



# The Parish of Thorpe St Andrew



**The Eucharist of Easter Morning**  
**Easter Sunday 4 April 2021**  
*The Order of Service and Weekly Newsletter*

# Rector's Reflection

**Sunday 4 April 2021: Easter Sunday**

What a difference a year makes! Last year on Easter morning we were locked out of our church buildings and so like the early Christians we worshipped in our homes – connected to one another through our computer screens and mobile 'phones. This year we are back in our churches with many signs that the risen presence of Christ is among us, being encountered day by day, with new possibilities opening up all around us.



On the first Easter morning Mary Magdalen initially did not recognise Jesus by his physical appearance. He looks just like an ordinary person - any person in fact. In this case, Mary thinks he is the gardener and wonders if he is the one who has taken away the body of Jesus. Yet when he calls her name, "Mary", she immediately knows who it is. Mary runs back to the disciples proclaiming her personal experience: "I have seen the Lord." We too are able to share with others our experience of having seen the Lord in our own lives and then invite them to have the same experience. The celebration of Easter reminds us that we have the same mission as Mary Magdalen and the other disciples of Jesus. Not to share our Easter joy, and what it means to us, is to leave Easter only half celebrated. The disciples were witnesses and the message of the risen presence of Christ has been passed down the generations to us. We are the witnesses and our mission (if we choose to accept it) is to pass that joy on and on and on! **Alleluia. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia.** With Easter blessings to you all,

*Fr James*

# The Eucharist of Easter Morning

*You are warmly welcomed to our churches for these celebrations of the Eucharist (8.00am, 9.30am and 11.15am), as we gather as a community together to give thanks for Christ's risen presence amongst us. Please ensure mobile 'phone and other devices are switched off. Please respond with the words in **bold** type.*

## Organ Voluntary

### Welcoming of the Easter Candle

Christ yesterday and today, **the beginning and the end,**  
Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages; **to him be glory**  
**and power through every age and for ever. Amen.**

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ was raised gloriously from the dead, crushing the power of sin and destroying the sting of death. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the mighty power of God as Christ calls us out of darkness to share in marvellous light. May we, and all his people, shine as lights in the world to the glory of God the Father.

*The minister raises up the lit Easter Candle and proclaims. The minister repeats the acclamation, getting louder each time.*

Alleluia. Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## Hymn

*The hymn is sung by the choir. The congregation may sit. The Easter Candle is placed in its stand and the altar censed.*

Jesus Christ is risen to-day, Alleluya!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluya!

Who did once, upon the Cross, Alleluya!

Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluya!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluya!

Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluya!

Who endured the Cross and grave, Alleluya!

Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluya!

But the pains that he endured, Alleluya!

Our salvation have procured; Alleluya!

Now above the sky he's King, Alleluya!

Where the angels ever sing. Alleluya!

## **Blessing of the Easter Garden**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. To you be glory now and for ever. In your great mercy you have given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. By your blessing, may we who have prepared this garden in celebration of his victory be strengthened in faith, know the power of his presence, and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory.

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.**

## **Prayers of Penitence**

Like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors, we are afraid to be seen as your followers. Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis** *sung by the choir*

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**

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

## **Reading Acts 10:34-43**

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.' This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading Mark 16:1-8**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

