



The Parish of Thorpe St Andrew

WEEKLY NEWS and SERVICE SHEET

Trinity 8: 2 August 2020 - Message from the Rector



All are fed by the Bread of Life

Just before the lockdown the two Year 2 classes from St William's Primary School came on a joyful visit to the Parish Church. They had walked all the way from St William's Way and walked back (exhausted!) After exploring the church the 60 children, with their teachers and other helpers sat in the sanctuary on the carpet and with the help of some of the children were retold the story of the Feeding of the Five Thousand. On this occasion the five loaves were from a packet of six fresh rolls and the two fish were two tins of tuna – all courtesy of Sainsbury's earlier that morning. Some of the 7 year olds knew the story. Some didn't. Yet they were all amazed that from so very little all those who were assembled were fed. As we hear of plans to

make face masks mandatory in places of worship on 8 August, we once again find ourselves wondering where this is all heading and realising that God gives us food to sustain us for journey, recognising that it is often a marathon and not a sprint (and I am not talking about the chocolate bar now known as Snickers!) In the past twenty weeks we have done our best to feed as many people as possible with words of joy and comfort in these difficult times. This feeding miracle, which we find in our Gospel reading this Sunday, speaks to us about the abundance of God's gift to us, but also shows us how Christ takes whatever we have to offer and makes something beautiful from it, joining together all who turn to him. God bless you all!

Fr James

PRAYER INTENTIONS

- **THE CHURCH** **Our Ministry Team** James Stewart, Patrick Kerley, Nicole King, Taylor Wilton-Morgan (ordination as deacon: 6 August) **Our Bishops** Graham, Alan and Jonathan **Ecumenical** The Deanery of Lulea (in Lulea our link diocese in Sweden) and its Rural Dean, Hans Johansson **Anglican Communion** Our link province in Papua New Guinea
- **THE WORLD** **All those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic** *All key workers in NHS and all other fields of frontline work particularly all who work in our food shops, including Sainsbury's, Coop, Londis, Fish's, Thorpe Plant Centre, Blofield Farm Shop, Thorpe Convenience Store and our post offices at Thunder Lane (Mr Gurney) and Yarmouth Road (Mr and Mrs Dhalla)*
- **THE COMMUNITY** Winstanley Road, Woodlands Cresc., Woodside Rd
- **THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYER** including Brian Riseborough, Paul Carter, Mark Little, Monique Rowland, Jennifer Jones, Janet Fancy, Colin Hicks, Glenys Paflin, Audrey Camp, Alan Harrison, Jill Hall, Grace Howes, Peter and Gaynor Garrood, Anne Farthing, Rita Ward, Alison Gibson, Joy and Andy McCall, Dave Whitton, Jean High, Orrin Tyrrell
- **THE DEPARTED** **The recently departed** Joan Howes, Eileen Rennick, Barrie Mills, Tony Pestell, Freda Garrett, Sylvia Milner, Bernard Wilby **Those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time:** Bessie Robertson (2nd), Fr John Hawkins (3rd), Fr Brian Pearson (3rd), Ethel Betts (5th), Meg Muggridge (8th)

FUNERAL SERVICES IN AUGUST

- 7 Aug** Funeral of **Freda Garrett** at St Faith's Crematorium
- 10 Aug** Graveside Funeral of **Sylvia Milner** at the Thorpe St Andrew Churchyard extension, Yarmouth Road
- 12 Aug** Funeral of **Bernard Wilby** at Greenacres, Colney Wood

SERVICES IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

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

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| 9 August 10.30am in Parish Church gardens | Open Air Eucharist |
| 16 August 9.30am at the Parish Church | Simple Communion |
| 23 August 9.30am at the Parish Church | Simple Communion |
| 30 August 9.30am at the Parish Church | Family Communion |

OTHER NOTICES AND USEFUL INFORMATION

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. The Church of England guidance is yet to be revised. Until the above date it indicates that those attending are 'strongly advised' to wear a face covering of their choosing. We are waiting for confirmation that for services outside the wearing of face masks is not mandatory. For this Sunday we suggest that when you are moving around in the service and coming in and going out (and therefore closer to people) these may be the times when it is more important to wear one, than (for example) sitting in the pew. You will, of course, need to remove your face covering, to receive the host (bread) at communion. It is also important that we respect each another's decisions. We await further guidance from the Church of England – expected on Monday.

