



ST MARY'S CHURCH, THORPE



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inclusivity and there is always a
warm welcome for all.



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Sunday 19th January 2020

Epiphany 2

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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.

Reader & Welcome: Kim Stangroom.

10am Sung Eucharist

TODAY WE USE THE ORANGE HYMN BOOK

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

Procession	Brother, sister, let me serve you	88
Offertory	O Lord my God, when I	511
Anthem	I follow in gladness	
Communion	I, the Lord of sea and sky	332
Recessional	Firmly I believe and truly	174

Celebrant: Fr Damian. Deacon: Mtr Jo. Preacher: Fr Gerard.
Warden: Margaret Harnden. Welcome: Joan & Pete Gruncell.
Verger: John Brittain. Readings: Jane Carter & Tony Grove.
Intercessions: Susi Thornton.

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

11:30am Family Service

Theme: Jesus calls his disciples

Song 1	It's me, O Lord	838
Song 2	Wide, wide as the Ocean	751
Song 3	Will you come and follow me	752

Led by Fr Damian. Welcome: Susi Thornton.

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 & Haden. **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:** Darren, Sally Blundell, Rev'd Andrew Woodhouse, John Patman, Sue Thompson, Sarah Early & Carol Carrington. **Anniversaries of Death:** Margherite Donnelly & Boardman John Amis.

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 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.

DURING THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Monday	8am Morning Prayer; 7:30pm Wedding Couples Evening
Tuesday	8am Fr D at school meeting; Home Communion today
Wednesday	8am Morning Prayer; Home Communion today; 10:30am Eucharist ; 11am Office Open in W/R
Thursday	8am Morning Prayer; 9:30am Noah's Ark; 6:30pm Wedding Rehearsal; 7:30pm Eucharist
Friday	Fr Damian is off duty today
Saturday	12nn Wedding of Christopher Reeves & Zoe Martinez (CHOIR)



Next Sunday – 19th January 2020

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10am Sung Parish Eucharist

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

11am Café Church 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

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

Green Envelope packs are now available at the back of the church. Please put your name down on the list when you take a pack (and if required complete and return the enclosed paperwork to Petra). These new envelopes are dated consecutively to make it easier for you to track your planned giving. If you have any old green envelopes without dates, please return them to St Mary's for further use. A big thank you for your continued support of St Mary's Church. Join our Planned Giving Scheme today – new packs available!

NEW YEAR – NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR VOLUNTEERING!

Church Sitters Needed: Next Opening Sat 15 Feb 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.

Our annual Wedding Couples Evening is tomorrow, Monday, 20th January, 7:30pm in the Rutherwyke Room.

LOOKING AHEAD – DATES FOR YOUR 2020 DIARY!

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

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

12nn Eucharist followed by Soup Lunch

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

EPIPHANY 2**YEAR A****FIRST READING****Isaiah 49.1–7**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God.' And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength. The LORD says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.' This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM**Psalms 40.1–11**

R I love to do your will, O God,
[your law is in my heart].

I waited patiently upon the Lord; he stooped to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure. **R**

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see and stand in awe and put their trust in the Lord. Happy are they who trust in the Lord! they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods. **R**

Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God! how great your wonders and your plans for us! there is none who can be compared with you. O that I could make them known and tell them! but they are more than I can count. **R**

In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure you have given me ears to hear you; Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, and so I said, 'Behold, I come. In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: "I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart."' **R**

I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know. Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation. **R**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1.1–9

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians. From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL John 1.29–42

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

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day.

It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter). This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