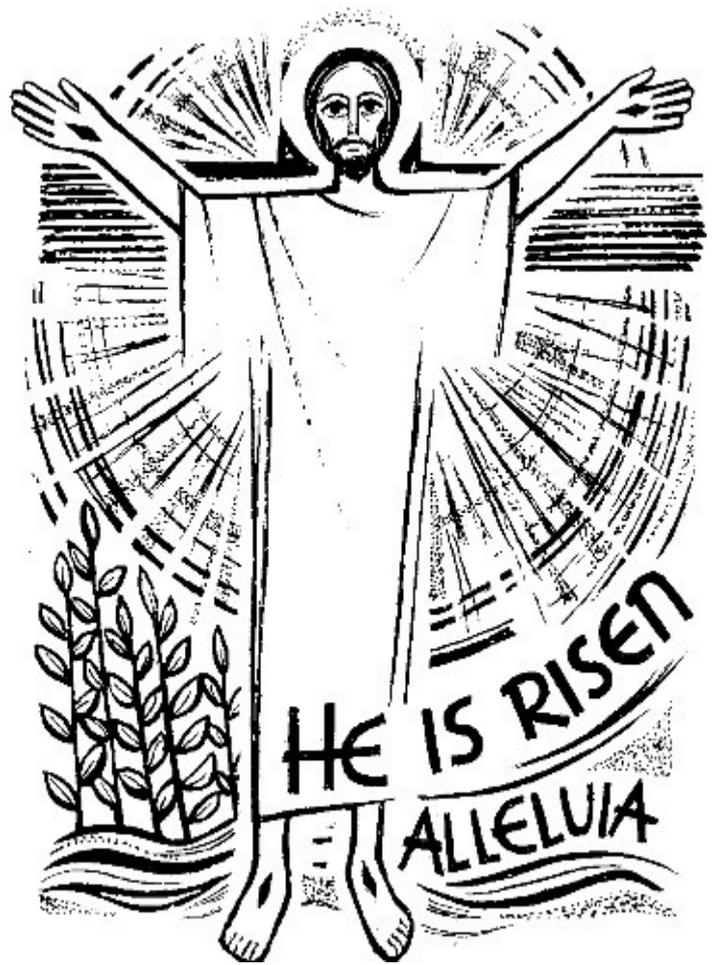
## Sermon

### The Creed

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### Prayers of Intercession

*Please sit or kneel. The response to the bidding, Lord in your mercy* **Hear our prayer.**



*At the end the minister concludes the prayers* Heavenly Father, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. The peace of the risen Christ be always with you **and also with you**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a Covid-19 secure sign of peace and Easter greeting!*

### The Preparation of the Altar

*During the singing of the hymn the gifts of the people may be gathered and presented. The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

Love's redeeming work is done;  
fought the fight, the battle won:  
see, our Sun's eclipse has passed;  
see, the dawn has come at last!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal:  
Christ has burst the gates of hell;  
death in vain forbids his rise  
Christ has opened paradise:

Now he lives, our glorious king;  
now, O death, where is your sting?  
Once he died, our souls to save  
where's your victory, boasting grave?

We are raised where Christ has led,  
following our exalted head;  
made like him, like him we rise  
ours the cross, the grave, the skies:

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!  
praise to you by both be given;  
every knee to you shall bow,  
risen Christ, triumphant now!

*This prayer is then said:*

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest; and make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

*These opening responses are sung. Please sit or kneel.*

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, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and on this day of our redemption to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works. For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

*Choir* 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, our patron 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.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*The minister breaks the consecrated bread.*

Jesus says, I am the bread of life, whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

**Lord, our hearts hunger for you; give us this bread always.**

## **Agnus Dei**

*The Agnus Dei is sung by the choir 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.

## **Giving of Communion**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*The communion is distributed. Baptised communicant members of any church are welcome to come and receive the bread alone. If you would like to receive a blessing please bring this service booklet with you, or keep your arms folded. A communion hymn is sung:*

*This joyful Eastertide – PC*

*Ye choirs of new Jerusalem – GS*

## **Prayer after Communion**

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; 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 banns are read and announcements are made.*

## **Hymn** *sung by the choir*

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.

*Refrain: Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting: *Refrain*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;  
Life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife,  
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above: *Refrain*

## **The Blessing**

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith; 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 the peace of Christ. Alleluia. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

## **Organ Voluntary**

*The ministers and people depart. In these Covid times – 'Easter Egg Hunt in a bag' will be distributed to all young people.*

# **We wish you a very Happy Easter!**

# Prayer Intentions

## THE CHURCH

**Our Ministry Team** James Stewart, Taylor Wilton-Morgan, Nicole King  
**Norwich East Deanery** St John Old Lakenham & St Paul Tuckswood **Clergy:** Paul Rider **Lay Minister:** Gus Woodcock **Synod Reps:** Elaine Taylor, Keith Tovey **Our Bishops** Graham and Alan **Archdeacons** Karen Hutchinson, Steven Betts, Ian Bentley **Ecumenical** All our brothers and sisters in all denominations, and on Easter Sunday we pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

## THE WORLD

**All those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic** 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. **Vaccination** Giving thanks for those who have already received vaccines and the rolling out of the programme.

## THE COMMUNITY

**Streets of the Parish** Maidens Close, Margaret Crescent, Margetson Avenue **Our community** Those struggling with the national lockdown and remembering all our civic leaders at Town, District and County level.

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

## THE DEPARTED

**The recently departed** Jean Mayhew (15 April – PC: 1.30pm), Sheila Hodds (16 April) **Those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time** Bob Mortimer, George Etheridge, John Mason Also, remembering all those who are remembered through our Easter flowers in both our churches.

# Other notices and announcements

## RETURNING TO OUR CHURCHES – AN UPDATE

We are delighted to welcome you back. Please 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.
- 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 will not shake hands in the peace. Ensuring social distance we can place our hands together in prayer form (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. The celebrant will use hand sanitiser before distribution and communicants will receive the host 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 to assist 'track and trace' if required.

**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.

**JEAN MAYHEW – RIP** We are saddened to announce Jean's death. She had been becoming increasingly frail. She was a much-loved member of our church community and is hugely missed. Her funeral is on 15 April 2021 at 1.30pm at the Parish Church. Please do keep Sue and Ian and all the family in your prayers.

