



The Parish of Thorpe St Andrew

Weekly News

with
Service Sheet

Trinity 13: 6 September 2020 – Message from the Rector



Where two or three are gathered

We returned to normal with our PCC meeting on 1 September, with lots of new members and some new ideas. We gathered for a Eucharist to mark the beginning of our season of meetings for 2020-2021. Over the next months we will pray earnestly to discern what God has planned for this community. Covid-19 has given us a wake up call to look around us for what God is really calling us to do. Is it a return to old discussions or something new? How might we best serve the 15,000 people who live here? What is our mission? What should be focussing on? What needs debating? What doesn't? Sometimes it's possible to agree. Sometimes it is harder. It is important for all of us to remember that Jesus is Emmanuel - "God is with us". He is with us in our Church community and all around us. The gospel reading for this Sunday reminds us that his message is one of reconciliation, not retribution. We are asked to "regain" our brother or sister. "Regaining" is more than stopping things that offend and involves a transformative reconciliation - bringing about a true change in attitude. Jesus' openness to sinners depends on a change of heart and a change in behaviour: "Go, and sin no more". When we approach God in community, even a community of two or three, he is already here with us. Mindful of that let us pray for that transformative reconciliation so that we might focus on our mission to the 15,000 as well as the two or three. God bless you all!

Fr James

PARISH EUCHARIST for TRINITY 13

Organ Voluntary Chorale, William Lloyd Webber (1914-1982)

Welcome *Words of welcome to the congregation and those watching online.*

The Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

Prayers of Penitence

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria *The Gloria in excelsis is said* **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbour as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel Reading Matthew 18:15-20

This heralds the reading of the gospel.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not

made, of one **Being** with the **Father**; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the **Holy Spirit** and the **Virgin Mary** and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under **Pontius Pilate**; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the **Scriptures**; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the **Father**. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the **Holy Spirit**, the **Lord**, the giver of life, who proceeds from the **Father** and the **Son**, who with the **Father** and the **Son** is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic **Church**. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. **Amen**.

Prayers of Intercession

The response to the bidding Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer**.

The Peace

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life. The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you**. Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Preparation of the Table

The table is prepared, and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Organ Music 'Dearest Lord Jesus, we are here', Karl Hoyer (1891-1936)

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life. **Blessed be God for ever**.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation. **Blessed be God for ever**.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you**.

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord**.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give thanks and praise**.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. From sunrise to sunset this day is holy, for Christ has risen from the tomb and scattered the darkness

of death with light that will not fade. This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people, unfolds for us your word, and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread. And though the night will overtake this day you summon us to live in endless light, the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord. And so with choirs of angels, with all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory and join their unending song of praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Andrew and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread *The minister breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei *The Agnus Dei is sung as the bread is broken.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

The Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, blessed are those who are called to his supper. **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The bread is distributed.

Organ Music Elevazione, Padre Giovan Battista Martini (1706-1784)

Prayer after Communion Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Notices *The notices and announcements are given*

The Blessing *The Rector gives the final blessing.*

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you and all those who you love this day and always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Organ Voluntary Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne in C, Buxtehude (1637-1707)

PRAYER INTENTIONS

- **THE CHURCH Our Ministry Team** James Stewart, Taylor Wilton-Morgan, Nicole King **Our Bishops** Graham, Alan and Jonathan **Ecumenical Baptist Church:** Regional Minister Beth Powney **Anglican Communion** Pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, Archbishop Thabo Makgoba
- **THE WORLD All those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic**
All key workers in NHS and all other fields of frontline work, particularly our local doctors' surgeries and healthcare provision, including all partners, staff and patients of: Thorpe Health Centre (St William's Way); Thorpewood Surgery (Woodside and Dussindale); Lionwood Surgery.
- **THE COMMUNITY** Belmore Road, Birchwood, Birkbeck Way
Civic Leaders - Thorpe St Andrew Town Council, particularly Mayor, John Fisher and Deputy Mayor, Sue Lawn; Broadland District Council – Jonathan Emsell, John Fisher, Sue Lawn, Ian Mackie, Trudy Mancini-Boyle and Nigel Shaw; County Councillors – John Fisher and Ian Mackie; MP – Chloe Smith; our twin town of St Andrews, New Brunswick, Canada and their Mayor, Doug Naish and Deputy Mayor, Brad Henderson.
- **THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYER** including Brian Riseborough, Paul Carter, Mark Little, Monique Rowland, Jennifer Jones, Janet Fancy, Colin Hicks, Glenys Paflin, Alan Harrison, Jill Hall, Grace Howes, Peter and Gaynor Garrod, Rita Ward, Alison Gibson, Joy and Andy McCall, Jean High, Jean Mayhew, Yukiko, Brother Gabriel
- **THE DEPARTED The recently departed** Jan Thrower, Michael George, Dave Whitton, Audrey Camp **Those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time** Robert (Bob) Carman (9th September), Angela Adderson (12th)

