



# ST MARY'S CHURCH, THORPE



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inclusivity and there is always a  
warm welcome for all.



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Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to St Mary's Church, Thorpe. Gluten free wafers are available; please ask one of the Wardens on duty upon arrival.  
For use of the Church Hearing Loop, please select T.

TODAY WE USE THE RECYCLABLE SERVICE SHEET

PLEASE PARK IN THE VICARAGE CAR PARK OR

CHURCH APPROACH FOR 8AM & 7PM.

TASIS CAR PARK WILL BE OPEN FROM 9:30AM - PERMIT HOLDERS!

### 8am Eucharist with congregation

Led by Fr Gerard. Preacher: Andrew Falconer.

Server & Reader: Andy West.

Welcome: Kim Stangroom.

### 10am Parish Eucharist with congregation & online

Procession Father, hear the prayer we offer  
Offertory Glorious things of thee are spoken  
Communion O thou who camest from above  
Recessional Praise, my soul, the king of heaven  
Celebrant: Fr Damian. Preacher: Andrew Falconer.  
Warden: Susi Thornton. Welcome: Jim & Jane Lowe. Vergers: Bridgett & Tony Grove. Readers: Tony Grove & Margaret Roberts. Gospel & Deacon: Mtr Jo. Intercessions: Susi Thornton. Organist: Lionel Pike. Cantor: Mtr Jo.

Sermon Notes for today will be available on the website shortly.

Children's Colouring Sheets are available via our weekly mailer – please contact [stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com](mailto:stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com) to sign up.

### 11:30am Vestry & Annual Parochial Church Meeting

ZOOM details inside the front cover of the APCM booklet.

There are some places available in church for those without internet.

Please read your APCM booklet and use the questionnaire slips provided – you can return them to Church or email your reply to [stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com](mailto:stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com)

### 7pm Compline with congregation & online

Led by Mtr Jo. Welcome: Susi Thornton & Margaret Harnden.

Reader: Margaret Harnden. Intercessions: Susi Thornton.

PLEASE NOTE COVID PROCEDURES APPLY FOR ALL SERVICES

Please come in good time to follow entry procedure: Entrance is via the Rutherwyke Room kitchen/back door. All must wash their hands, wear a face mask\* and sign-in (for Test & Trace purposes). Please **do not sing** – you can hum along quietly with your mask on. Keep to social distancing and one-way-system through church at all times.

10am Car Parking for permit holders in TASIS South Campus car park.

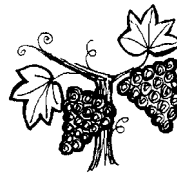
### ST MARY'S INTERCESSIONS Please remember in your prayers:

**The Sick (immediate need):** Elaine Gill, Carol, Sam Thornton, John Brittain, Gwyn, Andrea, Andrew Buchanan, Bishop Peter Hancock, Alice Armstrong, Peter Silvester, Stuart Hatch, Pat Joseph, Carol Mason, Sarah Bradshaw, Richard, David Woodward & Kirsty Fuller.  
**Continuing prayers:** Pete Gruncell, David de Ville, Stephen Coling, Brian O'Kane, David Oldfield, Mark Wardell, Miles Herne, Alice McGonnell, Zoe Reeves, Meryl, Patti, Pat Harnden & all struggling with Coronavirus.  
**General Prayer Requests:** Serina Tatham, all affected by Covid-19, terrorism & natural disasters. Victims & injured in storms, the Aberdeenshire train derailment and Beirut explosion. St Mary's finances & paying our parish share. PCC, Thorpe Primary School & TASIS. Trade negotiations following Brexit.  
**The Elderly & Infirm:** June, Elaine, Margot, Joan, Jean, Evelyn, Rita, Margaret & Ruth.  
**The Recently Departed:** Anthony Swain, Robert Roy Batley, Janet Elizabeth Crocker, Joan Rumsey, Bill Clarke, Roy Harry Dauncy, David Rowe-Ham & William Scott.  
**Anniversaries of Death:** Tony Richardson & David Williams.