## 100 CLUB – MARCH RESULTS

The winners of the March draw were No 52: Alan George - £25 and No 103: Brenda Balls - £15

## **SOCIAL EVENTS IN 2021**

The Fundraising Committee (FunCom) has met to discuss what might be possible this year. We have some wonderful plans but all the dates below are aspirational (in that they are reliant on the current roadmap of dates being the case. We will update as things become clearer but here is a possible programme: It's really exciting!

# *Forthcoming Social Events*

**27 June** Summer Concert and Strawberry Tea – Parish Church

**17 July** Summer Fete – Parish Church

**4, 11, 18, 25 August** – Lunchtime Organ Recitals

**18 September** Quiz Night – St Andrew's Centre

**16 October** Film Night – St Andrew's Centre

**30 October** Autumn Fair – St Andrew's Centre

**20 November** Music Hall Evening

Further details as and when we hear more information!

**ELECTORAL ROLL** As announced last week notices have now gone up that indicate that the electoral roll will have its annual revision between 11 and 25 April. If you are already on the electoral roll you need take no further action. If not please complete an application by **11 April**. Any applications after that date can only be included on the roll after the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Anyone who is over 16, baptised and either resident within the parish or who has habitually worshipped here for at least 6 months may complete an application.

**ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING - 16 May 2021 at 11.00am.**

Advanced notice is also given of these meetings. More details in due course.

## **THORPE 'CEMETERY' COMMUNITY PROJECT**

We hope that you might help in keeping this project going into its second year. Saturdays, 8.45 -12pm: April 10 and 24; May 8 and 22; June 5 and 19. Further information from Dale Wiseman, Thorpe History Group.

**'BAKING THROUGH THE LOCKDOWN' RECIPE BOOK** We have done so well with the sales of this (with surplus/profit exceeding an amazing £2000) but there are still some copies available. Order your copies whilst stocks last. Copies can be purchased from church, Mazzoni's Newsagents, Gordon Barber Funeral Directors. Please email Christine Cutting (cutting248@btinternet.com) or telephone the Rectory or leave a message on the answerphone **01603 439160**. We will deliver free in Thorpe St Andrew/Thorpe End. Beyond that postage/packing starts at £2.00.

### **ZOOM COFFEE**

Our online coffee morning is taking a break for two weeks but will return on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 11am**. Please do support these 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 etc...!

### **COMMUNITY EASTER GARDEN**

Our Community Crib has been transformed into an Easter Garden. **You are invited to bring a potted spring plant to place in front of the garden in memory of someone you are thinking especially of at this time, or just as an expression of hope in these difficult times.** The spring plants (spring bulbs or primroses or anything which is easily available) should be in pots so they can stay fresh through the Easter season. Afterwards, they will be planted in the grounds around the Parish Church.

**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.

### **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. To support the appeal visit [www.dioceseofnorwich.org/news/lent-appeal/](http://www.dioceseofnorwich.org/news/lent-appeal/) Donations marked Lent Appeal can, when safe, be put through the Rectory Office door. There is a separate basket for the Lent Appeal in church at our services.

**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. We are happy to receive your donations in whatever way is convenient to you. Any additional Easter season offerings are very gratefully received. Whilst we have done all we can to cut costs our income is down considerably – with no hall bookings and some weddings being put off to 2022. Please do help in whatever way you can. If you have a question in relation to giving in any way whatsoever please contact our Treasurer on her email: [treasurertsa@gmail.com](mailto:treasurertsa@gmail.com) If you don't 'do email' please do have a word with the Rector – 01603 439160.

**THANK YOU FROM THE RECTOR** Thank you to all of you who have sent Easter cards and gifts to the Rectory. They are hugely appreciated!

## *Services for the Easter Season 2021*

### **Sun 11 Apr EASTER 2 (LOW SUNDAY)**

9.30am Parish Eucharist – Parish Church (in person and streamed LIVE)

### **Sun 18 Apr EASTER 3**

8.00am Eucharist – Good Shepherd

9.30am Eucharist - Parish Church (in person and streamed LIVE)

11.15am Eucharist – Good Shepherd

### **Sun 25 April EASTER 4**

9.30am Parish Eucharist – Parish Church

11.00am Café Church – St Andrew's Centre

### **Sun 2 May EASTER 5**

8.00am Eucharist – Good Shepherd

9.30am Parish Eucharist (in person and streamed LIVE)

11.15am Eucharist – Good Shepherd

*These are subject to Government restrictions operating at the time.*



The Parish of  
Thorpe St Andrew

**Welcome back!**

**We are open for services**

**The Parish Church, River Green**

**The Parish Eucharist each Sunday at 9.30am**

**The Church of the Good Shepherd**

**Communion Service**

**on 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays at 11.15am**

**Cafe Church on 4th Sunday at 11.00am**

***Further services/events as advertised  
More information on Facebook and at***

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