



The Parish of Thorpe St Andrew

Weekly News with Service Sheet

Trinity 18 – 11 October: Message from the Rector



You're all invited

All societies seem to have a pecking order of who is in and who is out. In Jesus' time this was particularly true. The Disability Discrimination Act and other pieces of equality legislation would have been laughed off. There were people who lived in the margins of society and, largely at that time, it was felt that this was where they should stay. Jesus makes it clear in another of his parables (as we go through them in Matthew's Gospel) that the Kingdom of God, which is to come, is not in any way like this. The restrictions put in place (for all our safety) as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic make that a little more difficult to explain. It has been hard to explain to wedding couples that they can only have 30 and now only 15 at their weddings. Imagine the horror of the 'powers that be' in the Church of England on reading the fine print of the latest restrictions to discover that baptisms are subject to the 'Rule of Six'! Yet the invitation into Christian fellowship, whether it be at church, online, on the telephone or in our prayers, is still there. There is no discrimination. All are welcome!

God bless you all,

Fr James

THE PARISH EUCHARIST – Trinity 18

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.**

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. 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.**

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 and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Reading Matthew 22:1-14

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.**

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the

streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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

Let love be genuine. Never pay back evil for evil. As far as it lies with you, live at peace with everyone. 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.

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.**

Father, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And now we give you thanks because you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image and called us to new life in him. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

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.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: 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. So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Andrew and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

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

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The bread is distributed.

Prayer after Communion

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Notices *The notices and announcements are given.*

The Blessing *The Rector gives the final blessing.*

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

PRAYER INTENTIONS

THE CHURCH *Our Ministry Team* James Stewart, Taylor Wilton-Morgan, Nicole King *Our Bishops* Graham, Alan and Jonathan *Our Archdeacons* Steven Betts, Karen Hutchinson, Ian Bentley *Ecumenical* The Deanery of Skelleftea in Lulea (our link diocese in Sweden) and its Rural Dean, Ake Lundgren *Anglican Communion* Uganda, Archbishop Stephen Kaziimba

THE WORLD *All those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic* all key workers in NHS and all fields of frontline, particularly all our Schools – Dussindale Primary and Nursery (Headteacher: Louise Norgate), Hillside Avenue Primary and Nursery (Headteacher: Mr Phoenix), St William's Primary and Nursery (Headteacher: Sarah Shirrass), Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form (Principal: Penny Bignell)

THE COMMUNITY

Streets of the Parish Cavalier Close, Central Avenue, Chalgrove Field

Broadland Police particularly Local Beat Manager PC Andy Mason

Civic Leaders Members of Thorpe St Andrew Town Council, particularly Mayor, John Fisher and Deputy Mayor, Sue Lawn; Members of Broadland District Council for this parish – 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 Mayor, Doug Naish and Dep Mayor, Brad Henderson.

THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYER including Brian Riseborough, Paul Carter, Mark Little, Monique Rowland, Jennifer Jones, Janet Fancy, Colin Hicks, Alan Harrison, Jill Hall, Grace Howes, Peter and Gaynor Garrood, Rita Ward, Alison Gibson, Joy and Andy McCall, Jean High, Jean Mayhew, Brother Gabriel, Craig Fransham, Bill Stibbe, Gerald White, Anthony Travis, Paul Rayner

THE DEPARTED *The recently departed*

Glenys Paflin, Glenis Ellis, Kath Roper, Bill Albert, Maureen South

Those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time

11 Lesley Ives (11th), Don Mayhew (12th), Victor Hughff (13th), Sidney Johnson (13th)
Jack Martin (14th), Michael Towers (15th)

SERVICES IN THE PARISH IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

18 October 9.30am at the Parish Church Eucharist

18 October 6.30pm at the Parish Church Evensong for St Luke

A further review of services is being planned.

OTHER NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HARVEST FESTIVAL The Harvest Festival at the Parish Church takes place **TODAY**. After consultation with the Foodbank we are able to suggest the following for Harvest offerings. The Foodbank have a reasonable supply of food and have asked schools and other organisations who only supply once a year at Harvest to encourage people to make monetary donations for the Foodbank instead – since they desperately need funds to pay for the increased transport and delivery costs incurred at the current time. We will therefore have a separate bowl for money donations for the Foodbank, but since we are a regular Foodbank Collection Point, if you wish to bring non-perishable food – please place this in the crates provided.

JAMS AND CHUTNEYS SALE TODAY Sue Short will have a stall in the Porch after the Parish Church Harvest Festival. All products have been made more than 72 hours ago and care will be taken when handling them. When purchasing social distancing must operate, along with the wearing of face coverings. **The stall will be open from after the service until 1pm.**

GOOD SHEPHERD We are very concerned about the vulnerability of all in our congregations and want to do what is safe. Many churches around the Diocese have remained closed if there is another locally. A review will now take place to discuss further services.

FOODBANK The Foodbank Collection box is on the table where tea/coffee is normally served. A list of items needed most is available on request.

PARISH CHURCH GARDENING MORNING Due to heavy rain last weekend this has been postponed to **17 October between 9.30am and 11.30am**. Please do support this if you can.

