



ST MARY'S CHURCH, THORPE



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inclusivity and there is always a
warm welcome for *all*.



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Sunday 15th March 2020

Third 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.



8am Said Eucharist (Holy Communion)

Led by Fr Damian. Server: Andy West.

Reader: Andy West. Welcome: Bev Syrradd.

10am Sung Eucharist

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.

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| Procession | Breathe on me breath of God | 84 |
| Offertory | Father hear the prayer we offer | 161 |
| Communion | I heard the voice of Jesus say | 310 |
| Recessional | Christ triumphant | 104 |

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

Warden: Deborah Kidd. Welcome: Joan & Pete Gruncell.

Verger: John Brittain. Readings: Matthew Winn-Smith & Marianne Herne. Intercessions: Jane Lowe. Chalice: Fr Gerard & Sarah Tickner. Organist: David Howard. Cantor: Mtr Jo.

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 meets a woman at the well

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| Song 1 | Have you heard the raindrops | 817 |
| Song 2 | Wide, wide as the ocean | 751 |
| Song 3 | I am a new creation | 298 |

Led by Mtr Jo. Welcome: Andrew Falconer.

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

The Sick (immediate need): Brian, Pat Joseph, 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:** James McKnight, John Kinal, Sue Thompson, Sarah Early & Carol Carrington. **Anniversaries of Death:** Freda Garney.

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

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.

DURING THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

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| Monday | 8am Morning Prayer; 7pm Eucharist; 7:30pm PCC Meeting in Rutherwyke Room |
| Tuesday | 8am Morning Prayer; 12nn Clergy Chapter |
| Wednesday | 8am Warden's Breakfast in Wallace Room; 10:30am Eucharist; 11am Office Open in W/R; 11am Lent Course in Rutherwyke Room/7:30pm in Vicarage Study: Session 3 – "Land & Plants" led by Mtr Jo; 7:30pm Hythe Singers Practice in church |
| Thursday | 8am Morning Prayer, 9:30am Noah's Ark |
| Friday | Fr D is off duty |
| Saturday | 8am Church Clean; 9am Fabric Committee in W/R; 12nn Eucharist; 1-4pm Open Church with Community Café & Crafts Session; 4pm Hythe Singers Practice; 7:30pm Hythe Singers Concert: Dixit Dominus by Handel, Jephthe by Carissimi and the Magnificat by Pergolesi, Tickets / info from Susi via susi@thorntonclan.com |



Next Sunday – 22nd March 2020

Mothering Sunday

8am Said Eucharist (Holy Communion)

10am Sung Parish Eucharist

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

11am Café Church in the Rutherwyke Room

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

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

Used postage stamps for Barnado's please – basket in Link – thanks.

UPDATED CofE CORONAVIRUS GUIDANCE

We will continue to follow the CofE Guidance:

Communion will be administered in one kind (bread) only.

Water stoups have been removed until further notice.

Sharing of the Peace verbally only, and keep physical contact to a minimum. Alcohol-free Sanitiser is available in the porch.

LOOKING AHEAD – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

Susi & Sam's Diamond Wedding – Thu, 2 Apr, 7pm

Evening Communion Service followed by light refreshments in the Rutherwyke Room. For catering purposes please let them know you are coming: susi@thorntonclan.com, 01784 433480 (a/phone), 07989 646 433 (text).

Palm Sunday – 5 April, 8am, 10am & 11:30am Services

Your APCM Booklet Packs will be available on Palm Sunday – please come and pick yours up as this will save us substantial postage cost.

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.



LENT 3**YEAR A****FIRST READING****Exodus 17.1–7**

A reading from the book of Exodus. From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?' This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM**Psalms 95**

**R O that today you would hearken to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods. **R**

In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land. **R**

Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would hearken to his voice! **R**

'Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me. They put me to the test, though they had seen my works. **R**

Forty years long I detested that generation and said, "This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways." So I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter into my rest." **R**

SECOND READING**Romans 5.1–11**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans. Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL**John 4.5–42**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.** Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.' This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**