



The Parish of Thorpe St Andrew

Weekly Newsletter and Service Sheet
The Second Sunday of Easter 11 April 2021



HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh (1921-2021)
'Well done, thou good and faithful servant'. Matthew 25:21



Rector's Reflection

Sunday 11 April: The Second Sunday of Easter

As I come to prepare this reflection, the nation (indeed the world) has paused to mourn the death of HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. Prince Philip loved the County of Norfolk and much of his recent years were spent here at Wood Farm, Wolferton, when he retired from public life after 70 years of service to the nation. Prince Philip knew what it meant to live a life devoted to public duty and had an intense love of our nation. After schooling at Gordonstoun and a naval cadetship at Dartmouth he was praised in the Second World War as a naval officer for his zeal, energy and leadership. In his marriage to and partnership with HM The Queen over the next 73 years he used this energy for the good of our nation. On this Sunday after Easter (Low Sunday) it is traditional to hear the post resurrection account of Thomas. There are a number of similarities between Prince Philip and Thomas. Both appeared to be forthright and to speak their mind; both seemed to need evidence and proof – Prince Philip being a keen scientist and Thomas needing to see the wounds of Christ before believing he was risen; and both (notwithstanding Thomas' forename of 'Doubting') were people of profound faith. Thomas' reaction to the risen presence of Christ is to declare joyfully, 'My Lord and my God!' By all accounts Prince Philip was a born Alpha male, who would have found always coming second very difficult, yet he made being second and putting others first a true art form – since his understanding of the teachings of Christ meant he was able declare, 'My Lord and my God', in all he did and said. Our thoughts and prayers are with Her Majesty at this sad time, as we share her deep sorrow but also deep joy in celebration of a long life well lived. With every blessing,

Fr James

A Service of Holy Communion

during the period of national mourning
for HRH The Prince Philip,
Duke of Edinburgh



This service has been based on the service provided by The Church of England for a Sunday during the period of national mourning. The gospel appointed for the Second Sunday of Easter has been retained.

Organ Voluntary

Hymn

The hymn is sung by the choir. The congregation may sit.

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him, and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do

For why? the Lord our God is good:
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the Angel-host
Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

The Greeting

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

'I am the resurrection and the life', says the Lord. 'Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.' We meet in the name of Jesus Christ, who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father. Grace and mercy be with you.

The minister briefly introduces the service, ending with this prayer:

Almighty God, you judge us with infinite mercy and justice and love everything you have made. In your mercy turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life, and the sorrow of parting into the joy of heaven; through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

God has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of his glory in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. As we acknowledge our human frailty, we call to mind our sins of word, deed and omission, and confess them before God our Father.

Silence is kept.

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart: Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May God our Father forgive us our sins and bring us to the eternal joy of his kingdom, where dust and ashes have no dominion. **Amen.**

Merciful Father and Lord of all life, we praise you that we are made in your image and reflect your truth and light. We thank you for the life of His Royal Highness Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, for the love he received from you and showed among us. Above all, we rejoice at your gracious promise to all your servants, living and departed, that we shall rise again at the coming of Christ. And we ask that in due time we may share with your servant Philip that clearer vision promised to us in the same Christ our Lord; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Reading Lamentations 3.22-26, 31-33

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.' The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. For the Lord will not reject for ever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading John 20:19-31

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** 'It is the will of him who sent me', says the Lord, 'that I should lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up on the last day'. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. 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

*Prayers of intercession are said including prayers for HRH The Prince Philip, HM The Queen and all the Royal Family. Please sit or kneel. The response to the bidding, Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer.***

*At the end Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.***

The Peace

Jesus says: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. The peace of the risen Lord 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.

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. This prayer is then said May all who are called to a place at your table follow in the way that leads to the unending feast of life. **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, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. And now we give you thanks because through him you have given us the hope of a glorious resurrection; so that, although death comes to us all, yet we rejoice in the promise of eternal life;

for to your faithful people life is changed, not taken away; and when our mortal flesh is laid aside an everlasting dwelling place is made ready for us in heaven. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

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.

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again. Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus: **Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father, in remembrance of the precious death and passion, the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension of your dear Son Jesus Christ, we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his blood, we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all other benefits of his passion. Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this the duty and service that we owe. Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences, and fill us all who share in this holy communion with your grace and heavenly blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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 by the choir.

