



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 8th March 2020

Second Sunday of Lent

For use of the Church Hearing Loop, please select T. 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 Tass & Leslie Parkes
& Colin Radburn-Smith

8am Said Eucharist (Holy Communion)

Led by Fr Damian. Server: Andy West.

Welcome & Reader: Kim Stangroom.

10am Sung Eucharist

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

TODAY WE USE THE ORANGE HYMN BOOK

Today we use the Rizza Kyrie (CA955), "Praise to you" Gospel Acclamation & Celtic Mass Setting with Communion Song 3 for Agnus Dei.

Procession	Take up thy cross, the Saviour said	626
Offertory	I cannot tell, how he whom angels	303
Anthem	Hail true body, born of Mary	
Communion	God forgave my sin in Jesus' name	212
Recessional	To God be the glory	695

Celebrant: Fr Gerard. Preacher: Fr Damian. Warden: Helen Cunningham. Welcome: Margaret Roberts & Jenny Bright. Verger: John Brittain. Readings: Bryan Nixon & John Brittain. Intercessions: Bridgett Grove. Chalice Assistants: Mtr Jo & John Brittain. Organist: Lionel Pike. 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

11am Healing & Wholeness in the Benedict Chapel

11:30am Stations of the Cross

Led by Fr Gerard. Welcome: Margaret Harnden.

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

The Sick (immediate need): Carol Mason, Sarah Bradshaw, Rob Castledine, Richard, John Knott, David Woodward & Kirsty Fuller. **Continuing prayers:** Sean Hudson, Mark Wardell, Miles Herne, Alice McGonnell, Zoe Reeves, Meryl, Matthew, Caroline Wareham, Patti, Pat Harnden & all struggling with Coronavirus. **Giving thanks for recovery:** John Knight, Marion Blanche, Robin Alderson & Kate Pestkowska. **General Prayer Requests:** All affected by terrorism & natural disasters. St Mary's finances & challenge of meeting increasing parish share. Our PCC & After School Club. Trade negotiations following Brexit. **The Elderly & Infirm:** June, Elaine, Margot, Joan, Jean, Evelyn, Rita, Margaret & Ruth. **The Recently Departed:** John Kinal, Sue Thompson, Sarah Early & Carol Carrington. **Anniversaries of Death:** Elsa Scammell, Frederick Finch, Leslie Almond Periton, Yolan Green, Ursula Beauchamp-Ward, John Gratwick, Doll Sands & Austin Johns.

An evening with Justin Welby

Thu, 19 March, 7:30pm at the Lakeside Complex near Camberley. Your chance to hear the Archbishop live...booking absolutely necessary (via Eventbrite): <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-evening-with-justin-welby-tickets-85951512287>

The annual **Easter Egg Collection** is on again – please leave chocolate eggs in the basket at the back of church. Thanks.

DURING THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Monday	8am Morning Prayer; Home Communion today; 7:30pm TWRA in Rutherwyke Room
Tuesday	8am Morning Prayer; 11:15am Architect meeting with Churchwardens
Wednesday	8am Morning Prayer; 9:30am Clergy Staff Meeting; 10:30am Eucharist; 11am Office Open in W/R; 11am Lent Course in Rutherwyke Room: Session 2 – "Water" led by Fr G; 5pm School Governors Meeting at Thorpe Primary; 7:30pm in church: Lent Course (as above)
Thursday	8am Morning Prayer; 9:30am Noah's Ark; Fr D at 12nn Churches Together in Englefield Green
Friday	Fr D is off duty
Saturday	9:30am-1pm Fr D at Diocesan Synod



Next Sunday – 15th March 2020

Third Sunday of Lent

8am Said Eucharist (Holy Communion)

10am Sung Parish Eucharist

11am Café Church in the Rutherwyke Room

11:30am Family 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

RUNNYMEDE FOODBANK needs: tinned tomatoes/meat/custard; coffee; sponge puddings; UHT milk; long-life juice; squash; male/female deodorant; shaving foam/razors; shower gel; washing powder; washing up liquid.

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

USED POSTAGE STAMPS FOR BARNADO'S: basket in the Link!

Hythe Singers Spring Concert at St Mary's, 21 March
Performing Dixit Dominus by Handel, Jephthe by Carissimi and the Magnificat by Pergolesi, with a small Chamber Orchestra.
Tickets / info from Susi (susi@thorntonclan.com).

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Recommended Book for Lent
"Saying Yes To Life" by Ruth Valerio

Copies available to buy (£6.83) to read through Lent.

We are following the Coronavirus guidance (see the Diocese of Guildford Website). Communicants must not intinct/dip bread into the cup. If you would rather not receive the wine by taking a sip from the cup, you may receive in one kind/the bread only.
Alcohol-free Sanitiser is available in the porch.

LOOKING AHEAD – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

Mothering Sunday – Sat, 22 Mar, 8am + 10am

Handmade **MOTHER'S DAY CARDS** available £1.50 each in basket on the crafts cabinet in the Rutherwyke Room

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.

COLLECT

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 12.1–4a

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

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

Romans 4.1–5, 13–17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but

through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') - Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

John 3.1–17

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.' This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

