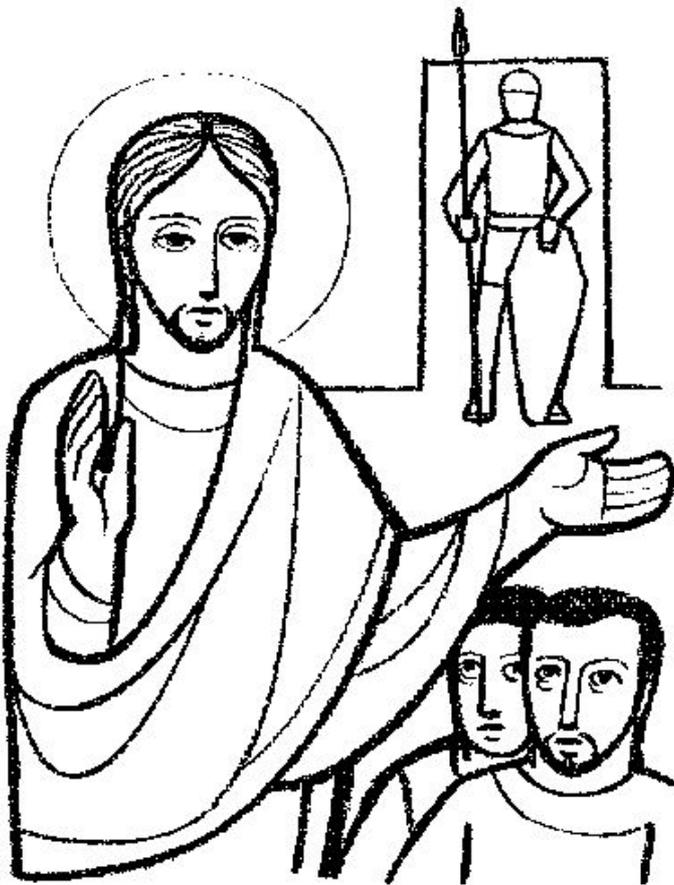




The Parish of Thorpe St Andrew

Weekly Newsletter and Service Sheet *The First Sunday after Trinity: 6 June 2021*



A Message from the Rector:

There's no place like home

These are of course the words Dorothy repeats time and time again in the *Wizard of Oz*, yet whether you are wearing ruby red slippers and hail from Kansas, or whether you have a fondness for some Nike trainers there is something pretty special about home. We long for a home where we can be loved and accepted, where we feel safe and secure. Yet, going home didn't really work very well for Jesus in this week's gospel. His family thought he was crazy. He wasn't playing by the rules, and it made them rather nervous. Yet in typical fashion,

Jesus turns the first century notion of home inside out and upside down. It's not about blood lines, or about honour and shame, or friends and family. For Jesus, home is all about where the heart is, about how we live our lives, and how we move and breathe. Home is not about buildings or possessions or any of what our world calls security. Home is about being centred in Christ, about doing the will of God, and about letting go of the false illusions of security and worth to which we cling. We are home wherever two or more gather in Jesus' name. Our home in Christ truly is the place where we are taken in and which we have solely because God loved us so much. This is good news indeed. Because of this, we can say with Paul (this week's epistle) that we do not lose heart. Thanks be to God.

Fr James

The Eucharist: Trinity I

Organ Voluntary

Welcome *Words of welcome are said.*

Hymn

**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]**

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.**

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

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

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 *The choir sing the 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.

The Collect

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Epistle Reading 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture - "I believed, and so I spoke" - we also believe, and so we speak, because we

know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading Mark 3:20-35

Alleluia, alleluia. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, who was, and who is, and who is to come, the Almighty. **Alleluia.** Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. “Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.” Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.” This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon *The Rector*

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.

The Peace

We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace. 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.

Hymn *The choir sing and the congregation sit.*

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine:
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart: it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation. **Blessed be God for ever.**

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.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people. 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:

The choir sing **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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Andrew and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, 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

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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 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.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper. **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Giving of Communion

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 by the choir.

We have a gospel to proclaim
Good news for men in all the earth;
The gospel of a Saviour's name:
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
Empty the tomb, for He was free.
He broke the power of death and hell
That we might share His victory.

Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,
Not in a royal house or hall
But in a stable dark and dim:
The Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of His reign at God's right hand,
By all creation glorified;
He sends His Spirit on His Church
To live for Him, the Lamb who died.

Tell of His death at Calvary,
Hated by those He came to save;
In lonely suffering on the cross
For all He loved, His life He gave.