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER The church is open as follows:
Monday CLOSED **Tuesday to Saturday** 10.00am until 4.00pm **Sunday** 11.00am until 5.00pm

MORNING PRAYER This will be said at **8.30am Tuesday to Friday** at the Parish Church – **and you are now welcome to join us.**

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.

ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING – 16 AUGUST 2020 at 10.45am

We are going to try to get this meeting in after the service on 16 August. Two Sundays' notice is required. Due to cleaning requirements, face coverings etc this seems to be the most convenient immediately after the service at the Parish Church, where there is plenty of room for social distancing and a microphone system. This takes place on 29 March 2020 from 6.30pm. Nominations are now welcomed for election as Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council Members. Deanery Synod Representatives have had their terms of office extended to 2021. **Nomination forms can be obtained from me.** If you are not on the electoral roll please complete a form as soon as possible.

PARISH LIFE – AUGUST EDITION This is currently in production and will be available at some point next week. Contributions are sought for the September Parish Life by 18th August.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OF TWO OF THORPE ST ANDREW'S PRIESTS This week we remember the anniversaries of death of both Fr John Hawkins (10 years) and Fr Brian Pearson (1 year). We give thanks for their life and service in this place and remember Rosemary and Joy and Dorothy, Catherine and Rachel, respectively.

SOME GUIDELINES FOR US AS WE RETURN

- 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.
- The guidelines on face coverings are changing once again. Please see above and watch out for further guidance. A very limited supply will be available at church. Please supply your own where possible.
- Please ensure that you use hand sanitisers on entering and leaving the church.
- We will continue to issue a weekly notice and service sheet for each week. Please take this 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.

OPEN AIR PARISH EUCHARIST AND PICNIC – SUNDAY 9 AUGUST AT 10.30AM Please bring rugs and chairs to sit on (there will be a supply but you may want your own). There is plenty of room to practise social distancing. Please bring a picnic so that we can really celebrate the summer and being back together and Fr Taylor's ordination as Deacon and his and Edwin's arrival among us. Please pray for good weather!

CAFÉ CHURCH Due to guidance on face coverings, and other considerations, we have moved the Café Church onto Zoom this Sunday (26 July) at 11.30am. There is no East Coast Truckers' Convoy this year but will keep our 9.30am service as a Family Communion on 30 August – and will provide Zoom opportunities when appropriate. We will review Café Church for September.

100 CLUB This is currently suspended. We will letting you know soon when the draws will be made.

NEXT PARISH CHURCH GARDENING MORNING Thank you to all who helped with gardening on Saturday 1 August. The next regular gardening morning is planned for **Saturday 5 September** (9.30am to 11.30am).

PLANT SALE A big thank you to Margaret Hope, Alistair Stewart and the lovely team of helpers from the Garden Team. We made the fantastic sum of £829.00. Well done to all who came. A wonderful sight to see people queued along Yarmouth Road, and to have our Diocesan Secretary, Richard Butler, here.

THORPE CEMETERY COMMUNITY PROJECT

FR TAYLOR'S ORDINATION Please keep Fr Taylor in your prayers this week as he attends Bishop's House to swear oaths and then is on retreat before his ordination by Bishop Graham in the Cathedral this Thursday (6th August) (The Feast of the Transfiguration). This will be streamed live from the Diocese of Norwich YouTube channel.

CAKE RECIPE CHALLENGE We are now working on collating the recipes into a book and will have copies available for purchase at some point in October.

ROAD CLOSURE The road will be closed from 13 July for nine weeks at the crossroads of St William's Way and Thunder Lane. Entrance to Brenda James Close is not blocked, but Thunder Lane will need to be accessed from the Plumstead Road East end. With thanks to Norfolk County Council.

