



ST MARY'S CHURCH, THORPE

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and there is always a warm welcome
for all.



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Sunday 20th December 2020

Advent 4

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 Damian. **Server & Reader:** Andy West.
Welcome: Jenny Bright. **Warden:** Bev Germany.

10am Parish Eucharist with congregation and online

Car Parking for permit holders in TAsIS South Campus car park

Procession Sing we of the blessed Mother

Offertory Tell out my soul

Communion The Angel Gabriel from heaven came

Recessional God rest you merry, gentlemen

Celebrant: Mother Jo. **Preacher:** Fr Damian. **Warden:** Susi Thornton. **Welcome:** Jim & Jane Lowe. **Server:** Catherine Wareham-Davies. **Readers:** Margaret Roberts & Marianne Herne. **Intercessions:** Bridget Grove. **Organist:** David Howard.

6.00pm Lessons & Carol Service

with congregation (ticketed) and online

Led by: Fr Damian. **Preacher:** Fr Gerard. **Warden:** Susi Thornton. **Welcome:** Margaret Harnden, Andrew Falconer & Margaret Roberts. **Intercessions:** Jane Lowe

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): Jannette Taunton, Giles Bartleman, 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:** Franco Focosi, Vasiliki (Vaso) Iliopoulou, Pat Harnden. **Anniversaries of Death:** Eileen Junor, Beryl Maxwell, Dorothy Johns, Earnest Turner, Phillip Sands, Margaret Pearce, Maxine Hayes, Edmund Maciejewski, Jose Pogson.

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 Mtr Jo.
6pm Requiem Mass for Pat Harnden open to the congregation to attend.
- Tuesday** Maranatha online led by Jane Lowe
9am Staff Meeting via Messenger
10.45am Funeral in Church: *Pat Harnden, R.I.P.* followed by private committal at Hanworth Crem
7.30pm Maranatha Study Group via Zoom – Session 4: Love, Blessed Virgin Mary Led by Fr D.
Wednesday Maranatha online led by Lara & Zac Winn-Smith.
10am Said Eucharist in Church with Fr Damian.
11am Funeral in Church: *Franco Focosi, R.I.P.* followed by private committal at Hanworth Crem
2.00-4.00pm Church open for prayer and visitors (*Last time. Will cease until March/review by PCC*)
- Thursday** **CHRISTMAS EVE**
Maranatha online led by Fr Damian.
3pm Crib Service (ticketed) with Zoom click [here](#)
Meeting ID: 879 3036 3682 Passcode: 092132
5pm Crib Service (ticketed) *Live on Facebook*
11.30pm Midnight Mass (ticketed) & online
- Friday** **CHRISTMAS DAY**
Maranatha online led by Fr Gerard.
8am Said Eucharist with congregation
10am Parish Eucharist with congregation (ticketed) & online
- Saturday** **ST STEPHEN**
Maranatha online led by Fr Damian.
10am Said Eucharist in Church



Next Sunday – 27th December 2020

John the Evangelist

8am Said Eucharist with congregation

10am Parish Eucharist with congregation and online

6pm Carols before the Crib with congregation (ticketed)

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

Christmas Services

You can register to attend at the following link:

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

"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.

ADVENT 4

YEAR B

COLLECT

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our Saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING 2 Samuel 7.1–11, 16

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

Now when David, the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.' But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in?

I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts:

I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you, David, that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 89.1–4, 19–26

R Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing.

Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness. For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens. **R**

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant: "I will establish your line for ever, and preserve your throne for all generations."' **R**

You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: 'I have set the crown upon a warrior and have exalted one chosen out of the people. I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him. **R**

My hand will hold him fast and my arm will make him strong. No enemy shall deceive him, nor the wicked bring him down. I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him. **R**

My faithfulness and love shall be with him, and he shall be victorious through my name. I shall make his dominion extend from the Great Sea to the River. He will say to me, "You are my Father, my God and the rock of my salvation." **R**

SECOND READING Romans 16.25–27

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans. To God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith – to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Luke 1.26–38

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

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN 1*George Bourne Timms b. 1910*

Sing we of the blessed Mother
 who received the angel's word,
 and obedient to his summons
 bore in love the infant Lord;
 sing we of the joys of Mary
 at whose breast that child was fed,
 who is Son of God eternal
 and the everlasting Bread.

Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
 of the sword that pierced her through,
 when beneath the cross of Jesus
 she his weight of suffering knew,
 looked upon her Son and Saviour
 reigning high on Clv'ry's tree,
 saw the price of our redemption
 paid to set the sinner free.

Sing again the joys of Mary
 when she saw the risen Lord,
 and, in prayer with Christ's apostles,
 waited on his promised word:
 from on high the blazing glory
 of the Spirit's presence came,
 heav'nly breath of God's won being,
 manifest through wind and flame.

Sing the greatest joy of Mary
 when on earth her work was done,
 and the Lord of all creation
 brought her to his heav'nly home:
 virgin mother, Mary blessed,
 raised on high and crowned with grace,
 may your Son, the world's redeemer,
 grant us all to see his face.

HYMN 2*Timothy Dudley-Smith B. 1926*

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
 unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
 tender to me the promise of his word;
 in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:
 make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
 his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
 his holy name, the Lord the mighty one.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:
 pow'rs and dominions lay their glor by;
 proud herts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
 the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:
 firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
 to children's children and for evermore.

HYMN 3

*Words: Basque carol;
 trans. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)*

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
 his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
 "All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary,
 most highly favoured lady," Gloria!

"For now a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
 all generations laud and honour thee,
 thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
 most highly favoured lady," Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
 "To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,
 "my soul shall laud and magnify his holy Name."
 Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!

And so, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
 in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
 and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say-
 "Most highly favoured lady," Gloria!

HYMN 4*Traditional*

God rest you merry, gentlemen,
 let nothing you dismay,
 for Jesus Christ our Saviour
 was born on Christmas Day,
 to save us all from Satan's pow'r
 when we were gone astray:

*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
 O tidings of comfort and joy.*

In Bethlehem, in Jewry,
 this blessed babe was born,
 and laid within a manger,
 upon that Christmas morn;
 at which his mother Mary
 did nothing take in scorn. [*Refrain*]

From God, our heav'enly Father,
 a blessed angel came,
 and unto certain shepherds
 brought tidings of the same,
 how that in Bethlehem was born
 the Son of God by name. [*Refrain*]

'Fear not,' then said the angel,
 'let nothing you affright,
 this day is born a Saviour,
 of virtue, pow'r and might;
 by him the world is overcome
 and Satan put to flight.' [*Refrain*]

The shepherds at those tidings
 rejoiced much in mind,
 and left their flock a-feeding,
 in tempest, storm and wind,
 and went to Bethlehem straightway
 this blessed babe to find. [*Refrain*]

But when to Bethlehem they came,
 whereat this infant lay,
 they found him in a manger
 where oxen feed on hay;
 his mother Mary kneeling,
 unto the Lord did pray. [*Refrain*]

Now to the Lord sing praises,
 all you within this place,
 and with true love and fellowship
 each other now embrace;
 this holy tide of Christmas
 all others doth deface. [*Refrain*]