SERVICES IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

Subject to restrictions operating at the time, the following will happen:

13 September	9.30am at the Parish Church	Eucharist
20 September	9.30am at the Parish Church	Eucharist
27 September	9.30am at the Parish Church	Eucharist
27 September	10.00am St Andrew's Centre	Café Church
4 October	9.30am at the Parish Church	Eucharist
4 October	11.15am at Good Shepherd	Harvest Festival
11 October	8.00am at the Good Shepherd	Eucharist
11 October	9.30am at the Parish Church	Harvest Festival

OTHER NOTICES AND USEFUL INFORMATION

CHURCHWARDENS Congratulations continue to be offered to Alison and Tim on their election as churchwardens. The Diocese have done the necessary checks and we now plan to 'swear them in' at the Parish Church on Sunday 20 September at 9.30am. Please come along and support them at this service and in the year ahead. We are also grateful to our new PCC members who all survived their first PCC meeting on Tuesday! Well done!



HARVEST FESTIVALS IN THE PARISH Whilst it has been the practise of the Parish, introduced relatively recently, to have a joint service for Harvest, Covid-19 restrictions make this difficult, so we plan a Harvest Thanksgiving in each church. Covid-19 restrictions mean a Harvest Lunch is not possible.

4 October 2020 at 11.15am Harvest Festival Eucharist at Good Shepherd

11 October 2020 at 9.30am Harvest Festival Eucharist at Parish Church

GOOD SHEPHERD There are many parishes in the Diocese of Norwich where churches remain closed due to Covid-19 restrictions – and the policy of the Diocese was the open one church first. We are very concerned about the vulnerability of any in our congregation and want to do what is safe. The churchwardens, Fr Taylor and myself are continuing to consult, but in the meantime are planning two services at the Church of the Good Shepherd, with plenty of time to give notice for preparations to be made. The Parish Church was opened initially for two services, so this is in line with this.

4 October at 11.15am – Harvest Festival and Lighting of Easter Candle

11 October at 8.00am – First Post lockdown service at this time

AUDREY CAMP RIP We are very sorry to announce the news of the death of Audrey at the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital on Friday night. Audrey (with Bob) were much involved in the life of our parish and over the years Audrey had borne her suffering with great courage and joy in her heart. It is a joy to me that, although quite frail, Audrey was able to join with us in worship post lockdown at the Parish Church. Her funeral takes place on 18 September but it is not going to be possible for everyone who knew her to attend. Please keep Bob, Jane, Andrew, Bruce, Malcolm and all the family in your prayers.

CAFÉ CHURCH AND FAMILY SERVICES We plan to hold a Café Church in the St Andrew's Centre on Sunday 27 September at its pre-lockdown time of 10.00am This will be led by Nicole and Fr Taylor. It will be an opportunity to give thanks for its return and to pray for God's continued help in this pandemic and to review where Café Church is going. Fr James hopes to join at the end to participate in this discussion! No refreshments but a warm welcome!

MINI POP UP PLANT SALE! SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST 2020

A big thank you to Margaret and Alistair for their diligence and further hard work with this. A further £90 was raised. Well done. Alistair is planting up pots with bulbs. If anyone has any pots that they can provide to him then please do pass them to him at church or the Rector, who can pass them on!

FACE COVERINGS The Government guidance has changed again and now indicates that it is mandatory for those attending inside places of worship to wear face masks from 8 August. Those leading a service, preaching, praying or reading may remove their face mask for that part of the service when speaking. Face masks will be worn by the clergy when distributing communion. You will, of course, need to remove your face covering, to receive the host at communion.

FOODBANK The Foodbank Collection Box will be on the table where the tea and coffee is normally served. A list of items needed most is available on request.

PARKING AT THE BUCK I am delighted to advise that after consultation with the owners of the Buck they have agreed to turn off the parking meter/camera **EACH SUNDAY from 8.00am to 11.30am**. This has been achieved through patience and prayer. If you would like to display a notice saying you are parking for church – these are available in the vestry.

JEAN MAYHEW Jean sends her love to all who know her in the Parish. Jean is now at Two Acres Care Home in Taverham, pending a possible move to a care home near her daughter, Susan, in Diss. Restrictions mean that she is limited to one visitor – her daughter – but you can send cards and best wishes to her at: **Two Acres, 212-216 Fakenham Rd, Taverham, Norwich NR8 6QN**

NEXT PARISH CHURCH GARDENING MORNING Thank you to all who helped with gardening on Saturday. Details of the next date will follow!