Now we rejoice to name Him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel message we proclaim:
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

Prayer after Communion

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of 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 are given and banns are read.*

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; 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.**

Organ Voluntary

Services in the coming weeks

Sun 6 June TRINITY 1

8.00am Eucharist – Good Shepherd

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

11.15am Eucharist – The Church of the Good Shepherd

Sun 13 June TRINITY 2

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

11.15am Eucharist - The Church of the Good Shepherd

Sun 20 June TRINITY 3

8.00am Eucharist – Good Shepherd

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

11.15am Eucharist – The Church of the Good Shepherd

Sun 27 June TRINITY 4

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

11.00am Café Church – The St Andrew's Centre

Prayer Intentions

THE CHURCH

Our Ministry Team Nicole King, James Stewart. We pray for our Churchwardens elect – John Ward and Andrew Hayden; our new Deanery Synod representatives – Victor Scrivens, Alison Carman, Ian Mackie; and all those newly elected to the PCC.

Norwich East Deanery Our Rural Deans, Edward Carter and Lorna Allies. Thorpe End: St David Clergy: Tim Dawson Lay Minister: Jenefer Barnard

Our Bishops Graham, Alan and Bishop Designate Jane

Ecumenical The Society of Friends: Area Rep, Liz Hoffbauer.

Anglican Communion The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma).

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 and chaplains.

Vaccinations Giving thanks for those who have already received vaccines and the rolling out of the programme.

THE COMMUNITY

Streets of the Parish Plumstead Road East, Pound Lane, Pride Way

Our community All 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, 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, Glenys Bailey

THE DEPARTED *The recently departed* Ann Brown (2 June), Roy Amies (15 June), Michael Walter (California), David Joscelyne, Roy Gray (19 June)

Those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time including Andrew Stebbeds (8 June), Leslie George (9 June), Christina George (10 June)

Other notices and announcements

RURAL DEAN'S VISIT Thank you to all those who attended last week for the visit of our Co-Rural Dean, The Revd Canon Edward Carter. He was very pleased to meet you all.

POP UP PLANT SALE – THANK YOU! Thank you to our Gardening Team, particularly Margaret Hope and Alistair Stewart, who have worked so hard preparing for the sale yesterday. We had a lovely meeting lots of members of our community and lots of gardens have been further beautified. Details of the amount raised will be published in due course.

100 CLUB – MAY RESULTS The winners of the May draw are as follows: First Prize £25 Gale Carruthers; Second Prize £15 Gillian George

CAFÉ CHURCH What a lovely time we had last week with Café Church! Thanks to all in the team. The next one is on Sunday 27 June at 11.00am.

A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE We do hope you can come to our Summer Concert and Strawberry Tea on **27 June at 2.30pm at the Parish Church**. It will be an afternoon of songs we know and love, with a delicious strawberry tea. Please contact Pip Jenkinson - pip@jenky.plus.com or 01603 436510 to book tickets: **£10.00 each**.

CONGRATULATIONS

Warm congratulations to John Ward and Andrew Hayden who have been elected as new churchwardens for the year 2021/2022. They will be admitted after the necessary paperwork has been completed. Huge thanks go to Alison Carman and Tim Peters for their time of office. We are also grateful to Victor Scrivens, Alison Carman and Ian Mackie who have been elected as Deanery Synod representatives and to Ann Cox and Linda Olney who have stepped down from this role. Linda Olney, Ann Cox and Peter Berry have now been elected to join the PCC. Thanks to all who are willing to stand in whatever capacity. We are also grateful to Sally Entwistle for her work as Treasurer and to Julian Mogford who will take on the role.

THANK YOU TO ALL Thank you for all your donations to help try and keep us going in this very difficult time financially for us. All donations are gratefully received for the mission and ministry of our church. If you are able to Gift Aid and have not signed a gift aid form, please let us know.

CORPUS CHRISTI Thank you to all those who attended the Eucharist on the Feast of Corpus Christi with Benediction and the Blessing of our new Monstrance. Photographs are on Facebook and will appear in *Parish Life*.

JUNIOR CHOIR IS BACK I am pleased to say that after Half Term Junior Choir will be back each Wednesday at 3.45pm. Refreshments are served. The first one will be on **9 June 2021**. Please spread the word.

WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CANADIAN FRIENDS Huge congratulations to Brad Henderson, who has been elected Mayor of the Town of Saint Andrews, NB, Canada, our sister community.

MOVE OF THE ORGAN CONSOLE We are very pleased to announce that our Organ Builders, Messrs Bishop and Sons, will be beginning work on the move of the organ console to behind the screen. The organ was installed in 1901 and the console remained behind the screen until 2002, when it was moved due to installation of the Nave Altar platform. The PCC voted for its move back some time ago and now it is happening. We are extremely grateful to the Trustees of the Ivy Child Charitable Trust whose generosity has made this project possible. The Family Service next Sunday will be accompanied on the piano since the organ is likely to be out of action. The move will also make space available to return this corner of the church to its former use of a Lady Chapel.

FAMILY SERVICE Before the lockdown we held a Family Eucharist on the second Sunday of each month. The first one will be on **13 June at 9.30am**. An opportunity for a family centred talk and worship together.

PARISH LIFE The June edition is now out and available for purchase.

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