AUTUMN CRAFT FAIR, 31 OCTOBER 2020 (11am-3pm) Subject to restrictions operating at the time this is the replacement for all the stallholders who had booked for our Spring Craft Fair. More details later.

FOODBANK Thank you to all who have continued to keep our Foodbank Collection Point for Thorpe St Andrew going in these difficult. By doing so we helping people across our city, some of whom are much less fortunate than ourselves. From next Sunday the Foodbank Collection Box will be on the table where the tea and coffee is normally served. Here is a list of useful things which the Foodbank needs. The items in bold are needed most at this time:

Long life milk, Powdered milk, Long life fruit juice, Pasta Sauces – esp. tomato-based (i.e. not curry sauces), Sponge Pudding (tinned/long life), Tinned custard, Tomatoes (Tinned), Tinned Veg – esp. carrots, sweetcorn and green beans, **Tinned potatoes**, Rice Pudding (Tinned), Tea Bags (40s and 80s), Instant coffee, **Instant mash potato**, **Snack bars/breakfast biscuits**, Tinned Meat e.g. ham, chicken in sauce, corned beef, Tinned Fish, Tinned Fruit, Biscuits (sweet), Nappies - especially **size 5 + 6**, Jam, Peanut butter, **Sweets/bars of chocolate**, **Petfood (dog/cat)**, Washing up liquid and sponges, Soap powder/washing gel (small), **Sanitary towels/tampons**, toiletries including **deodorants**, shower gel, **shampoo**, toilet rolls, shaving gel/foam/ razors etc.

‘ON LOVING GOD’: PARISH STUDY GROUP ON FACEBOOK LIVE

The next of our parish study group talks will take place this week, on Thursday 6 August at 7.30pm, through the parish Facebook page (in the same way that services are broadcast). It will be recorded and shared there for anyone to view at a later date, too. Taking the twelfth-century Cistercian abbot, St Bernard of Clairvaux, as our guide, our curate, Fr Taylor, will lead us through some key questions for our times, beginning this week with something fundamental: *why* should we love God? All are very welcome to tune in. For more information please e-mail fr.taylor@outlook.com or telephone 01603 387401. The next session after Thursday 6th is Thursday 20th August (The Feast of St Bernard), all at 7.30pm. N.B. This group has been moved to Facebook from Zoom, to increase accessibility.

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, it is very much appreciated. 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 treasurersa@gmail.com and 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.

PINK ENVELOPES/GIVING ON RETURNING TO CHURCH A huge thank you to those who have already returned pink envelopes on our first Sunday back or made donations in lieu of these. We are hugely thankful already. If you have not already made a donation in relation to the lockdown period or are able to give more then please do as much as you can. Here are some guidelines on how you can help.

- If you have been continuing to put money in your pink envelopes we will very gratefully receive them. You might put them in a bigger envelope to hold them.
- However, a lot of people have said to us that they would prefer to bring us their collections (accumulated over the period) in one accumulated amount or indeed a cheque (payable to Thorpe St Andrew PCC). We suggest you use the one for the first Sunday you return to church.
- We now have a contactless (and push button) card reader. This will be available on Sundays, if requested.
- You can post a cheque to the Rectory, to be passed on to the Treasury Team.
- We can arrange to call and collect anything you are able to give. We will ring the doorbell and stand at distance, as envelope is placed on the doorstep.
- As said above 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 treasurersa@gmail.com
- Any additional amounts are very gratefully received. Whilst we have done all we can to cut costs our income is down considerably – with no hall bookings and lack of weddings. The shortfall may be as much as £20,000, if not more.

ZOOM COFFEE We are suspending this for a couple of weeks to assess whether it is still needed, now that we are returning to church. In the light of face masks – this may return.

NORWICH EAST DEANERY – PRAYER WALK – 22 AUGUST 2020

Departing the parishes and churches of our Deanery throughout the morning and arriving at the Cathedral Cloister for a prayer & blessing at 12.00noon. Please check for local departure times. Bring your own picnic lunch to eat in the Cloister (by kind permission of the Dean & Chapter) For those unable to walk some parking will be available at the Cathedral in the middle part of the day.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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