



ST MARY'S CHURCH, THORPE

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inclusivity and there is always a
warm welcome for all.



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Sunday 5th January 2020

The Epiphany of Our Lord

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Welcome to St Mary's Church, Thorpe. We hope you will enjoy the service and be able to stay for coffee and a chat after. Gluten free wafers are available; please ask one of the Wardens on duty before the service.



The Communion wine today is given
in memory of Peter Mitchiner.

8am Said Eucharist (Holy Communion)

Led by Fr Damian. Server: Sarah Bolton.

Preacher: Andrew Falconer.

Reader & Welcome: Alice Christie.

10am Sung Eucharist

TODAY WE USE THE ORANGE HYMN BOOK

Coventry Gloria (CA963), Celtic Alleluia, Rizza Mass (CA955) Sanctus & Agnus Dei.

Procession	We three Kings of Orient are	724
Offertory	O worship the Lord in the beauty	552
Choir Anthem	In the bleak mid-winter	326
Communion	Brightest and best	85
Recessional	The first Nowell	641

Celebrant: Fr Damian. Preacher: Andrew Falconer.

Deacon: Mtr Jo. Warden: Margaret Roberts. Welcome: Deborah Kidd & Bev Syredd. Vergers: Whole Team. Readings: Iris Rigazzi-Tarling & Pete Gruncell. Intercessions: Bridgett Grove. Organist: Lionel Pike.

Sermon Notes for today are available at the back of the church.

Children's Colouring Sheets are also available.

11am Café Church (Refreshments) in the R/Room

11:30am Family Service – Theme: Three Wise Men

Song 1	See him lying on a bed of straw	589
Song 2	We three Kings of Orient are	724
Song 3	The first Nowell	641

Led by Mtr Jo. Welcome: Jane Lowe & Andrew Falconer.

6pm Compline and Benediction

Hymn As with gladness men of old 47

Compline: Mtr Jo. Benediction: Fr Damian. Welcome: Margaret Roberts. Verger: John Brittain. Reading: Joy Whitfield.

Intercessions: Andrew Falconer. Organist: David Howard.

6.30pm – Eve of 12th night party in the Rutherwyke Room!
Bring wine, cheese and nibbles to share.

ST MARY'S INTERCESSIONS – Please remember in your prayers:

The Sick (immediate need): Marion Blanche, David, Rob, Susan Dean, John Pollen, Sally Blundell, Margaret Bradshaw, David Brown, Joan, Nicola, Daphne, Janet, Kim Breaker, Richard, Michelle Anthony, John Knott, David Woodward, Kirsty Fuller, Haden & Sue Thompson.

Continuing prayers: Sean Hudson, Mark Wardell, Natasha, Jessica Siddall, Baby Ray, Kathleen Shaw, Brian O'Kane, Miles Herne, Alice McGonnell, Zoe Reeves, Meryl, Jane, Jessica Wells, Caroline Wareham, Patti & Pat Harnden. **Giving thanks for recovery:** Robin Alderson. **General Prayer Requests:** All affected by terrorism & natural disasters. St Mary's finances & challenge of meeting increasing parish share. Our PCC & After School Club. Preparations for Brexit & debates in parliament. **The Elderly & Infirm:** June, Elaine, Margot, Joan, Jean, Evelyn, Rita & Ruth. **The Recently Departed:** Mary, Joy Bridgman, Stephen Cleobury, Con Kemp, Enid Peake, Jean Stubbs, Val Elgar, Russ Winzer & Terry Rylie. **Anniversaries of Death:** Louise Dean, Lewis Edward Rigazzi, William Jones, Peter Mitchiner, Mary Driver, Margaret Eleanor Coates, Douglas Russell Emerton & Roy Pattinson Albon.

Please only use yellow Gift Aid envelopes for Gift Aided donations – not for any other money. Thanks. Card payment donations are now accepted!

DURING THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Monday	8am Morning Prayer; 9am taking down Christmas Decorations – helpers please!
Tuesday	8am Morning Prayer Thorpe Primary resumes today
Wednesday	8am Wardens Breakfast at the Vicarage; 10:30am Eucharist; 11am Office Open in Wallace Room
Thursday	8am Morning Prayer; 9:30am Noah's Ark
Friday	Fr Damian is off duty today
Saturday	Fr Damian is off duty today



Next Sunday – 12th January 2020

The Baptism of Christ

8am Said Eucharist (Holy Communion)

10am Sung Parish Eucharist

with Holy Baptism

with FAITH & FUN in the Rutherwyke Room

11am Café Church in the Rutherwyke Room

11am Healing & Wholeness in the Benedict Chapel

CHURCH OPENING TIMES outside service times by appointment only – please contact the Verger: Mr John Brittain on 01932 562333.

Noah's Ark is a toddler/pre-school group for parents with young children. Term-time Thursdays from 9:30am in the Rutherwyke Room. Contact: Margaret 01784 435292



FAITH & FUN – our Sunday Club for children 4-11 years –
2nd & 4th term-time Sunday – 10am

RUNNYMEDE FOODBANK needs lots of different foods and toiletries – please see the latest posters.

Stores are depleted – please support them!!!

"For the measure you give will be the measure you get back." Luke 6.38

Green Envelope packs are now available at the back of the church. Please put your name down on the list when you take a pack (and if required complete and return the enclosed paperwork to Petra).

These new envelopes are dated consecutively to make it easier for you to track your planned giving. If you have any old green envelopes without dates, please return them to St Mary's for further use.

A big thank you for your continued support of St Mary's Church.

Join our Planned Giving Scheme today – new packs available!

Church Sitters Needed: Next Opening Sat 18 Jan 1 – 4pm

Coffee Stop on Saturday mornings has now finished, to be reviewed at the next PCC meeting. Instead the church will be open (coffee/tea available) from 1 – 4pm on the 3rd Saturdays of the month. There is now a sign-up list in the R/R – please put your names down. Thanks.

Thank You to all who helped in any way to make our Christmas Services so beautiful – a very special time indeed. Fr Damian.

LOOKING AHEAD – DATES FOR YOUR NEW 2020 DIARY!

PCC Meeting – Mon, 13 Jan, 7:30pm (Said Eucharist 7pm)

Charity Lunch (TBC) – Wed, 15 Jan, 11:30am

Wedding Couples Evening – Mon, 20 Jan, 7:30pm

Brexit Prayer Day – Fri, 31 Jan, 10am – 4pm

12nn Eucharist followed by Soup Lunch (RSVP not needed)

Candlemas Sunday (The Presentation of Christ in the Temple)

– Sun, 2 Feb, 8am, 10am & 11:30am Services

Compline & Benediction for Candlemas – Sun, 2 Feb, 6pm

EPIPHANY

6 January

COLLECT

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 60.1–6

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.
Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD. This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 72.1–7, 10–14

**R Kings bow down before him;
all the nations do him service.**

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son; That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;
That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness. **R**

He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor. He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another. **R**

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth. In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more. **R**

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts. All kings shall bow down before him, and all the nations do him service. **R**

For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, and the oppressed who has no helper. He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy. He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, and dear shall their blood be in his sight. **R**

SECOND READING Ephesians 3.1–12

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles – for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL Matthew 2.1–12

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."' Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

