



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 16th May 2021

Easter 7

Welcome to St Mary's Church, Thorpe. Gluten free wafers are available; please ask one of the Wardens on duty upon arrival.
For use of the Church Hearing Loop, please select T.

TODAY WE USE THE EASTERTIDE RECYCLABLE SERVICE SHEET

8am Eucharist with congregation

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Gerard. Server: Andy West.
Warden & Reader: Susi Thornton. Welcome: Kim Stangroom.

10am Parish Eucharist with congregation and online

Followed by socially distanced coffee
At 10am Car Parking for permit holders in TASIS South Campus car park.

Procession Let us build a house where love can dwell
Offertory Love is his word, love is his way
Communion I, the Lord of sea and sky
Recessional We have a gospel to proclaim

Celebrant: Mtr Jo. Preacher: Fr Gerard. Warden: Peter Gruncell.
Welcome: Jane & Jim Lowe. Server: Catherine Wareham.
Readers: Matthew Winn-Smith & Peter Gruncell. Intercessions:
Jane Lowe. iPod music & Cantor: Fr D – some pre-recorded from
St Martin in the Fields, London and by David Howard with his
daughter Annie Howard.

The Sunday 10am Eucharist is available to view LIVE on our website at:
<https://www.stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk/videos>

11.30am Family Service (Mass) in Church and online

Led by: Fr Damian. Welcome: Margaret Alderson & Andrew Falconer. Theme: Jesus Ascends into heaven (with fun craft!)

7pm Compline with congregation and online

Led by: Fr Damian. Welcome: Susi Thornton & Margaret Harnden. Reader: Margaret Harnden.
Intercessions: Susi Thornton.

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): Iris Rigazzi-Tarling, Stella Scrase, Lyn Borley, Lesley, James & his family, Rosemarie Dancer, Ian Dean, Andrea, Andrew Buchanan, Alice Armstrong, Peter Silvester, Stuart Hatch, Pat Joseph, Carol Mason, Sarah Bradshaw, David Woodward & Kirsty Fuller. **Continuing prayers:** Patti, Sue Bruce, Jenny & Lionel Pike, Evie, June, Jannette Taunton, Sue Dean, John Brittain, Serina Tatham, David de Ville, Stephen Coling, Brian O'Kane, David Oldfield, Mark Wardell, Miles Herne, Alice McGonnell, Zoe Reeves & Meryl.

General Prayer Requests: All affected by Covid-19, and those in the NHS still treating patients & servicing the vaccine roll-out, terrorism & natural disasters. Our clergy team, churchwardens and PCC. **The Elderly & Infirm:** June, Elaine & Dennis, Margot, Joan, Jean, Margaret & Ruth. **The Recently Departed:** Brenda, Karen Jacques, Rev Alan Elkins, Joan Payne, Dennis Ives, Baby Ted Simmonds.

Anniversaries of Death: Daisy Stevens, David Wallace, Jennifer Langston, Walsham Maynard, Brian Periton, Norman Manning, Annie Rumbold, Clara Tucker

Runnymede Food Bank – Do continue to leave your contributions in the green crate outside the (old) Rutherwyke Room / Link door (under the canopy). These will be collected regularly. Thank you for your support and help for those in need at this time.

Coffee Rota – we need volunteers to sign a rota sheet at the back of church to cover this on Sundays after the 10am service please.

DURING THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Monday Morning Prayer led by Fr Damian.
9-11am Year 5 in Church.
7pm Said Eucharist.
7.30pm PCC meeting (via zoom or in Church).

Tuesday Morning Prayer led by Mtr Jo.
9-11am Year 3 in Church.
12.30pm Funeral in church late Karen Jacques RIP
7pm Clergy diary meeting,
7.30pm Wedding Couples preparation via Zoom.

Wednesday Morning Prayer led by Fr Gerard.
10am Eucharist with Mtr Jo in church.
11am meeting re Civic Service in R/Room.

Thursday Morning Prayer led by Fr Damian.
9-11am Year 2 in Church.

Friday Fr Damian is off duty today.
Morning Prayer led by Mtr Jo.

Saturday Morning Prayer led by Fr Gerard.



Next Sunday – 23rd May 2021

Pentecost

8am Said Eucharist with congregation in church
10am Parish Eucharist with congregation and online
7pm Compline with congregation and online

ST MARY'S CHURCH IS OPEN FOR COVID-SECURE COMMUNAL WORSHIP AND FUNERAL SERVICES

Do NOT leave your home or attend Church if you feel unwell in any way at all. Thank you for your understanding.

PLEASE NOTE COVID PROCEDURES APPLY FOR ALL SERVICES

Please come in good time to follow entry procedure: Follow the one-way footpath around the church through the churchyard and queue remaining 2 metres from the person in front. Entrance is via the Rutherwyke Room kitchen/back door. All must wash their hands, wear a face mask* and sign-in (for Test & Trace purposes). Please **do not sing**. Please only sit on the chairs spaced at 2 metres and follow the one-way-system through church at all times. THANK YOU for complying to KEEP US SAFE.

POST 17TH MAY: We anticipate that our present church risk-assessment **will remain in place:** 40 (plus 8 staff) per service.

LOOKING AHEAD – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

Socially distanced Summer Fair – Saturday 19th June. Please put this date in your diary and keep it free – all hands to the pump!
If you are able to lend a gazebo please let Susi know.

APCM Thank you to all who participated in the APCM meeting last Sunday and congratulations to Susi Thornton being elected to the PCC & Mary Morris who is our new Parish Administrator.

The next **PCC Meeting** is Monday 17th at 7:30pm following the 7pm said Eucharist. Allison has circulated an agenda.

Sharing faith with others - four tips!

1. Look for conversations not confrontations.
2. Don't try and defend God, just be honest about the positive's faith brings you.
3. Listen and be genuinely interested in others.
4. Trust God to change hearts and pray that conversations will inspire faith. Then, invite them to come along WITH YOU to St Mary's Church! Amen.

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

COLLECT

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 1.15–17, 21–26

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people). He said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus – for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 1

R Happy are they who trust in the Lord.

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful! Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and night. **R**

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper. **R**

It is not so with the wicked: they are like chaff which the wind blows away; Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed. **R**

SECOND READING 1 John 5.9–13

A reading from the first letter of John.

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that

he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL John 17.6–19

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.' This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN 1

*Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive:
built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

HYMN 2

Luke Connaughton 1919-1979

Love is his word, love is his way,
Feasting with all, fasting alone,
Living and dying, rising again,
Love only love, is his way.

Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:
Better than splendour and wealth.

Love is his news, Love is his way,
We are his own, chosen and called;
family, brethren, cousins and kin.
Love only love, is his way.

Love is his name, love is his law.
Hear his command, all who are his:

'Love one another, I have loved you.'
Love, only love is his law.

Love is his law, love is his word:
Love of the Lord, father and Word:
Love of the Spirit, God ever one,
Love, only love is his word!

HYMN 3

Dan Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

HYMN 4

Edward Joseph Burns (b. 1938)

We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth in Bethlehem,
not in a royal house or hall,
but in a stable dark and dim
the Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save;
in lonely suff'ring on the cross:
for all he loved, his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn,
empty the tomb, for he was free;
he broke the pow'r of death and hell
that we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified.
He sends his Spirit on his Church
to live for him, the Lame who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel-message we proclaim:
We sing his glory, tell his worth.