



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 15th November 2020

2nd Sunday before Advent

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



No 8am Service due to lockdown

10am Online Sung Eucharist

Procession Christ, whose glory fills the skies
Offertory O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst
Communion Purify my heart
Recessional O happy band of pilgrims

Celebrant: Fr Gerard. Preacher: Andrew Falconer.
Readers: Bryan Nixon and Susi Thornton.
Gospel & Cantor: Fr Damian. Intercessions Jane Lowe.
Organist: David Howard

7.00pm Compline Led by Fr Damian

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): Sam Thornton, 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, Pat Harnden, Bishop Peter Hancock, & 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, Margaret & Ruth. **The Recently Departed:** Joan Rollason, Rita Johns, Gordon Lighton, Freddie Tribe & Nicola Edwards. **Anniversaries of Death:** Jimmy White, Dame Ethel Higham.

Runnymede Food Bank - We have become a dedicated Foodbank donations point, with people able to leave food at times of Private Prayer (2-4pm Wed & Sat) 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.

Socially Distanced Village Fair outside – we need help!

If we are out of lockdown on 2nd December we hope very much to coordinate a Village Fair, 1-4pm on Sunday 6th by asking people to host stalls in their 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. We need bottles for a tombola and raffle prizes. All other ideas/offers of help to Susi: 01784 433480.

DURING THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Monday 10am Morning Prayer with Fr Gerard.
11am Funeral at Woking: Nicola Edwards RIP
7pm Eucharist via Facebook Live & Zoom
7.30pm PCC meeting via Zoom
Tuesday 10am Morning Prayer with Fr Damian.
10:30am Collective Worship for Thorpe Primary School via Zoom with Mtr Jo
10.50am Staff Meeting
7pm Maranatha Readers meeting via Zoom
Wednesday 10am Said Eucharist online with Fr Gerard.
2.00-4.00pm Church open for Private Prayer
7pm Fr Damian & Churchwardens attend Archdeacon's Visitation via Zoom
Thursday 10am Morning Prayer with Fr Damian.
11am SCP National AGM
Friday Fr Damian off duty
10am Morning Prayer with Mtr Jo.
Saturday 10am Said Eucharist online with Fr Damian
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 – 22nd November 2020

Christ the King

10am Parish Eucharist *online*
6pm Memorial Service *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.

Sponsored Remembrance Walk raised £610 which will be split between Royal British Legion and St Mary's. Thank you!

Dates for your Diary

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.
To join a small group contact Fr Damian: 01932 565986 or email: dalomiles@btinternet.com



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.

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.

COLLECT

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING Zephaniah 1.7, 12–18

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.
Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM **Psalm 90.1–8, (9–11), 12**
R **Satisfy us by your loving-kindness;
so shall we rejoice and be glad.**

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God. You turn us back to the dust and say, 'Go back, O child of earth.' **R**

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night. You sweep us away like a dream; we fade away suddenly like the grass.
In the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered. **R**

For we consume away in your displeasure;
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance. **R**

When you are angry, all our days are gone;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh. The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labour and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone. Who regards the power of your wrath? who rightly fears your indignation? **R**

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. **R**

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 5.1–11

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.
Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Matthew 25.14–30

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

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

HYMN 1

Charles Wesley 1707-1788

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
 Christ, the true, the only light,
 Sun of Righteousness, arise,
 triumph o'er the shades of night;
 Dayspring from on high, be near;
 Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
 unaccompanied by thee;
 joyless is the day's return,
 till thy mercy's beams I see,
 till they inward light impart,
 glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,
 pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
 fill me, radiance divine,
 scatter all my unbelief;
 more and more thyself display,
 shining to the perfect day.

HYMN 2

William Harry Turton 1856-1938

O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
 that all thy Church might be for ever one,
 grant us at ev'ery eucharist to say,
 with longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done.'
 O may we all one bread, one body be,
 through this blest sacrament of unity.

For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
 make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
 draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
 by drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace:
 thus may we all one bread, one body be,
 through this blest sacrament of unity.

We pray thee too for wand'ers from thy fold;
 O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,
 back to the faith which saints believed of old,
 back to the Church which still that faith doth keep:
 soon may we all one bread, one body be,
 through this blest sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
 may we be one with all thy Church above,
 one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
 one with thy saints in one unbounded love:
 more blessed still, in peace and love to be
 one with the Trinity in unity.

**HYMN 3**

Brian Doerksen

Purify my heart,
 let me be as gold and precious silver.
 Purify my heart,
 let me be as gold, pure gold

*Refiner's fire,
 my heart's one desire
 is to be holy,
 set apart for you, Lord.
 I choose to be holy,
 set apart for you, my master,
 ready to do your will.*

Purify my heart,
 cleanse me from within and make me holy.
 Purify my heart,
 cleanse me from my sin, deep within.

HYMN 4

John Mason Neale 1818-1866

O happy band of pilgrims,
 if onward ye will tread,
 with Jesus as your fellow,
 to Jesus as your head.

The cross that Jesus carried
 he carried as your due:
 the crown that Jesus weareth
 he weareth it for you.

The faith by which ye see him,
 the hope in which ye yearn,
 the love that through all troubles
 to him alone will turn.

What are they but forerunners
 to lead you to his sight,
 the longed-for distant dawning
 of uncreated light?

The trials that beset you,
 the sorrows ye endure,
 are known to Christ you Saviour,
 whose perfect grace will cure.

O happy band of pilgrims,
 let fear not dim your eyes,
 remember, your afflictions
 shall lead to such a prize!

STAY AT HOME	PROTECT THE NHS	save lives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (where this absolutely cannot be done from home) • Stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people • Wash your hands as soon as you get home 		