



The Parish of Thorpe St Andrew

Weekly Newsletter and Service Sheet

7 February 2021 The Second Sunday before Lent (Creation Sunday)



In the beginning...

Having celebrated the incarnation at Christmas and the revelation of God's glory during Epiphany, we are now ten days away from Lent, when our sights will suddenly turn to the passion and death of Jesus. We might be forgiven for thinking that those who choose the readings have got a bit confused since we find that the great Prologue of John ('In the beginning was the Word...') is chosen as our Gospel reading. It isn't a mistake! We hear and read about Christ's divinity and his existence in the Godhead from when time came to be, so that as we journey into Lent we can hold this in creative tension with the suffering he endures for us all. All humans are created in God's image, even if they are not all Christ-like in their behaviour. When things go wrong things fall down when people fail to recognise that their fellow human being (and they) are created in the image and likeness of God. God's boundless and eternal love is compressed into flesh and blood so that we can see and know God in our daily lives. It's a powerful creation! We are invited to share this life – and in so doing – become children of God.

With every blessing,

Fr James

The Eucharist for the Second Sunday before Lent

Hymn *New English Hymnal* 433

**O worship the King all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of days,
Pavilioned in splendour, and girded with praise.**

**O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder-clouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.**

**This earth, with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old:
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.**

**O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
While angels delight to hymn thee above,
Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall sing to thy praise.**

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.**

Welcome

Words of welcome to those in church and those online are given.

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

Your righteousness, Lord, is like the strong mountains, and your judgements are like the great deep. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

With you is the well of life, and in your light shall we see light.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Save us, Lord. Continue your steadfast love to those who love you, and your salvation to the upright of heart. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

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 in Excelsis

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.

Collect

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading Proverbs 8:1, 22-31

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding

with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

[*For private reflection* Colossians 1:15-20

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.]



Hymn *New English Hymnal* 285

**For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:**

***Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.***

**For the beauty of each hour,
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light: *Refrain***

**For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and brain's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight: *Refrain***

**For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild: *Refrain***

**For each perfect gift of thine,
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven: *Refrain***



Gospel Reading John 1.1-14

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. God has spoken to us through his Son, through whom he created the world. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God,



whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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

You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. 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 is played. At the end this prayer is said.

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom. **Amen.**

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 indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For you have created the heavens and the earth, and formed us in your own image. In the fullness of time you sent forth your Son, your eternal Word, who laid down his life for our salvation and rose from the grave, the first-fruits of your new creation. You send forth your holy and life-giving Spirit to give life to our mortal bodies and to renew the face of the earth. Therefore with all the heavenly hosts, we give voice to everything that you have made, and sing the eternal hymn 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.

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. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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 said 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.**

Communion *The sacrament is distributed. Organ music is played.*

Prayer after Communion

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.*

Hymn

New English Hymnal 263

**All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluya, alleluya!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam:
Refrain: O praise him, O praise him Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!**

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O praise him! Alleluya!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice: *Refrain***

**Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluya, Alleluya!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light: *Refrain***

**Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfoldest blessings on our way, O praise him, Alleluya!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them his glory also show: *Refrain***

**Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness, O praise him! Alleluya!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in One: *Refrain***

The Blessing May God who established the dance of creation, who marvelled at the lilies of the field, and who transforms chaos to order, lead us to transform our lives and the Church to reflect God's glory in creation; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

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

Closing Voluntary

Prayer Intentions

THE CHURCH

Our Ministry Team James Stewart, Taylor Wilton-Morgan, Nicole King

Our Bishops Graham, Alan and Jonathan **Archdeacons** Karen Hutchinson, Steven Betts, Ian Bentley **Diocesan intentions** All spouses, partners and families of clergy across our diocese – especially those under pressure for any reason **Anglican Communion** The Anglican Church of Burundi.

THE WORLD

All those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic all key workers in NHS and all fields of frontline work, particularly our Care and Nursing homes - Broadland View, Larchwood, Dussindale, Mary Chapman

THE COMMUNITY

Streets of the Parish Hillside Close, Hillside Road, Hilly Plantation

Our community Those struggling with the national lockdown and remembering all our civic leaders at Town, District and County level.

Vaccination Giving thanks for those who have already received the first dose of their vaccine, for those working in the NHS to roll out the programme and for those waiting to hear.

THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYER including Paul Carter, Mark Little, Monique Rowland, Jennifer Jones, Janet Fancy, Colin Hicks, Alan Harrison, Grace Howes, Peter and Gaynor Garrood, Rita Ward, Joy and Andy McCall, Jean High, Jean Mayhew, Brother Gabriel, Craig Fransham, Anthony Travis, Mark King, Chloe Smith MP, Alan Fleming

THE DEPARTED

The recently departed Barbara Allcock (13 February), Paul Rayner, Jean Mowbray (17 February), Betty Gage (18 February), Graham Reynolds (24 February), Haydn Morris (26 February), Thomas Watson (26 February), Jayne Basford (4 March), Herbert Davy (8 March)

Those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time including Ada Scarlett (7 Feb), Pat Myers (9 Feb), Jannette Holmes (13 Feb)

Other notices and announcements

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER The church will remain open between 10am and 4pm Tuesday to Sunday but be closed on Mondays. Covid-19 precautions are in place and seating is limited.

ALL PUBLIC WORSHIP SERVICES ARE SUSPENDED

The church will stream the Parish Eucharist online at 9.30am **LIVE** on Facebook each Sunday from the Parish Church. Until further notice, only those involved in the online service may attend. Funerals will continue to go ahead in both churches limited to 30 people. Morning Prayer will be said by the clergy alone. Please do be in touch with any prayer intentions.

ZOOM COFFEE This will take place as usual at **11.00am on Thursday 11 February 2021**. Please do support this if you can. It is a great way of staying in touch. Zoom details will come out with the weekly email. Bring your own coffee and cakes, biscuits...!

100 CLUB RESULTS - JANUARY DRAW

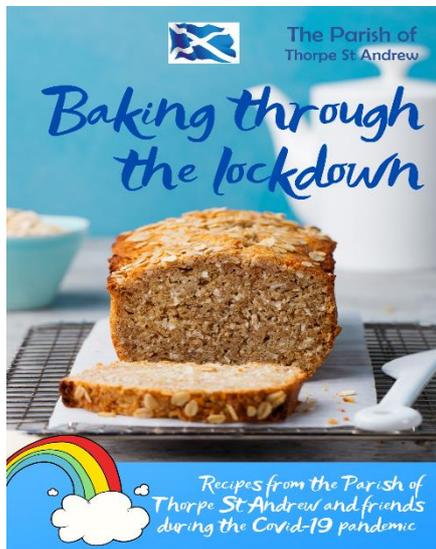
Winners: £25 - No 89: Victor Scrivens; £15 - No 51: Patience Skelton

HAYDN MORRIS RIP Many of you will be aware of the death of Haydn who has died, aged 92, after a fall. A much-respected member of our community and within the sporting life of our city and county as Director of Sport of UEA, he was also a long serving and respected Magistrate and stalwart of our 8.00am congregation. A great privilege to minister to and a shining example of the best that his native Wales can produce. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Jean and Ian, Gill and Richard and their families. His funeral is sadly by invitation only, but will be live streamed. We are working on the details, which will follow.

GIFT AID The treasury team would like to say "thank you" to all of you who have returned the completed gift aid forms so far. If you haven't done so yet, please can you get this back as soon as you can. Huge thanks to Margaret Hope, Robert Chalmers and Sally Entwistle and all who assist with this.

THANK YOU TO YOU ALL Thank to you all for the way in which you have responded to giving during this pandemic. Please continue to give as generously as you can. There is a lot to do this year and we will need as much financial support as possible. When we are in a position to return to church we will provide more information about how you help us. If you have a question in relation to giving in any way whatsoever please contact our Treasurer on her email: treasurersa@gmail.com If you don't 'do email' please do have a word with the Rector – 01603 439160.

WINNER OF THE NATIVITY COLOURING COMPETITION AND 12 AND OVER 'CREATIVE CHALLENGE' The winner of the 11 and under colouring competition is: **Joseph Squirrell (aged 6)**. The winner of the 'creative challenge' to link Christmas to Covid-19 is: **Jo Sanders (over 11)** for her 'Our Covid-19 Year' Collage, made up of many individual pieces cut from Parish Life magazines in the pandemic. Both winning entries will be displayed in church in due course. Well done to them both. We have had a kind offer to mount and frame the collage so that it can be displayed well in church. Thank you.



'BAKING THROUGH THE LOCKDOWN' RECIPE BOOK Copies can be purchased from church, Mazzoni's Newsagents, Gordon Barber Funeral Directors. They can also be ordered by email from Christine Cutting (cutting248@btinternet.com) or by phoning the Rectory or leaving a message on the answerphone **01603 439160**. We will deliver free in Thorpe St Andrew/Thorpe End. Beyond that postage and packing starts at £2.00.

ASH WEDNESDAY We will be burning a few of last years' palm crosses to make ash for this year. There is a basket in the church with a notice, so please bring your old cross along if you can spare it. We don't need masses. We will need them by next Sunday (14 February). Little envelopes with a prayer and the words said as the ashes are imposed and a small amount of ash will be available to collect from church from Tuesday 16 February onwards.

