



ST MARY'S CHURCH, THORPE

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for all.



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Sunday 8th November 2020

Remembrance Sunday

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

10am Parish Eucharist & Remembrance Service

Procession Lord for the years
Offertory Abide with me
Communion Lord Jesus Christ
Recessional O God, our help in ages past

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Damian. Readers: Elaine Gill, Mayor of Runnymede & Andrew Falconer. Gospel: Mtr Jo. Intercessions with names read in Remembrance: Fr Damian & Fr Gerard.

Act of Remembrance & Witness (Before the Prayer of Blessing)

Let us commemorate and commend to the loving mercy of our heavenly Father, the shepherd of our souls, the giver of life everlasting, those who have given their lives in war for our country and its cause.

The Exhortation

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

We will remember them.

11am. The last post is sounded, and two minutes silence is kept.

The Reveille is then sounded.

The Kohima Epitaph

When you go home tell them of us and say,
for your tomorrow, we gave our today.
Grant them, O Lord, eternal rest:

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

11:15am Fr Damian & Elaine Gill, Mayor of Runnymede, will lay wreaths at Thorpe War Memorial.

7.00pm Compline

Led by Mtr Jo Winn-Smith

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): Joan Rollason, John Brittain, Gwyn, Andrea, Andrew Buchanan, Bishop Peter Hancock, 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, Sam Thornton, David de Ville, Stephen Coling, Brian O'Kane, David Oldfield, Mark Wardell, Miles Herne, Alice McGonnell, Zoe Reeves, Meryl, Patti, Pat Harnden, Benedict (former Pope) & all struggling with Coronavirus. **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 & TISIS. Trade negotiations following Brexit.

The Elderly & Infirm: June, Elaine, Margot, Joan, Jean, Evelyn, Rita, Margaret & Ruth.

The Recently Departed: Patricia Crimond.

Anniversaries of Death: Pat Emmett, Neville King, Arthur Smith-Waddel, Edward Syrrad, John Parke, William Ewart, Frances Boswell

DURING THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Monday 10am Morning Prayer with Fr Damian.
Tuesday 10am Morning Prayer with Mtr Jo.
10:30am Collective Worship for Thorpe Primary School via Zoom with Fr Gerard
11am Staff Meeting via Messenger
Wednesday 10am Said Eucharist online with Fr Damian.
10:45 Fr Damian from Church leads Thorpe Junior Remembrance Day service & silence via Zoom.
2.00-4.00pm Church open for Private Prayer
Thursday 10am Morning Prayer with Fr Gerard.
Friday 10am Morning Prayer with Mtr Jo.
Saturday 10am Said Eucharist with Fr Gerard
2.00-4.00pm Church open for Private Prayer

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



Next Sunday – 15th November 2020

2nd Sunday before Advent

10am Parish Eucharist online

7pm Compline online

ST MARY'S LOCKDOWN PLAN HAS BEEN REINTRODUCED
ALL SERVICES ARE NOW LIVESTREAMED FROM THE CHURCH ONLINE

Funerals are permitted in Church: max 30, but all weddings and baptisms cannot take place during lockdown. The Rutherwyke Room is also closed, except for Foodbank donations. No gatherings are permitted in our buildings.

Dates for your Diary

CHRIST THE KING – Sunday 22nd November

10am Parish Festival Eucharist (Mass)

MEMORIAL SERVICE 6pm

Eve of ADVENT QUIET DAY OF PRAYER

Saturday 28th November LIVE on Facebook. Timetable: 10am Eucharist from Church Online, Lunch break from 12.30,

2-4pm Church Open for Private Prayer.

4pm Closing Worship Online.

Looking ahead ... help us all to pray

"Maranatha" Come Lord Jesus! From 28/11/20 – 06/01/21

A season of daily reflections to lead us from Advent to Christmas and into Epiphany!

Daily reflections on the theme of Jesus among us will be uploaded to Facebook (by 10am every day) and to St Mary's Church website. We hope to establish bubbles of 6 to meet online for study.

Runnymede Food Bank - We have become a dedicated Foodbank donations point, with people able to leave food at times of Private Prayer in the Rutherwyke Room in specially provided containers from Runnymede Foodbank. 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. Christmas donations by 18th November please to allow time for collection. Thank you for your generosity and support.



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.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
3 BEFORE ADVENT**

YEAR A

COLLECT

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Wisdom of Solomon 6.12–16

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 70

**R You are my helper and deliverer.
[O Lord, make haste to help me.]**

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me. Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced. **R**

Let those who say to me 'Aha!' and gloat over me turn back, because they are ashamed. Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say for ever, 'Great is the Lord!' **R**

But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me speedily, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry. **R**

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 4.13–18

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's

trumpet will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL Matthew 25.1–13

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

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples:

'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.' This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessed be God, who enthrones us with Christ in the heavenly realms. May we spiritually feed upon the bread of God and drink the royal wine of heaven. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

BLESSING

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest, to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth and all people, unity, peace and concord, and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN 1

Timothy Dudley-Smith b.1926

Lord for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt you,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you:
Lord for our world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us –
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

HYMN 2

Henry Francis Lyte 1793-1847

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows
flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

HYMN 3

Patrick Appleford b. 1925

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,
you are one with us, Mary's son.
Cleansing our souls from all their sin,
pouring your love and goodness in,
Jesus, our love for you we sing, living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, now and ev'ry day
teach us how to pray, Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
this in remembrance, Lord, of you.
Into our lives your pow'r breaks through, living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,
born as one of us, Mary's Son.
Led out to die on Calvary,
risen from death to set us free,
living Lord Jesus help us see you are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, I would come to you,
live my life for you, Son of God.
All your commands I know are true
your many gifts will make me new,
into my life your pow'r breaks through, living Lord.

HYMN 4

Isaac Watts 1674-1748

Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

Beneath the shadow of thy throne,
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
will bear us all away;
we fade and vanish, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

