



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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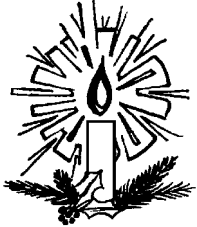
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Sunday 1st December 2019

First 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. Welcome: Bev Syradd.

Server & Reader: Sarah Bolton.

**10am Sung Eucharist
with Baptism**

TODAY WE USE THE ORANGE HYMN BOOK

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

Procession Come thou long expected Jesus 128

Advent Candle Song

Baptism Song Water of Life (with choir verses)

Offertory Ye servants of the Lord 757

Communion The Advent of our King 633

Be still, for the presence of the Lord 67

Recessional How lovely on the mountains 295

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Damian. Deacon: Mtr Jo.

Warden: Margaret Harnden. Welcome: Jane & Jim Lowe.

Vergers: John Brittain & Bridgett Grove. Reading: Margaret

Alderson. Organist: David Howard. Cantor: Petra Hudson.

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: Noah's Ark!

Song 1 Rise & shine and give God the glory 883

Song 2 Wide, wide as the ocean 751

Song 3 Long ago prophets knew 406

Led by Mr Jo & Fr Gerard. Welcome: Andrew Falconer.

6pm Advent Compline and Benediction

Hymn O come, o come Emmanuel 11

Benediction Be still, for the presence of the Lord 67

Therefore we before him bending (Pt 2) 268

Led by Fr Damian. Warden: Margaret Roberts. Reading: Jane

Carter. Intercession: Fr Damian. 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 & Infirmary:** 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:** Dorothy Randall, Lady Phyllis Griffith, Alfred Chidzey, David Austin Johns & Frederick Appleton.

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

DURING THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Monday 8am Morning Prayer; 12:30pm Communion Class at Thorpe Primary; 3:30pm TASH School Carol Service

Tuesday 8am Morning Prayer; 7:30pm Faith Confirmed Session 13 "Confession, forgiveness and love"

Wednesday 8:30am Wardens Breakfast in Wallace Room; 10:30am Eucharist; 11am Office Open in W/R

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

Friday **Christmas Parties:** 4 – 6pm Children's Disco Party; 7:30 – 10pm Adult Party with Pantomime "Snow White & The One Dwarf", dancing and games

Saturday Fr Damian is off duty today; Winter Wonderland Set-up: 1:30pm gazebos/tables; 3pm stalls

Next Sunday – 8th December 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

8am Said Eucharist (Holy Communion)

10am Sung Parish Eucharist

(Preacher: Archdeacon of Dorking)

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

11am Café Church in the Rutherwyke Room

12nn – 6pm Winter Wonderland

BBQ, Fayre, Tombola, refreshments, Santa's Grotto

4pm Christingle Service



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

WINTER WONDERLAND DONATIONS PLEASE:

- bottles (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) OR make a financial contribution so we can stock up on bottles...
- new & nearly-new items for the bric-a-brac stall
 - jewellery and scarves
- small glass jars for children's corner for decorating
 - mince pies in date for 8/12
 - more offers of cakes for cake stall

ALSO: Helpers Sat 7/12 1:30pm for gazebos; 3pm stall prep – and Sun 8/12 for running stalls – please let Susi know if you can help – susi@thorntonclan.com or 01784 433480 – thanks.

ALSO: 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.

LOOKING AHEAD – IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

St Mary's Choir @ Rose & Crown – Fri, 13 Dec, 6:30 – 7:30pm

Lessons & Carols (with Hythe Singers) – Sun, 15 Dec, 6pm

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

COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 2.1–5

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.
The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 122

R I was glad when they said to me,
'Let us go to God's house'.

I was glad when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'
Now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R**

Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself.
To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.
For there are the thrones of judgement, the thrones of the house of David. **R**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers. **R**

For my family and companions' sake, I pray for your prosperity. Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good.' **R**

SECOND READING Romans 13.11–14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.
Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy.
Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL Matthew 24.36–44

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.' This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord. **Amen.**

This coming Friday 6th December

St Mary's Christmas Parties

4 – 6pm Children's Disco Party

7:30 – 10pm Adult Party

with Pantomime "Snow White & The One Dwarf",
dancing and games. Please bring a wrapped
Secret Santa present and a plate of food to share.