



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 13th December 2020

Advent 3

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 RECYCLABLE SERVICE SHEET

PLEASE PARK IN THE VICARAGE CAR PARK OR CHURCH APPROACH

8am Eucharist with congregation

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Gerard. Server: Andy West.

Warden & Reader: Susi Thornton. Welcome: Margaret Harnden

10am Parish Eucharist with congregation and online

Car Parking for permit holders in Tasis South Campus car park

Procession On Jordan's bank

Offertory The Church's one foundation

Communion Hark! a herald voice is calling

Recessional Hail to the Lord's anointed

Celebrant: Fr Damian. Preacher: Fr Gerard. Warden: Peter Gruncell. Welcome: Joan Gruncell & Jenny Bright.

Server: Catherine Wareham-Davies. Readers: Tony Grove & Peter Gruncell. Intercessions: Andrew Falconer.

Cantor: Petra Hudson. Organist: David Howard.

7.00pm Compline with congregation and online

(Last Compline with a congregation in Church until March.

From January the team will conduct Compline from their homes.)

Led by: Mtr Jo. 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.

PLEASE NOTE COVID PROCEDURES APPLY FOR ALL SERVICES

Please come in good time to follow entry procedure: 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 – you can hum along quietly with your mask on. Keep to social distancing and one-way-system through church at all times. THANK YOU for complying with the rules to KEEP US SAFE.

ST MARY'S INTERCESSIONS Please remember in your prayers:

The Sick (immediate need): Rosemarie Dancer, Ian Dean, Bryan Lowe, Gwyn, Andrea, Andrew Buchanan, Alice Armstrong, Peter Silvester, Stuart Hatch, Pat Joseph, Carol Mason, Sarah Bradshaw, David Woodward & Kirsty Fuller. **Continuing prayers:** Sue Dean, John Brittain, 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 & vaccine roll-out planning, 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:** Vasiliki (Vaso) Iliopoulou, Pat Harnden, Sam Thornton. **Anniversaries of Death:** William Reavely, Arthur Miller.

MARANATHA, COME LORD JESUS - THANK YOU!

A sincere and heartfelt thank you to all who have contributed in any way to our season of hope as we prepare for Christmas 2020. The daily reflections are inspiring and the church and grounds look beautiful. Come Lord Jesus! Amen.

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.

DURING THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Monday Maranatha online led by Jane Carter.
Tuesday Maranatha online led by Fr Gerard.
10:30am Collective Worship for Thorpe Primary School via Zoom with Mtr Jo
6pm short Staff Meeting
7.30pm Maranatha Study Group via Zoom – Session 3: Joy – proclamation of John the Baptist. Led by Fr Gerard.
Wednesday Maranatha online led by Mtr Jo.
10am Said Eucharist in Church with Fr Damian.
2.00-4.00pm Church open for prayer and visitors
Thursday Maranatha online led by Fr Damian.
Friday Maranatha online led by Mtr Jo.
Saturday Fr Damian off duty
Maranatha online led by Fr Gerard.
2.00-4.00pm Church open for prayer and visitors

Sunday 10am is uploaded to our website, usually by 12noon.



Next Sunday – 20th December 2020

Advent 4

8am Said Eucharist with congregation

10am Parish Eucharist with congregation and online

6pm Lessons & Carol Service with congregation (ticketed) and online

10.00am Car Parking for permit holders in Tasis South Campus car park.

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>

Additional tickets have been made available so do have another look if you were disappointed.

"Maranatha" Daily Reflections

Uploaded to Facebook and our website. Also visit:

<https://maranathathorpe.org/>

ST MARY'S COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

MAXIMUM NUMBER AT SERVICES 40 IN CHURCH, 10 IN R/ROOM

Baptisms in Church outside of the advertised Eucharist: max 6

Weddings in Church: max 15, Funerals in Church: max 30

Use of the Rutherwyke Room for Covid-secure groups: max 10.

AT ALL OTHER TIMES MAX 6 WITHOUT EXCEPTION.

MEETINGS ONLINE ONLY AT THIS TIME PLEASE.

Runnymede is presently in Tier 2 of the new Covid alert system. Should this change we will let you know by special mailer of any local changes to gathered worship or other activities at St Mary's.

Runnymede Food Bank - Please leave food in the Rutherwyke Room at times of Private Prayer (2-4pm Wed + Sat), or at Church Services on Wed + Sun. For a list of items required see St Mary's Church website which will be kept updated. Thank you for your generosity and support.

OUTDOOR CAROL SERVICE – ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD
Every evening repeating 4 times (hourly) 3-7pm until 5th January.

Funeral of Pat Harnden, R.I.P

Pat will be received into Church at 4pm before a Requiem Mass on Monday 21st December at 6pm. His Funeral will be in Church on Tuesday 22nd December, 10:45am followed by private committal at Hanworth Crem. Our thoughts are with Margaret at this time.

COLLECT

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 61.1–4, 8–11

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.
The servant of the LORD said: The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion – to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 126

**R The Lord has done great things for us
[and we are glad indeed].**

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. **R**

Then they said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.' The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed. **R**

Restore our fortunes, O Lord like the watercourses of the Negev. Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

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SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 5.16–24

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

My brothers and sisters, rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL John 1.6–8, 19–28

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

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord,"' as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN 1*Charles Coffin 1676-1749*

ON Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Come then and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every Christian breast,
And furnished for so great a guest!
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;
Without thy grace our souls must fade,
And wither like a flower decayed.

Stretch forth thine hand to heal our sore,
And make us rise, to fall no more;
Once more upon thy people shine,
And fill the world with love divine.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee
Whose advent sets thy people free,
Whom, with the Father, we adore,
And Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen.

HYMN 2*Samuel Stone 1839-1900*

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the word:
From heaven he came
And sought her to be his holy Bride,
With his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses with every grace endued.

*Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore oppress,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
Their cry goes up, 'How long?'
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil, and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with thee.

HYMN 3*E 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 at 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 heaven;
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
One and all to be forgiven;

So when next he comes in glory,
And earth's final hour draws near,
May he then as our defender
On the clouds of heaven appear.

Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
To the Father and the Son,
With the co-eternal Spirit,
While unending ages run. Amen.

HYMN 4*James Montgomery 1771-1854*

Hail to the Lord's Anointed!
Great David's greater Son;
Hail, in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free;
To take away transgression,
And rule in equity.

He comes with succour speedy
To those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy,
And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing,
Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying,
Were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers
Upon the fruitful earth,
Love, joy, hope, like flowers,
Spring in his path to birth:
Before him on the mountains
Shall peace the herald go;
And righteousness in fountains
From hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before him,
And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore him,
His praise all people sing;
To him shall prayer unceasing
And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing,
A kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious,
He on his throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious,
All-blessing and all-blest:
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand for ever;
That name to us is Love.