THORPE COMMUNITY CHURCHYARD PROJECT – YARMOUTH ROAD It is important to remember that this is a Christian Burial Ground which remains under the management and ownership of ourselves. It comes with massive responsibilities. Members of the community have been working hard at the site and their work is well publicised. If you can support this project, which is a joint project between ourselves and others in the community then please do go along **between 8.45am and 12 noon**. These are the dates to end of the year: **31 October, 14 November, 5 December**

JEAN MAYHEW Jean has now moved and is at the address which we have already given: De Lucy House Care Home, 40 Victoria Rd, Diss, IP22 4HZ

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.

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. **THE FIRST DRAW IS TODAY**, after the service. You can obtain a form by contacting Linda 01603 434986 or Ann 01603 436619 or email rector@thorpeparishchurch.org

BIBLE STUDY, AUTUMN 2020 – ON ZOOM: ‘When in Romans...’
Our new Bible study series began on Thursday 1ST October and continues on **Thursday 22nd October at 7pm**. There is no Bible Study this week. We are reading and reflecting upon Romans, the book we’ve been hearing alongside the Gospel in Church these past few months. Make no mistake: Romans has a reputation, and many people probably think of it as either a bit scary or just irrelevant to the Gospel. But that, the Christian tradition would contend, is a mistake. So, here’s an invitation to linger with St Paul’s tightly-woven set of stories, and discover in them, quite simply, the fundamentals of Christian life, hope, and love. All are very welcome, whether you’ve read Romans before, or never even opened its pages. Sessions will be discursive and relaxed. Please e-mail Fr Taylor (fr.taylor@outlook.com) so you can be added to the Zoom invitation. Assistance can be given for those new to Zoom!

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:

- We now have a contactless (and push button) card reader.
- You can post a cheque to the Rectory, to be passed on to Treasury Team.
- We can arrange to call and collect anything you are able to give.
- 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

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. If you are not registered for Gift Aid, and you are a UK taxpayer, please consider this as it means we can re-claim additional funds from the Government at no extra cost to you.

VOLUNTEERS The Churchwardens are preparing rotas for people to welcome us on a Sunday morning, cleaning and anything else you would like to volunteer with. Please do speak to Alison or Tim. They would love to hear from you. If you haven't volunteered before now is the time!!

GIVE AS YOU SHOP Please help boost our Parish funds by shopping online via Amazon Smile and The Giving Machine. It's so easy to do, secure and doesn't cost you a penny as the donation is made by Amazon or The Giving Machine (who have over 2000 retailers to choose from including John Lewis/Waitrose, Sainsbury's, Booking.com/Expedia, M&S). You receive exactly the same goods/service with relevant guarantees and our Parish benefits from your purchase. Sign up today at <https://smile.amazon.co.uk> or <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk> When prompted you will be asked to nominate your charity. Our charity name (as it appears) is The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of Thorpe St Andrew. Thank you.

NHS COVID-19 APP If you have a smartphone please do download the app. It shows that NR7 is a Medium Risk area at the moment and will alert you if you have been in less than 2 metre contact with someone with Covid-19 for more than 15 minutes. The QR codes for our three buildings are displayed at the St Andrew's Centre, the Good Shepherd and Parish Church respectively. Please do make sure as you leave that you check out of the venue too.

PASTORAL CARE THROUGH THE PANDEMIC Many have said that this is a 'marathon and not a sprint' and as the months go on and the restrictions are more again this seems real. If you need anything (and I mean anything: shopping, telephone calls, medication, whatever it is) please do say. If you know of people in our community who need something – then let us know about them too. Our details appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BEREAVED – 1 NOVEMBER 2020 at 3.00pm After much discussion this will still take place in person this year, if restrictions by then still allow. We will be inviting loved ones of those who have died on a RSVP basis and would ask **FROM NEXT WEEK** for members of the congregation to indicate on a sign up sheet at church or by contacting the Rector. If we have too many we may hold an additional service that day.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY The public part of our Remembrance commemorations for Thorpe St Andrew will take place at our service at 9.30am. This is in the planning stage and is subject to whatever the restrictions are by then. It will be streamed live, as always, on Facebook.

GUIDELINES FOR US TO FOLLOW WHILE AT CHURCH

Following the Prime Minister's address to the nation on Tuesday it is essential we realise how serious the situation now is in relation to infection of the virus. The R rate is now at 1.3-1.6. Please can we follow these guidelines.

- Please **use hand sanitisers** on entering and leaving the church.
- Please **wear a face covering at all times in church**, other than to receive the host. Please do make sure it covers your nose and mouth. Those reading/leading are exempt.
- **Please take this weekly notice and service sheet away with you.**
- **Alternate pews are being used** and within the pews please ensure we remember to sit **2 metres away from others (1 metre plus with face mask)**, 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 can place our hands together in prayer form (or Namaste form) – to offer peace.
- **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.
- At the Parish Church, 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. Different rules apply at the Good Shepherd and will be explained in the service. 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 directly on 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact our Rector,

The Revd James Stewart (Fr James)

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We must keep on protecting each other.



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STAY ALERT ▶ CONTROL THE VIRUS ▶ SAVE LIVES

INTRODUCING THE NHS COVID-19 APP