Prayer after Communion Father in Heaven, whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace, an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem: grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that, fed with the living bread of heaven and united in the body of your Son, we may be the temple of your presence, the place of your glory on earth, and a sign of your peace in the world; 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*

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

The Blessing

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth, and all humankind, peace and concord; and to us and all his servants, life everlasting; 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

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Prayer Intentions

THE CHURCH

Our Ministry Team James Stewart, Taylor Wilton-Morgan, Nicole King
Norwich East Deanery St Andrew, Norwich. *Clergy:* Martin Young, Michael Hayden *Outreach worker:* Jonathan Piesse **Our Bishops** Graham and Alan
Archdeacons Karen Hutchinson, Steven Betts, Ian Bentley **Ecumenical** The Deanery of Lulea in Lulea (our link diocese in Sweden) and its Rural Dean Hans Johansson **Anglican Communion** The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.

THE WORLD

All those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic particularly all who work in our food shops, including Sainsbury's, Coop, Londis, Fish's, Thorpe Convenience Store, Thorpe Family Butchers, Blofield Food Hall at the Oaklands and our post offices at Thunder Lane (Mr Gurney) and Yarmouth Road (Mr and Mrs Dhalla)**Vaccination** Giving thanks for those who have already received vaccines and the rolling out of the programme.

THE COMMUNITY

Streets of the Parish Marston Moor, Marvell Green, Mary Chapman Close
Our community All within our community during this period of national mourning, particular our civic leaders on Town, District and County Councils.

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 HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, Ian Gibson (former MP), Jean Mayhew (15 April – PC: 1.30pm), Sheila Hodds (16 April), Grace Burr (27 April) **Those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time** Claude (Don) Shaw; also, remembering all those who are remembered through our Easter flowers in both our churches.

Other notices and announcements

HRH PRINCE PHILIP, DUKE OF EDINBURGH RIP

Our thoughts and prayers are primarily with HM The Queen at this time of deep sorrow for her and her family. The following arrangements are in place or in planning, with the potential for more arrangements to be added:

- The church will be open 7 days a week during the period of national mourning (between now and the funeral). The minimum opening hours will be 10.00am to 4.00pm.
- A photograph of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh has been placed in the church as a focus for prayer and reflection.
- People may light candles at the candle stand in the usual way.
- The saltire (Cross of St Andrew) has been lowered and replaced by the Union Flag, which is flying at half mast, and will do so until after 9.00am on the day after the funeral.
- The Church of England and HM Government have been very clear that **online only** books of condolence are to be used. The Church of England have set up a condolence page on its website: <https://www.churchofengland.org/remembering-his-royal-highness-prince-philip>
- Alternatively, you can pay your respects at the Royal website www.royal.uk which has an e-book of condolence, or by emailing condolence@broadland.gov.uk with your personal message.
- The Parish Eucharist on Sunday 11 April at 9.30am will be a service of Holy Communion in tribute to HRH Prince Philip. A single bell will be tolled at the end of the service (after the organ voluntary) 99 times to mark Prince Philip's years of life.
- A service of Evening Prayer will take place at 6.30pm on **Sunday 11 April** when all are welcome to come and reflect and pray.
- In line with national protocols, a service will be held in the Parish Church **on the evening before the funeral**. More information to follow.
- On **the day of the funeral** the single bell will be rung for a period prior to the funeral service, and two minutes' silence will be observed immediately after the service. The church will be open all day.

RETURNING TO OUR CHURCHES – A BRIEF GUIDE

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.

100 CLUB – MARCH RESULTS

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

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 **TODAY, 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.

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!

THORPE 'CEMETERY' COMMUNITY PROJECT

We hope that you might help in keeping this project going into its second year. Saturdays, 8.45 -12pm: April 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 15th 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...!

EASTER – A THANK YOU Thank you to all who contributed to a most glorious Easter celebration. Over 140 Easter cards were sent out, over 30 Easter Egg Hunt in bags distributed and we ministered to around 110 people across our services (following Covid restrictions). Christ is risen! Alleluia!

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/ 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. Last call today.

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 If you don't 'do email' please do have a word with the Rector – 01603 439160.

Services for the Easter Season 2021

Sun 11 Apr EASTER 2 (LOW SUNDAY)

9.30am Parish Eucharist in thanksgiving for the life of HRH Prince Philip,
Duke of Edinburgh - Parish Church (in person and streamed LIVE)
6.30pm Evening Prayer – quiet service of reflection as the nation mourns
HRH Prince Philip's death.

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.



*Rest eternal, grant unto him, O Lord,
and may light perpetual shine upon him.*