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 26th January 2020

Epiphany 3

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. Welcome: Bev Syradd.
Server & Reader: Andy West.

10am Sung Eucharist

with FAITH & FUN in the Rutherwyke Room

TODAY WE USE THE GREEN HYMN BOOK

Today we use Rizza Bread of Life Mass (CA955) Gloria, Sanctus & Agnus Dei.

Procession	**Immortal, invisible**	**377**
Offertory	**The church's one foundation**	**484**
Anthem	**Will you come and follow me**	
Communion	**Just as I am**	**294**
Recessional	**Forth in thy name**	**235**

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Damian. Deacon: Mtr Jo. Warden: Margaret Roberts. Welcome: Margaret Roberts & Margaret Harnden. Verger: John Brittain. Readings: Andrew Falconer & Margaret Roberts. 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.*

11am Café Church (Refreshments) in the R/Room

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

The Sick *(immediate need)*: Sarah Bradshaw, Bill Harkness, Carole Mason, John Knight, Marion Blanche, David, Rob, Susan Dean, John Pollen, Margaret Bradshaw, David Brown, Joan, 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, Jane, Jessica Wells, Caroline Wareham, Patti & Pat Harnden. **Giving thanks for recovery:** 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. 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:** Baby Haden, George Bill Miles, Darren, Sally Blundell, Rev'd Andrew Woodhouse, John Patman, Sue Thompson, Sarah Early & Carol Carrington. **Anniversaries of Death:** Clara-Victoria Mather, Eric Baker, Denis Longridge & Charles James Murray.

Donations for Crafts Group Please

To replenish our stock of crafts for sale, the crafters would appreciate more donations of needlecraft materials including haberdashery items, beads and jewellery (broken pieces welcome).

A set of two keys on a chain has been found (now locked in the office). Please check if you are missing keys…

Please collect used postage stamps from your mail and bring them to St Mary's – we can help Barnado's, a charity that protects and supports vulnerable children, by donating those to them.

DURING THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Monday	8am Morning Prayer; *7:30pm Liturgy Group in the Wallace Room*
Tuesday	8am Morning Prayer; *Home Communions today*
Wednesday	*8am Wardens Breakfast at the Vicarage;* **10:30am Eucharist;** *11am Jessica Enser R.I.P. at Woking Crem; 11am Office Open in W/R; 2:30pm Runnymede Deanery Strategy Group Meeting*
Thursday	8am Morning Prayer; *9:30am Noah's Ark*
Friday	**10am-4pm Brexit Prayer Day**, **12nn Eucharist** *followed by bring&share Soup Lunch in R/R*, 3:30pm Closing Devotions
Saturday	*Fr Damian is off duty today*

Next Sunday – 2nd February 2020

Candlemas

8am Said Eucharist (Holy Communion)

10am Sung Parish Eucharist

11am Café Church in the Rutherwyke Room

11:30am Family Service

6pm Compline & Benediction

For 10am Service, please note Thorpe Half Marathon will take place today. There will be no access to Thorpe from Virginia Water via Thorpe Green and Thorpe Bypass / Thorpe Lea Road will be closed. All other Village access will be available.

***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

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Recommended Book for Lent
"Saying Yes To Life" by Ruth Valerio
We have several copies of the book available which you can buy for £6.83 to read through Lent.

LOOKING AHEAD –DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!
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*
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)*
Theme: "#LiveLent: Care for God's Creation"
= Church of England's Lent Campaign for 2020

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.

EPIPHANY 3 **YEAR A**

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power;
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 **Isaiah 9.1–4**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.
There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM **Psalm 27.1, 5–13**

R **The Lord is my light and my salvation; [whom then shall I fear?]**

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid? ***R***

One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; To behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. ***R***

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock. ***R***

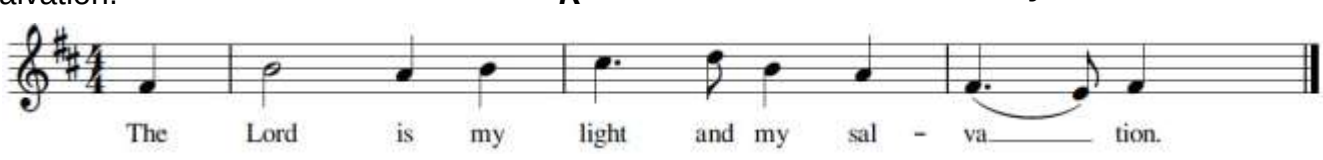
Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me; Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the Lord. ***R***

Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me. You speak in my heart and say, 'Seek my face.' Your face, Lord, will I seek. ***R***

Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure. You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation. ***R***

SECOND READING **1 Corinthians 1.10–18**

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.
I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul,' or 'I belong to Apollos,' or 'I belong to Cephas,' or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius,so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL **Matthew 4.12–23**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**