



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 2nd May 2021

Easter 5

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

Fr Damian is off-duty today

8am Eucharist with congregation

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Gerard. Server: Andy West.
Warden & Reader: Bev Germany. Welcome: Kim Stangroom.

10am Parish Eucharist with congregation and online

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

Procession God is love, his the care
Offertory Christ is made the sure foundation
Communion I danced in the morning
Recessional Now is eternal life

Celebrant: Mtr Jo. Preacher: Fr Gerard. Warden: Pete Gruncell.
Welcome: Joan Gruncell & Elaine Gill. Server: Catherine Wareham-Davies. Readers: Pete Gruncell & Elaine Gill.
Intercessions: Mtr Jo. Organist: David Howard. Cantor: Petra Hudson.

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

11.30am Family Mass with congregation and online

Led by: Fr Gerard. Welcome: Margaret Harnden & Susi Thornton
7pm Compline with congregation and online
Led by: Andrew Falcolner. Welcome: Susi Thornton & Margaret Harnden. Reader: Marriane Herne. 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): Jenny Pike, Stella Scrase, Brenda, 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:** Sue Bruce, 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:** Dennis Ives, Baby Ted Simmonds, Jean Smith, Margaret Bell & Joan Payne.

Anniversaries of Death: Alan Kidd, Richard Lockwood, May Rigazzi, Arthur Dean, Dorothy Lingard, Jane O'Brien, Lady Barbara Bosworth

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.

Do you shop online at Amazon? By joining [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://www.smile.amazon.co.uk) you can support St. Mary's without any costs to you. Just sign up and select St Mary's Church, Thorpe from the charity list.

DURING THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Bank Holiday Monday - Morning Prayer led by Fr Gerard
Tuesday Morning Prayer led by Fr Damian
10.30am Thorpe Primary School 'Collective Worship' via Zoom with Mtr Jo from Church
2pm Wardens Meeting
7pm Clergy diary meeting
7.30pm Exploring Beatitudes – see details below
Wednesday 10am Eucharist with Mtr Jo in church
Thursday Morning Prayer led by Fr Damian.
11am Funeral at Woking Crem – Joan Payne, RIP.
Friday Fr Damian off duty
Morning Prayer led by Mtr Jo.
Saturday Morning Prayer led by Fr Gerard.

Next Sunday – 9th May 2021

Easter 6

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.

LOOKING AHEAD – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

Ascension of our Lord – Thursday 13th May,
6pm Festival Eucharist

7pm Supper at The Red Lion (instead of the churchyard)
More details to follow, supper reservations by 9th May please.
You can book your place in church and for the meal afterwards by visiting:

<https://www.stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk/register-to-attend>

Socially distanced Summer Fair – Saturday 19th June. Please put this date in your diary and keep it free – all hands to the pump!

Exploring the Beatitudes Tuesday Evenings, 7.30pm. Don't miss it!
<https://www.stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk/register-to-attend>

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.

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

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Acts 8.26–40

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

PSALM Psalm 22.24–30

R All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O Lord.

My praise is of him in the great assembly, I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: 'May your heart live for ever!' **R**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him. For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over the nations. **R**

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him. My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the Lord's for ever. They

shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done. **R**

SECOND READING 1 John 4.7–21

A reading from the first letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God,' and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL John 15.1–8

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.' This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

POST COMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

HYMN 1*Percy Dearmer (1867-1936) alt.*

God is love: his the care, tending each, ev'rywhere,
 God is love, all is there! Jesus came to show him,
 that we all might know him!

Sing aloud, loud, loud! sing aloud, loud, loud!
God is good! God is truth! God is beauty! Praise him!

None can see God above; we can share life and love;
 thus may we Godward move, seek him in creation,
 holding ev'ry nation.

Jesus lived on the earth,
 hope and life brought to birth
 and affirmed human worth,
 for he came to save us by the truth he gave us.

To our Lord praise we sing,
 light and life, friend and King,
 coming down, love to bring,
 pattern for our duty, showing God in beauty.

HYMN 2

Urbs beta Jerusalem (c. 7th C)
Trans. John mason Nealse (1818-1866) alt.

Christ is made the sure foundation,
 Christ the head and cornerstone,
 chosen of the Lord and precious,
 binding all the church in one;
 holy Zion's help forever,
 and her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call you,
 come, O Lord of hosts, today:
 you have promised loving-kindness
 hear your people as we pray;
 and your fullest benediction
 turns our darkness into day.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
 what they ask and hope to gain,
 what they gain from you for ever
 with the chosen to retain,
 and hereafter of your glory
 evermore with you to reign.

Laud and honour to the Father,
 laud and honour to the Son,
 laud and honour to the Spirit,
 ever Three and ever One,
 One in might, and One in glory,
 while unending ages run.

HYMN 3*Sydney Cater – Traditional American melody*

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
 And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
 And I came down from heaven
 And I danced on the earth,
 at Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
 And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
 And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he*

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
 But they would not dance
 And they wouldn't follow me.
 I danced for the fishermen, for James and John -
 They came with me and the dance went on.

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
 The holy people said it was a shame.
 They whipped and they stripped
 And they hung me on high,
 And they left me there on a Cross to die.

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black -
 It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
 They buried my body
 And they thought I'd gone,
 But I am the dance, and I still go on.

They cut me down and I leapt up high;
 I am the life that'll never, never die;
 I'll live in you if you'll live in me -
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

HYMN 4

G. W. Briggs 1875-1959
Charles Steggall (1826-1905)

Now is eternal life,
 If risen with Christ we stand,
 In him to life reborn,
 And holden in his hand;
 No more we fear death's ancient dread,
 In Christ arisen from the dead.

For God, the living God,
 Stooped down to man's estate;
 By death destroying death,
 Christ opened wide life's gate.
 He lives, who died; he reigns on high;
 Who lives in him shall never die.

Unfathomed love divine,
 Reign thou within my heart;
 From thee nor depth nor height,
 Nor life nor death can part;
 My life is hid in God with thee,
 Now and through all eternity.