100 CLUB The 2020-2021 season runs October to September. Forms are available. Please can you support this if you are able. You can hold up to three numbers. We need as much financial support as we can at this time and this is a fun way of supporting us. Even the Rector won second prize last month, although this has been returned to the parish with gift aid! The gauntlet has now been thrown down! You can obtain a form by contacting Linda Olney **01603 434986** or Ann Cox **01603 436619** or email rector@thorpeparishchurch.org

THORPE CEMETERY COMMUNITY PROJECT We are working with community partners to improve the historic part of the cemetery. We really need some volunteers. Thank you to those who helped last week. Further sessions continue from 8.45am – 12 noon. They next meet on and **Saturdays 12 and 26 September**. Further details from the Rector.

STUDY GROUP Thank you to Fr Taylor for his work in producing his series of talks on St Bernard of Clairvaux's work, 'On loving God'. We are very grateful for the work which has gone into these. We will hold a Bible Study group in the Autumn. More details to follow. This will be on Zoom to keep people safe and to enable participation.

NORFOLK CHURCHES TRUST: BIKE, DRIVE OR WALK Saturday 12 September: If you are willing to ride your bike, walk, or even (under the new rules) drive (!!) please get a sponsorship form from Alison or Tim. If you are willing to be on duty at the Parish Church between 9am and 5pm please sign up on the sheet at the back of Parish Church. There is one slot left!

FLOWERS Sue and Isobel love doing the Church flower arrangements but are finding lifting, carrying and clearing-up is getting physically challenging! There are some in the community who have expressed an interest in flower arranging. Many parishes have a rota. Please contact the Rector to discuss. If volunteers to arrange flowers do not come forward, then Sue and Isobel write this: *'We really need some volunteers to come and assist us by doing these accompanying jobs. We know that if we don't get any help then we will not be able to carry on doing the flower, which will be a great pity. We really don't want to give up, we love making flower displays, but our bodies are shouting at us after working here for a couple of hours.'*

AUTUMN CRAFT FAIR Government restrictions mean that this has now been cancelled. More news later, as the weeks go on. Thank you to Victor and Phyllida for the effort that they had already put in.

SOME WORDS FROM OUR TREASURER Thank you so much to everyone who has been in touch with me regarding making their Free Will Offering by Standing Order. If you've been thinking about making your donations this way, it's very easy to set up via online or telephone banking - please email me on treasurertsa@gmail.com I will be happy to provide the details you need to give to your bank. If you are not registered for Gift Aid, and you are a UK taxpayer, do please consider this as it means we can re-claim additional funds from the Government at no extra cost to you. Thank you once again to all those who have already made the switch, and I look forward to hearing from you.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! Many have already been very generous. Here is a reminder of some of the ways you can still help:

1. We now have a contactless (and push button) card reader.
2. You can post a cheque to the Rectory, to be passed on to the Treasury Team.
3. We can arrange to call and collect anything you are able to give.
4. You can contact Sally and obtain details to go over to standing orders or indeed make individual online payments. For security reasons our bank details here can be obtained from Sally on treasurertsa@gmail.com
5. Any additional amounts are very gratefully received. Whilst we have done all we can to cut costs our income is down considerably but the shortfall may be as much as £20,000, if not more.



GUIDELINES FOR US TO FOLLOW WHILE AT CHURCH

- The service will follow the same pattern as our online services, without the hymns. Organ music will be played before, during and after the service.
- Please ensure that you use hand sanitisers on entering and leaving the church.
- Please take this weekly notice and service sheet away with you.
- The toys in the Children's Corner have been removed under current guidance. Children are of course very welcome.
- Alternate pews are being used and within the pews please ensure we remember to sit 2 metres away from others, unless from the same household or 'support bubble', in which case you may sit together. We are asking that the main aisle is used first and we will only open up the side aisle if capacity requires it. This is to lessen the amount of cleaning required after a service.
- We will not shake hands in the peace. Ensuring social distance we may place our hands together in prayerful form (or in Namaste form) – as a sign of peace.
- There will be no procession of the elements in the offertory.
- Please can you place your much needed offerings and collection on the brass plate, as you come in. Collection bowls will not be passed around during the service. Those who count the collection will use gloves, where appropriate.
- When you come up for communion we will not be using the rails. Please form a queue, ensuring 2 metres distance in order to receive the bread (host). Please fully extend your arms fully to ensure social distance. The celebrant alone will receive the wine on behalf of us all. Please return to your seats using the one-way system. The side aisle will be invited up first. The celebrant and deacon will use hand sanitiser before the wafers are distributed and the communicants will receive the wafer in their hand. For those requiring a blessing, hands will not be laid on the head but extended towards the head.
- We will keep a list of those attending in order to comply with Government guidance which includes a request for names of attendees to be recorded and kept for 21 days in order to assist 'track and trace' if required.
- The church surfaces will be cleaned after each service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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