



ST MARY'S CHURCH, THORPE



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inclusivity and there is always a
warm welcome for all.



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Sunday 20th October 2019

Trinity 18

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Welcome to St Mary's Church, Thorpe. We do hope that 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 Elisha Alexander.

8am Said Eucharist (Holy Communion)
Led by Fr Gerard. Server: Andy West.
Reader & Welcome: Joy Whitfield.

10am Sung Eucharist
with Baptism

TODAY WE USE THE GREEN HYMN BOOK

Today we use the Gloria, Sanctus and Agnus Dei from the Thorne Setting

Procession	Hail to the Lord's anointed	55
Offertory	All my hope on God is founded	333
Baptism Song	Water of Life (with choir verses)	
	Response: Water of Life, cleanse and refresh us, raise us to life in Christ Jesus.	
Communion	Jerusalem the golden	381
	Sweet Sacrament Divine	307
Recessional	Immortal, invisible	377

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Gerard. Warden: Margaret Roberts.
Welcome: Deborah Kidd & Bev Syrrad. Vergers: John Brittain & Bridgett Grove. Readings: Margaret Alderson.
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: The Parable of the Persistent Widow

Song 1	Kum Ba Yah, my Lord	856
Song 2	Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah	814
Song 3	Give me joy in my heart	201

Led by Fr Gerard. Welcome: Margaret Alderson.

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

The Sick (immediate need): Rob, Susan Dean, John Pollen, Ros Hext, Sally Blundell, Margaret Bradshaw, David Brown, John Pollen, Joan, Matthew, Paul, Nicola, Daphne, Janet, Kim Breaker, Richard, Michelle Anthony, John Knott, David Woodward, Kirsty Fuller, Haden, Michael Jones, Sue Thompson. **Continuing prayers:** Sean Hudson, Mark Wardell, Natasha, Margaret, Jessica Siddall, Robin Alderson, Baby Ray, Kathleen Shaw, Brian O'Kane, Miles Herne, Alice McGonnell, Zoe Reeves, Martyn, Meryl, Jane, Jessica Wells, Caroline Wareham, Patti & Pat Harnden. **Giving thanks for recovery:** Kevin Cowan. **Thank God for:** The life and work of John Henry Newman – canonised on 13 October 2019. **General Prayer Requests:** All affected by terrorism & natural disasters. St Mary's finances & challenge of meeting increasing parish share. Our PCC, Saturday Coffee Stop, After School Club & "Faith Confirmed" Group. Preparations for Brexit & debates in parliament. **The Elderly & Infirm:** June, Elaine, Margot, Joan, Jean, Evelyn, Rita & Ruth. **The Recently Departed:** Edwin Swadforth, Maisie Lloyd, Lyndon Evans, Valerie Dowell, Barbara Ward, Michael Jones, Lizzy & Alex Murphy. **Anniversaries of Death:** Iris Carter, Joanne L Nash, Reginald Ottaway, Charles William Remnant & Victor Whitfield.

We remember our pilgrims at Walsingham 18 – 20 October.

DURING THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Monday 21.10. – Monday 28.10. Fr D off duty – all contact via Margaret Roberts or Barry Huxley
Tuesday 7:30pm Faith Confirmed Session 7 "The Bible and why God's Word is important to Christians"
Wednesday 11am-4pm Office open in W/R (No Eucharist today)
Thursday 8am Morning Prayer; 9:30am Noah's Ark; 12nn Contemplative Prayer in church; 7:30pm Said Eucharist
Saturday 10am-12pm Coffee Stop café in Rutherwyke Room; 12nn Worship



Next Sunday – 27th October 2019

Bible Sunday

8am Said Eucharist (Holy Communion)

10am Sung Parish Eucharist

with **FAITH & FUN** in the Rutherwyke Room
11am Café Church in the Rutherwyke Room

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

Stewardship & Communications Team

Interested in helping to steer our financial sustainability? Or are you great with social media? Join our team!

Email Andrew at agfalconer@outlook.com.

The Real Advent Calendars are now available for £4.50 apiece.
Please see Petra or Barry during Café Church on Sundays.

Handcrafted shoebox fillers available in the Link.

Please take part – Shoebox Sunday @ St Mary's: 3 November!

Also, we are looking for a volunteer to drive the shoeboxes to the collection point in Weybridge or Staines between 11 and 18 November (daytime). If you could do this, please let Petra know.

LOOKING AHEAD – IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

All Saints' Sung Festival Service – Fri, 1 Nov, 7pm

Parish Meal at the Red Lion – Fri, 1 Nov, 8pm

All Souls' Said Eucharist (w/hymns) – Sat, 2 Nov, 12nn

SHOEBOX SUNDAY – Sun, 3 Nov, 8am, 10am, 11:30am

All Saints Sunday Compline & Benediction – Sun, 3 Nov, 6pm

Remembrance Service & Act of Witness – Sun, 10 Nov, 10am

Eucharist with Healing & Wholeness – Wed, 13 Nov, 10:30am

Charity Lunch for Royal British Legion – Wed, 13 Nov, 11:30am

PCC Meeting – Mon, 18 Nov, 7:30pm (Eucharist 7pm)

Annual Memorial Service – Sun, 24 Nov, 6pm

CHRISTMAS PARTIES 2019 - Friday 6th December – dates for your diary - EVERYONE is invited to take part in these occasions!

4 – 6pm Children's Disco Party & Fr Christmas

7.30 – 10pm Party with pantomime- Snow White & The One Dwarf (due to BREXIT!) followed by dancing and games.

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

Items for newsletter by 12nn Wednesdays; items for mailer by 12nn Thursdays - all to stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com please.

FIRST READING Genesis 32.22–31

A reading from the book of Genesis.

At night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 121

**R My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth. **R**

He will not let your foot be moved
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep; **R**

The Lord himself watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night. **R**

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep you safe. The Lord shall
watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore. **R**

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 3.14 – 4.5

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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GOSPEL Luke 18.1–8

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

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Friday 1st November - **ALL SAINTS' DAY**
7pm Sung Festival Eucharist

*Followed by a celebration meal at the Red Lion,
Village Road, Thorpe. Book your place today
with Susi Thornton: 01784 433480.*

Saturday 2nd November - **ALL SOULS' DAY**
12noon Eucharist with Hymns

*With candles, incense and names remembered.
Please write the name of those you would like
remembered at the Eucharist on the list on the
welcome desk by the church door. Thank you.*