



# ST MARY'S CHURCH, THORPE



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inclusivity and there is always a  
warm welcome for all.



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Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020

## Second Sunday before Lent

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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.



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

Led by Fr Gerard. Server: Andy West.

Welcome: Jane Lowe. Reader: Bev Syrrad.

**10am Sung Eucharist**

**TODAY WE USE THE GREEN HYMN BOOK**

Today we use the Thorne Mass sheet to sing the Gloria, Sanctus & Agnus Dei.

Procession	Eternal Father, strong to save	354
Offertory	Ye watchers and ye holy ones	478
Anthem	Beauty for Brokenness	
Communion	Jerusalem the golden	381
Recessional	Thou whose almighty word	466

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Gerard. Warden: Peter Gruncell.

Welcome: Andrew Falconer & Susi Thornton.

Verger: John Brittain. Readings: Andrew Falconer & Marianne

Herne. Chalice Assistants: Fr Gerard & Andrew Falconer.

Intercessions: Bridgett Grove. 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

### 11:30am Family Service

Theme: Jesus is transfigured up the mountain

Song 1	He's got the whole world in his hand	819
Song 2	Jesus' love is very wonderful	850
Song 3	Who put the colours in the rainbow	915

Led by Fr Gerard. Welcome: Margaret Alderson.

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

**The Sick** (immediate need): Sarah Bradshaw, Carole Mason, John Knight, Marion Blanche, Rob, Margaret Bradshaw, David Brown, Nicola, Daphne, Janet, Kim Breaker, Richard, Michelle Anthony, John Knott, David Woodward & Kirsty Fuller. **Continuing prayers:** Sean Hudson, Mark Wardell, Natasha, Jessica Siddall, Baby Ray, Kathleen Shaw, Brian O'Kane, Miles Herne, Alice McGonnell, Zoe Reeves, Meryl, Jessica Wells, Caroline Wareham, Patti & Pat Harnden. **Giving thanks for recovery:** Sally Blundell, Bill Harkness, Robin Alderson, Kate Pestkowska & Juliet Serenbetz.

**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. 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:** Baby Haden, Jessica Enser, George Bill Miles, Darren, Sally Blundell, Rev'd Andrew Woodhouse, John Patman, Sue Thompson, Sarah Early & Carol Carrington.

**Anniversaries of Death:** Maud White, Georgia Munson, Allan Rouse & Harold Brown.

### ST MARY'S LENT COURSE: #LiveLent: Care for God's Creation

Wednesdays for 5 weeks from 4 March, 11am + 7:30pm in R/R

(#LiveLent is the Church of England's Lent Campaign for 2020.)

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Recommended Book for Lent

"Saying Yes To Life" by Ruth Valerio

Copies available for £6.83 to read through Lent.

## DURING THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Sun-Sat

Fr D is off duty this week – please contact the wardens for any urgent business

Wednesday

Thursday

**10:30am Eucharist;** 11am Office Open in W/R  
8am Morning Prayer led by Susi Thornton



Next Sunday – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020

## Sunday Next before Lent

8am Said Eucharist (Holy Communion)

**10am Sung Parish Eucharist**

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

11am Café Church in the Rutherwyke Room

In light of the latest virus outbreak the Church of England insist, for hygiene reasons, that communicants no longer intinct/dip bread into the cup. If you would rather not receive the wine by taking a sip from the cup, it is absolutely acceptable to receive in one kind/the bread only. Alcohol-free Sanitiser is available in the porch.

**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

**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

### World Day of Prayer 2020 – PRAYING FOR ZIMBABWE

A Service for Everyone on Friday 6 March

with the Motto "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk"

2pm St Jude's Church, St Jude's Road, Englefield Green

8pm United Church of Egham, High Street, Egham

### 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>

Thank you for helping us to collect used postage stamps. Our first delivery to Barnado's was received very gratefully and with excitement about a "whole bag full". Please keep collecting and donate your stamps at St Mary's via the basket in the Link!

### LOOKING AHEAD – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

**Ash Wednesday** – Wed, 26 Feb

**11am Eucharist with Ashing** followed by Lent Lunch  
with Collection for Australian Wildlife Emergency

**7:30pm Sung Eucharist with Ashing**

**Compline & Benediction for the first Sunday of Lent** – 1 Mar, 6pm

**Lent Course starts** – Wed, 4 Mar, 11am & 7:30pm (interchangeable)

**Quiz Night** – Sat, 7 Mar, 6:30 – 9:30pm at Thorpe Community Hall

Tickets from Susi or Jenny: £15pp including two-course dinner.

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](mailto:stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com) please.

## SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT YEAR A

### FIRST READING Genesis 1.1 – 2.3

A reading from the book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night – and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it

was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

**Psalms 136.1–9, (10–22), 23–26**

**R For his mercy endures for ever.**

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
2 Give thanks to the God of gods,  
3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
4 Who only does great wonders,  
5 Who by his wisdom made the heavens,  
6 Who spread out the earth upon the waters,  
7 Who created great lights,  
8 The sun to rule the day,  
9 The moon and the stars to govern the night,  
23 It is he who remembered us in our low estate,  
24 And delivered us from our enemies,  
25 Who gives food to all creatures,  
26 Give thanks to the God of heaven,

### SECOND READING Romans 8.18–25

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL

**Matthew 6.25–34**

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

Jesus taught his disciples, saying: 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? Therefore, do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.' This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

