

# Newsletter

**Sunday 8th May: Easter 4**

Readings: Acts 9.36-end; John 10.22-30

## Today

- 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 & APCM: St Nicholas, Dunnington  
**Team**
- 10.30am Service of the Word: Holy Trinity, Stockton  
**Ennis Tweddle**
- 10.30am All Age Worship: St Mary, Warthill  
**Wilsons**



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

## This week

### Monday 9th May

- 9.00am [Morning Prayer \(zoom\)](#)
- 7.30pm Gardening Club: Stockton Village Hall

### Tuesday 10th May

- 9.00am Morning Prayer: St Mary, Warthill
- 1.45pm Little People: St Nicholas Tower Room
- 7.00pm APCM: St Mary, Warthill

### Wednesday 11th May

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

### Thursday 12th May

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

### Saturday 14th May

- 10.00am Community Café for Christian Aid: St Nicholas, Dunnington
- 10.00am Coffee Morning: Holy Trinity, Stockton

### Sunday 15th May: Easter 5, Christian Aid Week

Readings: Acts 11.1-18; John 13.31-35

- 8.30am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington
- 10.30am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington
- 10.30am Morning Worship: Holy Trinity, Stockton



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## A reflection on John 10 v22-30

by Judith Hewitt



We come to chapter ten of St John's Gospel this week where Jesus has been talking about the relationship between a shepherd and his sheep.

The Pharisees, Jesus is talking to, would know that in their scriptures the relationship between shepherd and sheep is used as an image to describe the relationship between a king and his people.

It's the Festival of Dedication, or Hanukkah, and Jesus talks about being the good shepherd in a land once again occupied by a foreign power. We can perhaps understand why there's a sense of expectation and excitement, tension and suspicion in Jerusalem as people speculate about Jesus, a descendant of King David, being the Messiah.

The religious leaders are putting pressure on Jesus to declare whether or not he is the Messiah. A question without a straightforward answer.

He certainly isn't the sort of Messiah they have in mind, and they don't seem to have understood him at all.

Jesus says that he has already answered them both in what he has been saying and in the things he has done in his Father's name. He goes back to using the image of a good shepherd whose sheep know him, recognise his voice, trust him and follow him. As a good shepherd protects his sheep so Jesus says he will keep his people safe.

Jesus also uses a different language – one of peace and reconciliation, justice tempered with mercy, healing and forgiveness and his kingdom is the kingdom of heaven where God alone rules with love and compassion.

As his sheep we look to Jesus, as the Good Shepherd for protection and love when we feel lost, he will never turn us away.

Judith Hewitt

# Parish news & events

## Invitations from Derwent Deanery to everyone:

Tonight, at 6.30pm, come along to St Helen's, Wheldrake for "Sankey and Sangria". An opportunity for singing cheerful hymns and fellowship with Graham Urwin playing. And on Thursday 26th May we are all invited to gather to celebrate Ascension Day with a eucharist at Holy Trinity, Stockton-on-Forest at 7.30pm. The service is definitely at **7.30pm**, and not 7.00pm as in The Grapevine.

**Jubilee Tablecloth:** One of the member 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.

**Christian Aid Week. (15th to 21st May):** If you can deliver a street of envelopes, in Dunnington, please sign the list and take your bundle, thank you. Please do not collect the envelopes.

**Bring and Buy and Raffle:** at the Community Café on Saturday 14th May for Christian Aid, 10.00 until 11.30, Tower Room. Hopefully we will have some cakes and other things for you to buy! Devotion Books to uses during Christian Aid week are available to take home with you in the Tower Room.

**Fun, Food and Fellowship:** Our first day, 19th May, will have the Queen's Jubilee as the theme. There are some yellow forms in the Tower Room to complete, if you want to join us, and return to Judith. We will also be accepting puddings and cake to serve during the day. If you can help, please sign the list in the Tower Room.

**Messy Church:** We are having a 'Sporty Church' on Saturday 21st May at Stockton Village Hall. If you can supply something for us to offer a light lunch, please sign the list in the Tower Room or at Stockton Church. Thank you.

**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.

**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.

## CELEBRATE



### Ascension Day - 26 May

with a Eucharist  
at Stockton-on-Forest at 7.30pm

Everyone welcome

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### 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

14 May: Matthias the Apostle

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Next newsletter on **Sunday 15th May** - please email items to [grapevine.rey@gmail.com](mailto:grapevine.rey@gmail.com) by 9.00 am on **Thursday 12th May**