



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 27th December 2020

John the Evangelist

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.

Maranatha online led by Fr Damian.

TODAY WE USE THE RECYCLABLE SERVICE SHEET

PLEASE PARK IN THE VICARAGE CAR PARK OR CHURCH APPROACH

Fr Damian off duty until Sunday 3rd January

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

Car Parking for permit holders in Tasis South Campus car park

Procession Unto us a boy is born

Offertory See, amid the winter's snow

Communion A great and mighty wonder

Recessional Joy to the world

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Gerard. Warden: Peter Gruncell.

Welcome: Joan Gruncell & Helen Cunningham.

Server: Catherine Wareham-Davies. Readers: Matthew Winn-

Smith & Elaine Gill. Intercessions: Susi Thornton

Cantor: Petra Hudson. Organist: Lionel Pike.



6.00pm Carols before the Crib

with congregation (ticketed) and online

Led by: Mtr Jo. Warden: Susi Thornton. Welcome: Margaret

Harnden, Andrew Falconer & Margaret Roberts. Readers:

Margaret Roberts & Margaret Harnden.

Intercessions: Jane Lowe. Organist: Lionel Pike

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): Jannette Taunton, 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:** Giles Bartleman, Franco Focosi, Vasiliki (Vaso) Iliopoulou. **Anniversaries of Death:** Olive Dawes, Davie Wallace, Dorothy Cramphorn, Doreen Dean.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU!

Once again, this year we have enjoyed many varied events & services at St Mary's during the Advent and Christmas period, with many people joining us both in person and online, and many of you contributed to these occasions in so many ways. It's been fabulous!

Thank you for all you have done to support our Church this year.

With prayers, Fr Damian.

DURING THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Monday Maranatha online led by Fr Gerard.
Tuesday Maranatha online led by David Howard
Wednesday Maranatha online led by Andrew Falconer
10am Said Eucharist in Church with Fr Gerard.
Thursday Maranatha online led by Mtr Jo.
Friday Maranatha online led by Fr Damian.
Saturday Maranatha online led by Mtr Jo.

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



Next Sunday – 3rd January 2021

Christmas 2

Maranatha online led by Susi Thornton.

8am Said Eucharist with congregation

10am Parish Eucharist with congregation and online

11.30am Family Service with congregation and online

7pm Compline online only

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

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.

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.

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.

LOOKING AHEAD – IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

Festival Eucharist for the Epiphany of our Lord

Wed 6 Jan, 7.30pm

PCC Meeting – Mon, 11 Jan, 7.30pm (Said Eucharist 7pm)

Wedding Couples Evening – Mon, 25 Jan, 7.30pm via Zoom

Candlemas Sunday (The Presentation of Christ in the Temple)

– Tuesday 2nd February, 7.30pm Festival Eucharist.

Compline will continue every Sunday throughout January and February at 7pm, led by the team from our own homes and available LIVE via Facebook.



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.

ST JOHN

YEARS A, B & C

COLLECT

Merciful Lord, cast your bright beams of light upon the Church: that, being enlightened by the teaching of your blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John, we may so walk in the light of your truth that we may at last attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ your incarnate Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING **Exodus 33.7–11a**

A reading from the book of Exodus.
Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp; he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the LORD would go out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp. Whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people would rise and stand, each of them, at the entrance of their tents and watch Moses until he had gone into the tent. When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, and the LORD would speak with Moses. When all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise and bow down, all of them, at the entrance of their tents. Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM **Psalm 117** **R The Lord spoke to him face to face as one speaks to a friend.**

Praise the Lord, all you nations;
laud him, all you peoples.
For his loving-kindness towards us is great,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.
Alleluia! **R**

SECOND READING **1 John 1**

A reading from the first letter of John.
We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us –
3 we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If

we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL **John 21.19b–25**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
After this Jesus said to Peter, 'Follow me.' Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, 'Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?' When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, 'Lord, what about him?' Jesus said to him, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!' So the rumour spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?' This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Word made flesh, life of the world, in your incarnation you embraced our poverty:
by your Spirit may we share in your riches.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that the Word made flesh proclaimed by your apostle John may, by the celebration of these holy mysteries, ever abide and live within us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



HYMN 1 *Percy Dearmer 15th century*

Unto us a boy is born!
King of all creation;
came he to a world forlorn,
the Lord of ev'ry nation,
the Lord of ev'ry nation.

Cradled in a stall was he,
watched by cows and asses;
but the very beasts could see
that he the world surpasses,
that he the world surpasses.

Then the fearful Herod cried,
'Pow'r is mine in Jewry!'
So the blameless children died
the victims of his fury,
the victims of his fury.

Now may Mary's Son, who came
long ago to love us,
lead us all with hearts aflame
unto the joys above us,
unto the joys above us.

Omega and Alpha he!
Let the organ thunder,
while the choir with peals of glee
shall rend the air asunder,
shall rend the air asunder.

HYMN 2 *Edward Caswall 1814-1878*

See, amid the winter's snow,
born for us on earth below,
see, the tender Lamb appears,
promised from eternal years.

*Hail, thou ever-blessed morn,
hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.*

Lo, within a manger lies
he who built the starry skies;
he who, throned in heights sublime,
sits amid the cherubim. [Refrain]

Say, you holy shepherds, say,
what your joyful news today?
Wherefore have ye left your sheep
on the lonely mountain steep? [Refrain]

'As we watched at dead of night,
there appeared a wondrous light;
angels, singing peace on earth,
told us of the Saviour's birth.' [Refrain]

Sacred infant, all divine,
what a tender love was thine,
thus to come from highest bliss,
down to such a world as this! [Refrain]

Virgin mother, Mary, blest,
by the joys that fill thy breast,
pray for us, that we may prove
worthy of the Saviour's love. [Refrain]

HYMN 3 *John Mason Neale (1818-1866)*

A great and mighty wonder,
a full and holy cure!
the Virgin bears the infant
with virgin honour pure:

*Repeat the hymn again!
'To God on high be glory,
and peace on earth shall reign.'*

The Word becomes incarnate,
and yet remains on high;
and cherubim sing anthems
to shepherds from the sky: [Refrain]

While thus they sing your monarch,
those bright angelic bands,
rejoice, ye vales and mountains,
ye oceans, clap your hands: [Refrain]

Since all he comes to ransom,
by all be he adored,
the infant born in Beth'lem,
the Saviour and the Lord: [Refrain]

HYMN 4 *Isaac Watts 1674-1748*

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
let earth receive her King;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns;
let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, and wonders of his love.