaxation techniques including mindfulness were introduced as a lead into sitting quietly for increasing lengths of time. The first session involved a 'sit' of 5 mins, the second a 'sit' of 10 mins and at the last session we sat for 20 mins. Sitting positions and difficulties engaging with the process were discussed with members of the group contributing helpful suggestions.

The feedback from the participants has been very positive and we are hoping that they will all continue to try and incorporate a regular period of meditation into their daily lives.

Feedback from those who participated included:

Thank you both for your kindness and amazing support welcoming me into the church of St Nicholas, a very fitting and peaceful place to learn to meditate

Emphasizing there is no right or wrong, but just practice, helped.

[Finding] That the process for meditation is simple: "Just sit and concentrate on breathing" is exactly what I had hoped for. I would have been cautious to adopt an operation containing multiple steps that had to be learned and remembered. This appealing simplicity also gave me confidence that I was embarking upon something achievable, albeit new and potentially challenging

The church provides an ideal space for peaceful reflection, away from unwanted distraction

So, Peter and I have been gratified by the support and positive responses to the course. As with all meditative practice we did not look for success or failure, but welcomed the experience!

Carole White

MOBILE LIBRARY/BEE FRIENDLY TRAIL

Mobile Library

Every fortnight on Wednesday

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|-------------|-----------------------|
| 09.55-10.05 | Hopgrove Lane South |
| 10.10-10.30 | Stockton Ln, Beansway |
| 10.40-12.00 | Stoneriggs |
| 12.05-12.15 | The Village Hall |
| 12.20-12.35 | Westfield House |
| 13.30-14.20 | Holtby - Church Rise |

For more information

Tel: (01904) 552655

Email: mobile@exploreYork.org.uk

Website: www.exploreYork.org.uk



Bee Friendly Trail – Time to Sow Some Seeds

Dunnington Green Initiatives Group (GIG) is helping St Nicholas Church to organise a Bee Friendly Trail - like a scarecrow trail but with bee-friendly blooms and bee-based decorations/ displays for 23rd-24th July with a plants & crafts sale on Saturday 9th July. Both events will be not-for-profit fundraisers.

We hope this will be a really enjoyable community event and we've been busy bees helping our children's groups/settings to get involved. We'd like as many residents, groups and businesses as possible to join in with a display over the trail weekend – this might be as simple as a potted sunflower by the front door with a homemade bee for decoration. Whether displaying or not, kids can also take part in an art competition – see July issue for details.

For budget-friendly options, how about ...

- checking if you already have a pollinator-friendly plant at the front or in a moveable pot;
- sharing a seed packet for some easy-to-grow plants such as feverfew or pot marigolds (e.g. Dean's Garden Centre have Calendula for £1.55);
- cadging a cutting from a friend;
- sowing seeds for a colourful bed of annuals (e.g. cornflowers or echium vulgare or fiddle-neck);
- coordinating with friends to buy a batch for a discount; and
- clubbing together for a bag of compost (climate-friendly peat-free will be marked as such).

For more cost-effective ideas, see June & July issues.

The Bumblebee Conservation Trust offers a lot of help online. Why not step up for nature by pledging to Bee the Change at <https://www.bumblebeeconservation.org/beethechange/> ?

Unfortunately, many plants are just not 'drinkable' (e.g. most traditional bedding plants) so the most important thing is to make sure your participating plant is pollinator-friendly. The BCT has a quick search tool for checking this (Flower Finder <https://beekind.bumblebeeconservation.org/home.php>). Alternatively, look for the RHS's 'Plants for Pollinators' logo (bee in a circle) on labels/descriptions.

For more details, see our 'How to Bee Friendly & Sign Up for the Trail' note (in the July issue, posters & flyers and on 'This is Dunnington').

Juliet Pearce, Dunnington GIG

Craft & Plant Donations for the Bee Friendly Sale

Calling All Crafters and Growers! Do you have green fingers for growing? Are you creative with clay, nifty with knitting needles, crafty at crochet, proficient with a paint brush or a wonder with wood or wire or willow or ... ?

Dunnington GIG is helping to organise a Bee Friendly Trail as a new event this July (see article).

We're hoping to have a plants & crafts sale too and want to give a heads-up to any helpers out there - if you could grow bee-friendly flowers (<https://beekind.bumblebeeconservation.org/home.php>) or make bee-based decorations (e.g. painted stones, pom-pom bees, bee-shaped signs) to be included in the sale, we'd love to hear from you (DunningtonGIG@gmail.com).



DUNNINGTON SPORTS CLUB/FOHW/QUIZ ANSWERS/GROUP

Dunnington Playing Fields and Sports Club

Volunteers Needed

We continue to look for volunteers who can help in any way – admin or maintenance. Contact Josette on dunningtonplayingfields@yahoo.co.uk or Linda on 481697

Live Music

Band night – Last Wednesday of every month 8pm

The Shadows tribute – Last Sunday in every month 1–4pm why not book lunch and listen to music?