THE BUCK: A PLANNING UPDATE The owners of The Buck have submitted substantive applications for changes to be made at the site. They are proposing that a café/bistro run from the front of the ground floor, with a drinks licence remaining. Tables and chairs will be placed outside on the piece of land outside the bay window. The rear ground floor (kitchen area) along with the first and second floors will comprise two residential flats. They plan to create from the outhouses (behind the beer garden) and the toilet block three small retail/business units. The current owners hope that parking for the church on a Sunday will still be possible. If you have ever parked there, eaten or drank in the pub, or are a resident of Thorpe St Andrew then as a member of the public you are entitled to make comment on the planning process with Broadland District Council. The details are available to view online at www.broadland.gov.uk/plans by inserting the application number 20210178. You can make comments by using the Add Comments button, or by sending in a letter to Broadland District Council. The deadline is 25 February.

DIOCESE OF NORWICH LENT APPEAL 2021

This year as a diocese we will be joining together to give towards the Archbishop of Canterbury's 'Together in Unity' appeal to support churches and communities around the world during the pandemic. In his letter inviting us all to contribute Bishop Graham writes: "I have been so inspired by the response of churches and individuals in our diocese during the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you for your part in that. Now I'm asking us all to turn our thoughts to our sisters and brothers in some of the poorest communities around the world by supporting this year's Lent Appeal. The pandemic has put a great strain on those who are already vulnerable, and as usual, it is they who suffer most. I invite you to be Jesus' hands and feet in offering assistance through the Archbishop's Together in Unity Appeal. Thank you." To support the appeal visit www.dioceseofnorwich.org/news/lent-appeal/ Donations marked Lent Appeal can, when safe, be put through the Rectory Office door. If we return to church in time we will have a separate collection for this in church.

SNOW WARNING Heavy snow is forecast for our area. Please keep safe and stay in as much as you can. If you need anything or any help with anything please contact the Rectory on 01603 439160.



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HOME**

PROTECT THE *NHS*



save lives

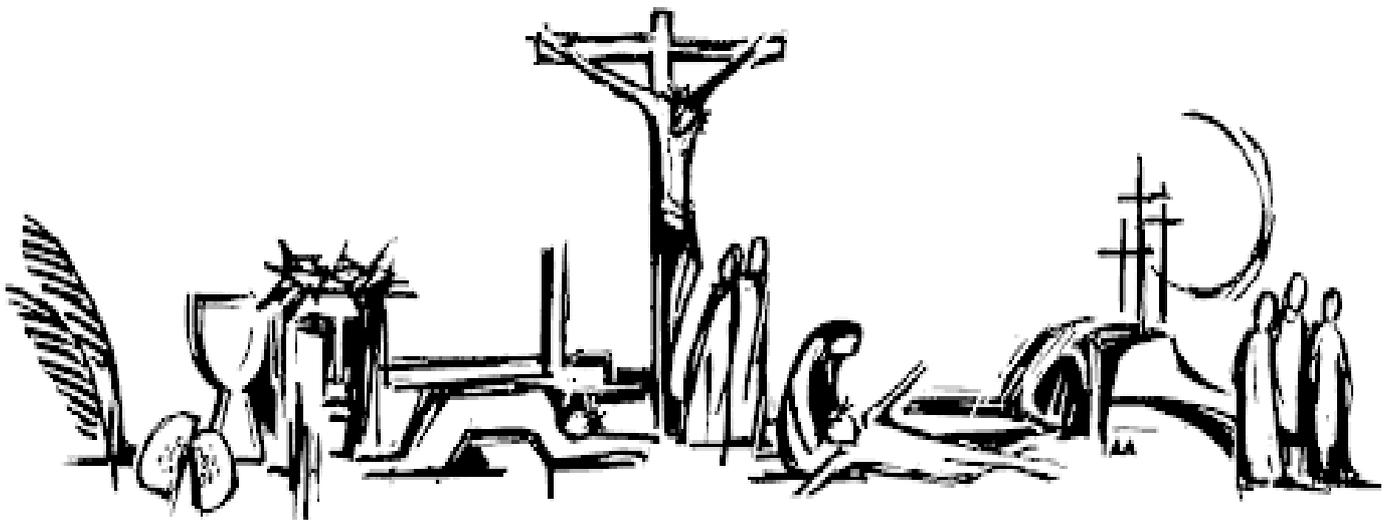
Lent 2021 – our online programme

17 February Ash Wednesday Service online: 6pm

19 February, 5 March, 19 March Virtual Lent Lunches by Zoom. A chance to come together (and a change from Zoom Coffee) – 12.30pm. Bring your own soup. More info to follow!

24 February, 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 March Lent Study Group.

A real chance to join together this Lent when other commitments are not possible. Details from Fr Taylor or Fr James in due course. Each session takes place at 2.30pm



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