## DURING THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Monday 10am Morning Worship online  
7pm Said Eucharist (in church and LIVE on Facebook); 7:30pm PCC meeting via Zoom.  
Tuesday 10am Morning Worship online  
10:30am Collective Worship via Zoom for Thorpe Primary School from Church.  
10:50am Staff Meeting via messenger  
Wednesday 8am Wardens meeting via Zoom.  
10am Said Eucharist in Church and online  
Thursday 10am Morning Worship online  
Friday Fr D is off duty; 10am Morning Worship online  
Saturday 10am Morning Worship online

Daily Worship at 10am & Festivals at 7pm are available  
LIVE on Facebook and uploaded later to our website.



xt Sunday – 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## Trinity 16

8am Said Eucharist with congregation

10am Sung Eucharist

from St Mary's with congregation present & ONLINE

7pm Compline with congregation & online

### GOVERNMENT CORONAVIRUS CHANGES FROM SEPT 13

The number of people allowed to meet socially is being reduced from 30 to 6 amid a rise in coronavirus cases. This doesn't impact upon worship/services, however all meetings with more than 3 households or 6 individuals present must now be conducted virtually including our APCM. The Next Wardens & Deputies full meeting will now be held via Zoom on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 7am.

MAXIMUM NUMBER AT SERVICES 40 IN CHURCH, 10 IN R/ROOM

### APCM ZOOM DETAILS

Time: Sep 20, 2020 11:30 AM London. Join Zoom Meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85431782435?pwd=dGhLQkE4dnphS2RQSlrNnB6MzdPd209>

Meeting ID: 854 3178 2435; Passcode: 807993

### Changes to Administration at St Mary's

From Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Petra Hudson will stand down as Vicar and Wardens Secretary. We are very thankful to Petra for the service she has provided, above and beyond the call of duty. For all future email correspondence please use: [stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com](mailto:stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com).

From this week Sarah Bolton will be taking over the work of preparing and circulating our weekly mailer. Deadline 12nn Wednesday. All other correspondence via Fr Damian for now.

## Dates for your Diary

### EVE OF MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm

Sung Festival Eucharist in church (and LIVE on Facebook)

### HARVEST FESTIVAL – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October

We will be collecting dried & canned food for White Lodge Centre.

8am, 10am, 11:30am & 7pm with congregation in church

### MOTHER JO'S FIRST MASS – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October (7:30pm)

Following her ordination to the priesthood in the afternoon, Mother Jo Winn-Smith will preside over the Parish Eucharist for the first time in a very special celebration service at 7:30pm. Some tickets will be available for seats in Church or the service can be viewed LIVE on Facebook. More details to follow shortly.

Gift Aided donations/Collection for Services via <https://www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchThorpe/> click DONATE. Cheques: St Mary's Church Thorpe.

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

**COLLECT**

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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** **Jonah 3.10 – 4.11**

A reading from the book of Jonah.

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, 'O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the LORD said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.' But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the LORD said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?' This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** **Psalms 145.1–8**

**R The Lord is near to those who call upon him.**

I will exalt you, O God my King, and bless your name for ever and ever. Every day will I bless you and praise your name for ever and ever. **R**

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; there is no end to his greatness. One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power. **R**

I will ponder the glorious splendour of your majesty and all your marvellous works. They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts and I will tell of your greatness. **R**

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great kindness. **R**

**SECOND READING** **Philippians 1.21–30**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians. For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL** **Matthew 20.1–16**

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.' This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **HYMN 1**

*Maria Willis (1824-1908)*

Father, hear the prayer we offer:  
not for ease that prayer shall be,  
but for strength that we may ever  
live our lives courageously.

Not for ever in green pastures  
do we ask our way to be;  
but the steep and rugged pathway  
may we tread rejoicingly.

Not for ever by still waters  
would we idly rest and stay;  
but would smite the living fountains  
from the rocks along our way.

Be our strength in hours of weakness,  
in our wanderings be our guide;  
through endeavour, failure, danger,  
Father, be thou at our side.

## **HYMN 2**

*John Newton (1725-1807)*

Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken  
formed thee for his own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters,  
and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river  
ever flows their thirst t'assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,  
never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring,  
see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a cov'ring,  
showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus they march, the pillar leading,  
light by night and shade by day;  
daily on the manna feeding  
which he gives them when they pray.

Saviour, if of Zion's city  
I, through grace, a member am,  
let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy name.  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
boasted pomp and empty show;  
solid joys and lasting treasure  
none but Zion's children know.

## **HYMN 3**

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

O thou who camest from above  
the fire celestial to impart,  
kindle a flame of sacred love  
on the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn  
with inextinguishable blaze,  
and trembling to its source return  
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire  
to work, and speak, and think for thee;  
still let me guard the holy fire,  
and still stir up the gift in me.

Ready for all thy perfect will,  
my acts of faith and love repeat,  
till death thy endless mercies seal,  
and make the sacrifice complete.

## **HYMN 4**

*Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)*

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me his praise should sing?  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour  
to our fathers in distress.  
Praise him, still the same as ever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Glorious in his faithfulness!

Fatherlike he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows.  
In his hand he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Widely yet his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him;  
you behold him face to face.  
Sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise with us the God of grace!