The New Derwent Dining – New menu now available

Friday 6-9pm

Saturday 6-9pm

Sunday Lunch 12-4pm – prebooking required by Saturday – Nick as below or Gemma on 07772038484

Diamond Club Lunch

1st Wednesday of each month, please book your place

Quiz Night

Every Thursday evening 9pm

Lots of live sport taking place on the big screen – Football, Rugby Union, Rugby League and Cricket

OR come along and support Dunnington teams – Cricket, Bowls and Tennis now starting

Would you like to play Table Tennis – Tuesday evenings from 7.30pm – come along and try it out or just enjoy if you have played before

Contact:

nick@dunningtonsportsclub.co.uk

01904 481039

07905 677559

Friends of Hagg Wood

May is that lovely time of year when Spring leads into Summer and lifts our spirits. The continuing lengthening daylight hours and the increasing sun's heat benefits the flourishing of nature and our well-being. June is lovely, but by the time of the solstice, it could be downhill until Christmas again!

This month is arguably the most colourful and all of this palette of colours can be enjoyed in Hagg Wood. As many have appreciate over the past years, we are fortunate to have the wood in our locality. Bluebells and celandines will be with us for a while longer, but we must make sure we enjoy them while we can. We have also had magnificent displays of primroses and of wood anemones, another Ancient Woodland Indicator species that confirms our historical inheritance that we must protect from modern challenges. In addition we welcome the return of migrating birds. All bird species seem to sing louder at this time of year and especially at dawn, with territory and attracting a mate no less important. The Dunnington Cuckoo may not have been heard last year, unless you know differently, so let's hope that this time we are not disappointed.

The Friends of Hagg Wood have not been active with regard to conservation working parties for quite a while but we hope that this will become more possible before too long. It remains important to preserve the integrity, attractiveness and availability of this habitat for posterity and for the sake of wildlife, as well as for our own enjoyment. Woodlands can offer multiple benefits to many stakeholders, such as local residents, wildlife and Forestry England, given the right conditions. However, as with climate change, these can be more difficult to achieve if these conditions do not prevail.

For anyone not familiar with the current access to Hagg Wood, details can be found on our website www.fohw.org.uk, alongside our news of forthcoming events in the coming weeks. Our website <https://haggwood.wordpress.com/contact/> also provides the opportunity to get in touch.

Holtby Trader International Quiz - What do these words mean? Answers

Inept = Incompetent

Acolyte = Faithful helper

Bellicose = War-like

Chimera = Unreal fantasy

Rapacious = Greedy

Garrulous = Talkative

Tang Hall Local History Group

We are a not for profit group with an aim of preserving photos and memories of the Tang Hall, Heworth, Lawrence Street and Layerthorpe areas of York. We meet on the third Thursday of every month (except August) at 10am at St Aelred's Community Centre, Fifth Avenue. All are welcome!

More Biodiversity Initiatives for 2022

After the overwhelmingly positive feedback we received last year about the wild flower beds on Intake Lane Green, the Parish Council will continue its efforts to promote greater biodiversity around the village.

Thanks to a free hedge pack to support wild life from the Woodland Trust, planting in Julia's Garden and part of the Millennium Garden has just been completed. We are grateful to volunteers from Dunnington in Bloom and Tremendous for their help with this.

Eagled-eyed residents may have spotted some markings on the grass at the Millennium Garden and the village green at Greenside. There are plans for some new beds at Greenside which will be planted with a low growing mix of wild flowers.

The height of the beds on Intake Lane last year came as a surprise, thanks to an abundance of Cosmos. We will be asking the seed supplier not to include this in future mixes. The existing beds will be lightly raked and a few annual seeds added to them. Last year's perennial plants are already coming through.

Millennium Garden has had a bit of a tidy up and a few extra shrubs have been planted in an enlarged bed which backs on to the allotment, thanks to Dunnington Conservation Group. The main grass area behind the benches will be planted as a wild flower meadow with an 80% grass and 20% wild flower mix. Walking paths will be cut all around this area and the marked sections around the oak trees will be left as they are to protect tree roots. Once this meadow has established, some paths will also be cut through the main area.

Thanks are also due to the Hassacarr team who have been busy 'recycling' some of the wood chippings from recent tree work and the larger sections of a fallen tree will be left for wildlife. You'll see what they've been up to next time you have a walk round the big pond. Please help the team by keeping dogs on a lead as it is now nesting season.

We are grateful to our ward councillors who have agreed to ward grants which will support these initiatives.

Look out for another local scheme organised by the Green Initiatives Group called the Bee Friendly Trail, planned for July.

