ST MARY'S CHURCH, THORPE

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Sunday 29th November 2020

Advent 1

Welcome to St Mary's Church, Thorpe LIVE on Facebook
We hope you will enjoy our services, live-streamed due to lockdown

Maranatha *online* led by Mtr Jo

No 8am Service due to lockdown

10am Online Sung Eucharist

Procession	**Hark! a herald voice is calling**
Offertory	**Lo he comes with clouds descending**
Communion	**The advent of our King**
Recessional	**Wake O wake with tidings thrilling**

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Damian. Readers: Matthew Winn-Smith and Helen Cunningham. Gospel & Cantor: Mtr Jo. Intercessions: Andrew Falconer. Organist: David Howard

7.00pm Online Compline and Benediction
Led by Fr Gerard

Sermon Notes *for today will be available on the website shortly.*
Children's Colouring Sheets *are available via our weekly mailer – please contact stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com to sign up.*

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

The Sick *(immediate need)*:Bryan Lowe, John Brittain, Gwyn, Andrea, Andrew Buchanan, Alice Armstrong, Peter Silvester, Stuart Hatch, Pat Joseph, Carol Mason, Sarah Bradshaw, Richard, David Woodward & Kirsty Fuller. **Continuing prayers**: Serina Tatham, Elaine Gill, Robert Marsh, David de Ville, Stephen Coling, Brian O'Kane, David Oldfield, Mark Wardell, Miles Herne, Alice McGonnell, Zoe Reeves, Meryl, Patti, Bishop Peter Hancock. **General Prayer Requests**: All affected by Covid-19, and those in the NHS facing a second wave of infections, terrorism & natural disasters. St Mary's finances & paying our parish share - Thorpe PCC, Thorpe Primary School & TASIS. Trade negotiations following Brexit.
The Elderly & Infirm: June, Elaine, Margot, Joan, Jean, Margaret & Ruth. **The Recently Departed**: Pat Harnden, Sam Thornton, Joan Rollason, Rita Johns, Gordon Lighton, Freddie Tribe & Nicola Edwards. **Anniversaries of Death**: Madge Tayler, Colin Cramphorn, Dorothy Randall, Lady Phyllis Griffith, Alfred Chidzey.

ST MARY'S LOCKDOWN PLAN

ALL SERVICES ARE LIVESTREAMED FROM THE CHURCH ONLINE
until Wednesday 2nd December when services in Church resume.
Funerals are permitted in Church: max 30, but all weddings and baptisms cannot take place during lockdown.

Runnymede Food Bank - Please leave food at times of Private Prayer (2-4pm Wed & Sat) in the Rutherwyke Rm. Jill Collinson will oversee this. The Wallace Room will be used to store donations between collections. For a list of items required see Mailer or St Mary's Church website which will be kept updated. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Socially Distanced Village Fair outside – *we need help!*
1-3.45pm on Sunday 6th with stalls in gardens and driveways around the centre of Thorpe Village. The stalls will be connected by a treasure hunt and quiz, and we hope people will decorate their houses with lights. **STOP PRESS: We urgently need BOTTLES for tombola, CAKES, BOOKS, PUZZLES, CDs and VINYL RECORDS. Please leave donations in the plastic boxes provided outside the Rutherwyke Room kitchen. With thanks Social Committee.**

DURING THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Monday	**ANDREW, APOSTLE** Maranatha *online* led by Jane Carter. 9am-1pm Clergy attending study morning. 2pm Staff Meeting via Messenger. **7.30pm Sung Festival Eucharist *online.***
Tuesday	Maranatha *online* led by Andrew Falconer. *10:30am Collective Worship for Thorpe Primary School via Zoom with Fr Gerard* 7.30pm Maranatha Group via Zoom – Session 1: Hope – the Patriarchs of Old. *Lockdown ends at Midnight tonight.*
Wednesday	Maranatha *online* led by Fr Gerard. 10am Said Eucharist in Church with congregation. **2.00-4.00pm Church open** for Private Prayer
Thursday	Maranatha *online* led by Susi Thornton. 10am Funeral in Church: Joan Rollason, R.I.P
Friday	*Fr Damian off duty* Maranatha *online* led by David Howard.
Saturday	Maranatha *online* led by Fr Damian. **2.00-4.00pm Church open** for Private Prayer 3-7pm Lights, Nativity & Carols daily from today.

Daily reflections & Festivals are available LIVE on Facebook. Sunday 10am is also uploaded to our website.

