



# The Parish of Thorpe St Andrew

**Weekly Newsletter and Service Sheet**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Easter      25 April 2021**



## **The King of Love my shepherd is**

The shepherds of Palestine at the time of Jesus provided for their sheep in so many varied ways that the image of shepherd has often been used to show the loving care of God for his people. In our gospel reading this Sunday Jesus is the Good Shepherd. Good shepherds would **protect their flock** from thieves and wolves, unlike the temporary hired staff who would flee at the first hint of danger. We know that Jesus was fearless in the face of death in order to save his sheep. Good shepherds also **knew their sheep**, and so Jesus' knowledge of and his familiarity with us, his flock, as he enfolds us in his loving care, reflects the God's loving relationship with us. Good shepherds are also **good missionaries**

**and evangelists** – since they can bring new sheep, new members, into the fold. The gospel tells us that the flock which makes up all of us who follow Jesus Christ is not limited by any boundaries of race, nation, origin or any other barriers that society or human institutions create. In Christ's saving power on the cross, his intimate knowledge of us and his skills of bringing all together in one fold, we are all united in God's free and generous self-giving love. Our Good Shepherd is the King of Love indeed.

With every blessing for the coming week,

*Fr James*

# A Service of Eucharist for The Fourth Sunday of Easter

## Organ Voluntary

## Hymn

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

The King of love my Shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
And he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow  
My ransomed soul he leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow  
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
But yet in love he sought me,  
And on his shoulder gently laid,  
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
Thy unction, grace bestoweth:  
And O what transport of delight  
From thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
Within thy house for ever.

## The Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
Alleluia. Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**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**

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

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

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Gloria in Excelsis**

*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.

### **Collect**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **Reading Acts 4:5-12**

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

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

## **Gospel Reading John 10:11-18**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.' **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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.**

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

*This hymn is sung by the choir*

The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is his new creation  
By water and the word:  
From heaven he came and sought her  
To be his holy Bride,  
With his own blood he bought her,  
And for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses  
With every grace endued.

'Mid toil, and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace for evermore;  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union  
With God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
Like them, the meek and lowly,  
On high may dwell with thee.

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. In your loving care you spread before us the table of life and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of our Saviour and our Shepherd, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## 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 in these days of Easter 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 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.*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

**Agnus Dei** *The Agnus Dei is sung 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 hymn is sung.*

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

In a believer's ear!

It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,

And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,

And calms the troubled breast;

'Tis manna to the hungry soul,

And to the weary rest.

Dear name! the rock on which I build,

My shield and hiding-place,

My never-failing treasury filled

With boundless stores of grace.

Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,

My Prophet, Priest, and King,

My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,

Accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,

and cold my warmest thought;

but when I see thee as thou art,

I'll praise thee as I ought.

Till then I would thy love proclaim

With every fleeting breath;

And may the music of thy name

Refresh my soul in death.

## **Prayer after Communion**

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; 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.*

### **The Blessing**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will; 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**

## **SERVICES IN THE COMING WEEKS – EASTER SEASON 2021**

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

### **Sun 2 May      EASTER 5**

8.00am Eucharist – Good Shepherd

9.30am    Parish Eucharist (in person and streamed LIVE)

11.15am Eucharist – Good Shepherd

### **Sun 9 May      EASTER 6**

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

11.15am Eucharist – Good Shepherd

## *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!

# Prayer Intentions

## THE CHURCH

**Our Ministry Team** James Stewart, Taylor Wilton-Morgan, Nicole King  
**Norwich East Deanery** St Helen, Norwich. **Clergy:** Eleanor Langan **Synod representatives:** Diane Schultz and Catherine Noble **Our Bishops** Graham and Alan **Archdeacons** Karen Hutchinson, Steven Betts, Ian Bentley. Marie-Lyse Numuhoza as she is installed as a Chapter Canon at the Cathedral today. **Anglican Communion** The Anglican Church of Japan.

## THE WORLD

**All those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic** particularly All those working in our local hospitals (NNUH), including doctors, nurses, porters, cleaners, cooks, administrative staff, chaplains **Vaccination** Giving thanks for those who have already received vaccines and the rolling out of the programme.

## THE COMMUNITY

**Streets of the Parish** Musketeer Way, Naseby Way, Newark Close  
**Our community** All within our community who will take part in the town's Giant Litter pick on Saturday. Also our civic leaders on Town, District and County Councils and our local police – Beat Manager, PC Andy Mason.

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

## THE DEPARTED

**The recently departed** Maggie Hall (7 May), Alan Harrison, Wendy **Those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time including** Gladys Towers

## CAFÉ CHURCH IS BACK TODAY!

A reminder that our monthly café church returns in person to the St Andrew's at 11.00am **TODAY Sunday (25 April)**. A wonderful informal service on the theme of St George, whom we celebrate this weekend.

# Other notices and announcements

## 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'
- 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 side aisle will be invited up first. 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.

**WELCOME** We are very pleased to welcome **Jim Green** who is Reader (Licensed Lay Minister) in training from St Francis, Heartsease, who is with us until the end of May.

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

Advanced notice is also given of these meetings. Nomination forms available from the Rector for Churchwardens, Deanery Synod reps and PCC members.

**ZOOM COFFEE** Our online coffee morning is taking a break for two weeks but will return on **Thursday 29<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...! This will be the last one for a while.

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

It is 'Love Your Burial Ground Week', so 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.

**'BAKING THROUGH THE LOCKDOWN' RECIPE BOOK** These are still available. Please email Christine Cutting ([cutting248@btinternet.com](mailto:cutting248@btinternet.com)) or telephone the Rectory on **01603 439160**.

**100 CLUB – APRIL RESULTS** Two prizes of £25 – Nicole King, Christine Rockett; two prizes of £15 – Patience Skelton, Alex Olney

**STOP PRESS!! POP UP PLANT SALE 2021 ANNOUNCED** After the success of our 2020 sale the gardening team is pleased to announce the Pop Up Plant Sale 2021! This will be held on **Saturday 5th June (11am - 3pm)** in the gardens of the Parish Church. Anyone who can donate plants or unwanted plant pots please contact Margaret Hope at church or on email: [mehope7@aol.com](mailto:mehope7@aol.com)

**CALLING GARDENING VOLUNTEERS** Volunteer groups are currently permitted if their work cannot be done at home, so we are returning next Saturday (1 May) for the first of our gardening mornings for 2021 from 9.30 until 11.30am. Bring your own tools and refreshments. This will tie in nicely with the **Giant Litter Pick** organised by Thorpe St Andrew Town Council that morning across the town.

**NORWICH EAST DEANERY ASCENSION DAY SERVICE** This will take place at St Stephen's Church, Norwich at 7.00pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Please support this if you can.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2021** There will be a bucket collection on Sundays 9 and 16 May. Further details on [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)

**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: [treasurersa@gmail.com](mailto:treasurersa@gmail.com) If you don't 'do email' please do have a word with the Rector – 01603 439160.