



# ST MARY'S CHURCH, THORPE



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St Mary's is committed to  
inclusivity and there is always a  
warm welcome for all.



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Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019

## Second Sunday of Advent

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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.



**8am Said Eucharist** (Holy Communion)

Led by Fr Damian. Server: Andy West.

Reader & Welcome: Kim Stangroom.

**10am Sung Eucharist**

with **FAITH & FUN** in the Rutherwyke Room

**TODAY WE USE THE GREEN HYMN BOOK**

Today we use Rizza Bread of Life (CA955) Kyrie, Sanctus and Agnus Dei.

Procession Hills of the north rejoice **7**

Advent Candle Song

Offertory Lo! He comes with clouds **9**

Choir Anthem People look east

Communion O come, O come Emmanuel **11**

Recessional Hail to the Lord's anointed **55**

Celebrant: Fr Damian. Preacher: Archdeacon of Dorking,

The Ven Martin Breadmore. Deacon: Mtr Jo.

Warden: Barry Huxley. Welcome: Deborah Kidd & Rob

Castledine. Verger: John Brittain. Readings: Bridgett Grove &

Bryan Nixon. Organist: David Howard.

*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**

**11am Healing & Wholeness in Benedict Chapel**

**12nn – 6pm Winter Wonderland**

**BBQ, Fayre, Tombola, Refreshments, Santa's Grotto**

**4pm Christingle Service**

Song 1 Long ago prophets knew **406**

Song 2 Away in a manger **776**

Song 3 The Christingle Song (Give me joy in my heart) **201**

Song 4 Shine Jesus Shine **419**

Led by Fr Damian & Mtr Jo. Welcome: Margaret Harnden,

Margaret Alderson & Helen Cunningham. Readers: Margaret

Harnden & Margaret Alderson. Intercessions: Mtr Jo.

Organist: David Howard.

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

**The Sick (immediate need):** 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, Robin Alderson, 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:** Ros Hext, Kevin Cowan & Paul.

**General Prayer Requests:** For the General Election. All affected by terrorism & natural disasters. St Mary's finances & challenge of meeting increasing parish share. Our PCC, 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:** Joy Bridgman, Stephen Cleobury, Con Kemp, Enid Peake, Jean Stubbs, Val Elgar, Russ Winzer & Terry Rylie. **Anniversaries of Death:** Gerald Lewis & William Reavely.

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Items for newsletter by 12nn Wednesdays; items for mailer by 12nn Thursdays - all to [stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com](mailto:stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com) please.

## DURING THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Monday 8am Morning Prayer; 12:30pm Communion Class at Thorpe Primary; 5pm Standing Committee in W/R

Tuesday 8am Morning Prayer; 9am Noah's Ark attend Thorpe Primary (Infants) Nativity play

Wednesday 8am Morning Prayer; **10:30am Eucharist**; 11am Office Open in W/R

Thursday 8am Morning Prayer; 9:30am Noah's Ark

Friday Fr Damian is off duty today; 6:30 – 7:30pm St Mary's Choir @ Rose & Crown – please come and support this fundraiser!!! Fr Damian is off duty today; 8am Church Clean

Saturday



**Next Sunday – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

## Third Sunday of Advent

8am Said Eucharist (Holy Communion)

**10am Sung Parish Eucharist**

11am Café Church in the Rutherwyke Room

**11:30am Family Service**

**6pm Lessons & Carols**

**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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> term-time Sunday – 10am

**STAY FOR WINTER WONDERLAND TODAY!**  
**BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY!**

BBQ lunch from 12nn or come back for coffee & cakes in the Café Corner. Visit the Rutherwyke Room Fayre & Santa's Grotto. Christingle Service at 4pm – BBQ and Fayre will still be open afterwards.



**We need lots of mince pies for use 15/12 & 24/12 please!!!**

**Christmas Flower Dedications are now available – sign-up sheets at the back of church.**

**The BIG CHRISTMAS CARD BOARD is now up in the Link!**

Please consider pinning just one card there for all your church friends and make a donation in the wall safe for the money you'll save by not writing multiple cards! The environment & St Mary's thank you! ☺

**Church Sitters Needed: Sat 21 Dec & 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month. If you can help out in December or January please let us know - thanks.

**LOOKING AHEAD – IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!**

**Egham Band Christmas Concert** – Wed, 18 Dec, 8pm

**"Carols & Songs" Christmas Concert** – Sun, 22 Dec, 4pm

**Christmas Eve Crib Services** – Tue, 24 Dec, 3pm + 5pm

**Midnight Mass** – Tue, 24 Dec, 11:30pm

**Christmas Day Eucharist** – Wed, 25 Dec, 10am

**St Stephen's Day Service** – Thu, 26 Dec, 10am (said w/carols)

**COLLECT**

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING Isaiah 11.1–10**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM Psalm 72.1–7, 18–19**

**R** In his time shall the righteous flourish,  
[and peace till the moon shall be no more].

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**

Blessèd be the Lord God, the God of Israel,  
who alone does wondrous deeds!



In his time shall the right - eous flou - rish.

And blessèd be his glorious name for ever! and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen. **R**

**SECOND READING Romans 15.4–13**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans. Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL Matthew 3.1–12**

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**