Next Sunday – 6th December 2020

Advent 2

8am Said Eucharist *with congregation*
10am Parish Eucharist *with congregation and online*
11.30am Family service *with congregation and online via Zoom*
1-3.45pm Socially Distanced Village Fair
4pm Christingle Service *with congregation and online*
7pm Compline & Benediction *with congregation and online*
10.00am *Car Parking for permit holders in TASIS South Campus car park.*

"Maranatha" Study Group Advent 2020

We meet on Tuesday 1st December at 7:30pm via Zoom for the first of four sessions including bible study, reflection, small group discussion and prayer time. All welcome to participate:
Week 1: Hope – the Patriarchs of Old
Week 2: Peace - The Old Testament Prophets
Week 3: Joy – The proclamation of John the Baptist
Week 4: Love –Mary is with child – the Emmanuel.
Zoom Code:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84951501952?pwd=S1MvS1lHR0JDeE9TRTNSQjJnM2JuUT09
Meeting ID: 849 5150 1952, Passcode: 874351

Advent & Christmas Services

Details of these are now available on our website where you can register to attend at the following link:
https://www.stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk/register-to-attend
Initially, please only choose one or two services so everyone has an opportunity to attend something this coming festive season. Thank you for your kindness and understanding.

"Maranatha" Daily Reflections

Uploaded to Facebook and our website. Also visit:
https://maranathathorpe.org/

Gift Aided donations/Collection for Services via https://www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchThorpe/ click DONATE. Cheques: St Mary's Church Thorpe.

Items for newsletter by 12nn Wednesdays; items for mailer by 12nn Thursdays - all to stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com please.

ADVENT 1 **YEAR B**

COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING **Isaiah 64.1–9**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.
O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence – as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil – to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people. This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM **Psalm 80.1–7, 16–18**

R **[Restore us, O God of hosts;]**
Show the light of your countenance
and we shall be saved.

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim. In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us. ***R***

Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved. O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people? ***R***

You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink. You have made us the derision of our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn. ***R***

Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved. Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself. And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name. ***R***

SECOND READING **1 Corinthians 1.3–9**

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.
My brothers and sisters: 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 **Mark 13.24–37**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.' This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN 1

Edward Caswall 1814-1878

Hark, a herald voice is calling:
'Christ is nigh!' it seems to say;
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!'

Startled by the solemn warning,
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her sun, all sloth dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heav'n;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiv'n.

So that when next he comes with glory,
wrapping all the earth in fear,
may he then, as our defender,
on the clouds of heav'n appear.

Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
to the Father and the Son,
with the co-eternal Spirit,
while unending ages run.

HYMN 2

Charles Wesley 1707-1788

Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ appears on earth to reign.

Ev'ry eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
we who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply grieving, deeply grieving, deeply grieving,
shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the pow'r and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

HYMN 3

John Chandler 1806-1876

The advent of our King
our prayers must now employ,
and we must hymns of welcome sing
in strains of holy joy.

The everlasting Son
incarnate deigns to be;
himself a servant's form puts on,
to set his servants free.

Daughter of Sion, rise
to meet thy lowly King;
nor let thy faithless heart despise
the peace he comes to bring.

As Judge, on clouds of light,
he soon will come again,
and his true members all unite
with him in heav'n to reign.

All glory to the Son
who comes to set us free,
with Father, Spirit, ever One,
through all eternity.

HYMN 4

Frances Crawford Burkitt 1864-1935

Wake, O wake! With tidings thrilling
the watchmen all the air are filling:
Arise, Jerusalem, arise!
Midnight strikes! No more delaying,
‘The hour has come!’ we hear them saying.
Where are ye all, ye maidens wise?
The Bridegroom comes in sight,
raise high your torches bright!
Alleluia!
The wedding song swells loud and strong:
go forth and join the festal throng.

Sion hears the watchmen shouting,
her heart leaps up with joy undoubting,
she stands and waits with eager eyes:
see her Friend from heav’n descending,
adorned with truth and grace unending!
Her light burns clear, her star doth rise.
Now come, thou precious Crown,
Lord Jesu, God’s own son!
Hosanna!
Let us prepare to follow there,
where in they supper we may share.

Ev’ry soul n thee rejoices;
from earthly and angelic voices
be glory giv’n to thee alone!
Now the gates of pearl receive us,
thy presence never more shall leave us,
we stand with angels round thy throne.
Earth cannot give below the bliss thou dost bestow.
Alleluia!
Grant us to raise, to length of days,
the triumph-chorus of the praise.