And now, a request to all residents – if you are planting a wild flower patch in your garden, or in pots this year, the Parish Council would love to have your photographs to add to the wild flower gallery on their website, which can be found here:

<https://dunningtonparishcouncil.gov.uk/galleries/wildflowers>



Dog Fouling in Dunnington

The issue of dog fouling around Dunnington and the number of dog poo bags that are just left abandoned on the side of roads, paths, hung in hedges and up in trees is of increasing concern once again. There are dedicated dog poo bins in the village and unless the dog owner picks it up, who else will? Whilst we hope that all dog owners carry a supply of dog poo bags with them, residents may have noticed that there are dog poo bag dispensers around the village so that owners can help themselves to ONE bag at a time in an emergency. This initiative was first proposed a number of years ago by the In Bloom Team who work very hard to keep the village looking beautiful - and yet they are still finding abandoned dog poo bags, as are the volunteer team at Hassacarr.

These bags are bought by the Parish Council from the precept to help residents when you've forgotten to bring a bag. Sadly, we have received reports of individuals taking away handfuls of bags despite the notice on the dispenser requesting that only one is taken, so we will be monitoring the amount used this year.

Come on Dunnington - let's pick it up, use the dog poo bins and keep our village clean.



Parishes Of Dunnington, Stockton on the Forest, Holtby & Warthill and Dunnington Local Ecumenical Partnership

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| Rector | Revd Canon Nick Bird | The Rectory, 30 Church Street revnickbird@gmail.com | 489349 | <i>Usual day off: Friday</i> |
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| Reader | Judith Hewitt | 7 Water Lane judithmhe Witt@btinternet.com | 488331 | |
| Methodist Minister | Revd Dr John Schofield | rev.dr.john.schofield@gmail.com | 861477 | <i>Usual Day Off: Friday</i> |

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THE BIRDS IN YOUR GARDEN

The Great Tit



We are all used to our pets having distinct personalities, but how often do we think about birds showing the same traits? If you garden or put out supplementary food close to your house, you'll probably have found that some birds are more daring than others, venturing close to you to grab a tasty morsel, be it a worm or a currant. But what about their behaviour in the wild? Most bird activity has something to do with survival, so do they show similar personality traits, and if so, why?

Scientists have become increasingly interested in the personalities of birds, and Great Tits, which are more easily studied than most species, have often been used as a model for behavioural research. They can't be asked to fill out a questionnaire or to undertake psychometric tests, so their personalities have to be inferred from their observed behaviour. Thus, individual birds have been classed as fast, slow or intermediate speed explorers by researchers, as this trait has been found to correlate with aggressiveness, boldness and risk-taking. Personality traits have been found to be consistent in individual Great Tits and heritable within families, and do not appear to be determined by age, body condition or sex.

Under different environmental conditions, it seems that opposing personality traits can be beneficial. For example, beechmast, an important winter food source for Great Tits, as well as many other birds, crops in cycles, which has the effect of limiting the population of the many animals and birds which feed on it. Lean years reduce populations so that in boom years there is some seed left over to germinate.

In winters when beechmast is abundant, competition between Great Tits is reduced, but increases when competing for breeding territories in the spring, because more birds survive. The outcome is that fast exploring adult males and slow exploring adult females tend to have the highest survival rates in boom years and the opposite occurs in years when beechmast is less abundant.



But why does this happen?

Female Great Tits are subordinate to males in winter feeding flocks, so for them, being an aggressive, fast explorer is likely to be most beneficial when winter food is scarce as they will find more food and be more likely to survive.

The dominant males have better access to food than females, and as a result, in good mast years with a high survival rate, there will be lots of rival males competing for a limited number of territories in spring, when the fast exploring male is more likely to succeed.

This means that in some years it pays to be an aggressive, fast exploring bird, while in others it does not. This variability promotes the preservation of different personality types within the population. Interestingly, Great Tits with intermediate personality types have been found on average, to have both greater breeding success and higher life expectancy – so perhaps being somewhere in the middle is best! Whatever the reasons, it serves to maintain a good level of genetic variation within the population, which has to be a long-term advantage.

It is not yet clear, however, why fast exploring adults of either sex experience lower survival rates than slow exploring adults in some years. Clearly, there is a cost to being a fast explorer, all of which goes to show how much more research is needed!

Most of this work has been carried out in woodland areas, often using birds that have been ringed or tagged so that they can be identified. Insufficient research has been done in urban or suburban areas to know whether the same applies there.

If you find the lives of our garden birds to be of interest, and would like to join in and count the feathered occupants of your garden, please contact me or visit the BTO Garden BirdWatch website (www.bto.org/gbw). If you know of an organisation within 30 miles of York which would like a talk on garden birds contact Mike Gray gbwmike@gmail.com.

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