



ST MARY'S CHURCH, THORPE



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inclusivity and there is always a
warm welcome for all.



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Wednesday 25th December 2019

Christmas Day

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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 Maxine Hayes.



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

10am Sung Eucharist

TODAY WE USE THE SERVICE BOOKLET

Today we use the Celtic Mass (Alleluia, Sanctus, Agnus Dei, Communion Song 3).

Procession Good Christians all, rejoice 240

Advent Candle Song

Gloria Glory be to God in heaven (CA inside cover)

Gradual O Little Town of Bethlehem 508

Offertory See, amid the winter's snow 588

Cantor Anthem O Holy Night

Communion Away in a manger 776

Hark, the herald-angels sing 266

Recessional O come, all ye faithful 479

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

Warden: Susi Thornton. Welcome: Margaret Harnden & Barry Huxley. Vergers: Bridgett & Tony Grove. Readings: Jane Carter & Tony Grove. Intercessions: Bridgett Grove.

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.



Thursday 26th December 2019

St Stephen's Day

10am Said Eucharist with Carol

Offertory Good King Wenceslas 242

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Damian. Welcome: Pete & Joan

Gruncell. Verger: John Brittain. Reading: John Brittain.

Intercessions: Fr Damian. Organist: iPod.

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

The Sick (immediate need): Marion Blanche, David, 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, 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:** Robin Alderson. **General Prayer Requests:** 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. Rt Rev Stephen Cottrell (currently Bishop of Chelmsford), appointed as the next Archbishop of York. **The Elderly & Infirm:** June, Elaine, Margot, Joan, Jean, Evelyn, Rita & Ruth. **The Recently Departed:** Yvonne Bishop, Mary, Joy Bridgman, Stephen Cleobury, Con Kemp, Enid Peake, Jean Stubbs, Val Elgar, Russ Winzer & Terry Rylie. **Anniversaries of Death:** Phillip Sands, Margaret Pearce, Maxine Hayes, Edmund Maciejewski, Jose Pogson & Olive Dawes.

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DURING THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Friday
Saturday

Fr Damian is off duty today

2pm Wedding of Simon Goddard & Lucy Caribine



Next Sunday – 29th December 2019

First Sunday of Christmas

8am Said Eucharist (Holy Communion)

10am Sung Parish Eucharist

11am Café Church in the Rutherwyke Room

Please note that from Friday 27 December 2019 to Saturday 4 January 2020 there will be no office open and no weekday services (except for the Wedding listed above).

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 lots of different foods and toiletries – please see the latest posters.

Stores are depleted – please support them!!!

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

CAR PARKING FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICE

For Christmas Eve and Christmas Day the TASIS Car Park will be open for all services – EVERYBODY is encouraged to park there; you won't need a car park permit on those two days! Please access the churchyard through the small gate in the wall leading to the church tower (not through the car gate and lych gate). Thank you. Fr Damian

A VERY BIG THANK YOU!

Once again this year we had many and varied events running at St Mary's during the Advent and Christmas period, with lots of people through the doors, and many of you contributed to those occasions in so many ways. It's been fabulous! Thank you for all you have done to support our Church this year. With prayers, Fr Damian

Church Sitters Needed: Next Opening Sat 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 3rd Saturdays of the month. There is now a sign-up list in the R/R – please put your names down. Thanks.

LOOKING AHEAD – IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

Epiphany Sunday / Twelfth Night

5 Jan, 8am, 10am & 11:30am Services

Compline for the Epiphany of our Lord – Sun, 5 Jan, 6pm

Noah's Ark resumes – Thu, 9 Jan, 9:30am

PCC Meeting – Mon, 13 Jan, 7:30pm (Said Eucharist 7pm)

Charity Lunch (Charity TBC) – Wed, 15 Jan, 11:30am

Wedding Couples Evening – Mon, 20 Jan, 7:30pm

Brexit Prayer Day – Fri, 31 Jan, 10am – 4pm

12nn Eucharist followed by Soup Lunch (RSVP not needed)

Candlemas Sunday (The Presentation of Christ in the Temple)

– Sun, 2 Feb, 8am, 10am & 11:30am Services

Compline & Benediction for Candlemas – Sun, 2 Feb, 6pm

CHRISTMAS DAY (SET III) YEARS A, B & C

FIRST READING Isaiah 52.7–10

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.' Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 98

R All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things. With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory. **R**

The Lord has made known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations. He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. **R**

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice and sing. Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song. With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King, the Lord. **R**

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein. Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth. In righteousness shall he judge the world, and the peoples with equity. **R**

SECOND READING Hebrews 1.1–4, (5–12)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful

word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. [For to which of the angels did God ever say, 'You are my Son; today I have begotten you'? Or again, 'I will be his Father, and he will be my Son'? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, 'Let all God's angels worship him.' Of the angels he says, 'He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire.' But of the Son he says, 'Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever, and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.' And, 'In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end.'] This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL John 1.1–14

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.