



The Parish of Thorpe St Andrew

Weekly Newsletter and Service Sheet *The Second Sunday after Trinity: 13 June 2021*



A Message from the Rector: *Growing for the kingdom*

For those of you who are growing plants in your garden – tomatoes, courgettes, lettuce, strawberries, whatever it may be – this time of year is very exciting. We can see plants growing almost before our very eyes. Things grow very quickly. The problem, then, is the things which are growing underground, because we can't see them! Potatoes are the worst. You have to wait until harvest to see if anything is there. Our gospel reading this week reminds us that this is what the kingdom of God is like. Jesus tells us that to build the kingdom we must scatter seeds, go to sleep, wake

up, and repeat. Then one day it's harvest time and the plant is fully mature. In many ways I think God's kingdom may be more like planting potatoes. You can't really see what's happening until harvest time, but all the while, the thing you planted is developing into something valuable. Invisible, yes, but growing nonetheless: the kind way our children are brought up will some day, some way, help to make them into kind people; the justice we work for now may not be harvested for years, even decades; the time we spend in volunteering or study or prayer and meditation or family life or your job will make you a better person, and those around you will also benefit. One day that potato will see the light of day, and it will be ready to be cooked, and like anything we have grown ourselves, it will be delicious! Do the right thing. Then just wait. The kingdom will grow. With every blessing,

Fr James

The Family Eucharist: Trinity 2

Organ Voluntary

Welcome *Words of welcome are said.*

Hymn *The choir sing the hymn and the congregation sit.*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.

Allelu, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

Allelu, alleluia.

Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds out from the mouth of God.

Allelu, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

Allelu, alleluia.

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek, and ye shall find.
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.

Allelu, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

Allelu, alleluia.

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

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed. Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Friend of sinners, you bring hope in our despair. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Healer of the sick, you give strength in our weakness. Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Destroyer of evil, you bring life in our dying. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive you your sins, open your eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will and give you the joy of his kingdom, 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

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

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

Gospel Reading Mark 4:26-34

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples. This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Address *The Rector*

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

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.*

God is working his purpose out as year succeeds to year,
God is working his purpose out and the time is drawing near;
Nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west where'er man's foot hath trod,
By the mouth of many messengers goes forth the voice of God,
'Give ear to me, ye continents, ye isles, give ear to me,
That the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.'

What can we do to work God's work, to prosper and increase
The brotherhood of all mankind, the reign of the Prince of Peace?
What can we do to hasten the time, the time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with the lory of God as the waters cover the sea?

March we forth in the strength of God with the banner of Christ unfurled,
That the light of the glorious gospel of truth may shine throughout the world;
Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin, to set their captives free,
That the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth unless God blesses the deed;
Vainly we hope for the harvest-tide till God gives life to the seed;
Yet nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

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.**

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.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people. **Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ
is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

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.*

The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;
And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
The captives are freed, the sinners find place,
The outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;
And hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
God's love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:
Our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;
And all things cry "Glory!" to God all in all.

Prayer after Communion

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Notices *The notices are given and banns are read.*

The Blessing

May God who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the sky, who leads the lambs to pasture and the deer to water, who multiplied loaves and fishes and changed water into wine, lead us, feed us, multiply us, and change us to reflect the glory of our Creator now and through all eternity; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon 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

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. St Andrew, Trowse *Clergy:* Rosemary Braby *Lay Minister:* Chris Sanham

Our Bishops Graham, Alan and Bishop Designate Jane

Ecumenical The Deanery of Skellefteå in Luleå (our link diocese in Sweden) and its Rural Dean, Robert Koss.

Anglican Communion The Church of Nigeria.

THE WORLD

All those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic particularly our Care and Nursing homes - Broadland View, Larchwood, Dussindale, Mary Chapman

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

THE COMMUNITY

Streets of the Parish Primrose Court, Primrose Cresc., Prince Edward Cl.

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, Maureen Goodswen

THE DEPARTED *The recently departed* Roy Amies (15 June), Michael Walter (California), David Joscelyne, Roy Gray (19 June – PC: 10.30am), Edna O'Donoghue (21 June), Wally Bond (2 July), Barry May (tbc)

Those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time including Ethel (Babs) Stebbeds (14 June), June Knights (17 June)

Other notices and announcements

POP-UP PLANT SALE – A HUGE THANK YOU!

We were blessed with wonderful weather and the love and support of a beautiful community last Saturday. Particular thanks to Margaret Hope for her inspirational leadership and her team of helpers. Thanks also to the many in our community for all the donations of plants, pots and your attendance. I am pleased to advise that we made the following most fantastic totals. The amount raised has topped £1400. Well done to all! There are still plants in the porch which can be purchased today.

SUMMER FETE LAUNCHED

We are really looking forward to our Summer Fete in the gardens of the Parish Church. It really is an opportunity to celebrate the Summer and (we hope) and emergence from the lockdown. In 1921 people were emerging from the Spanish Flu epidemic and the 1920s was a real time of joie de vivre and an explosion of colour, with the famous 'flappers'. Come and join us in 1920s costumes for a day of fun for all the family. There will be an adults and a children's 1920s themed fancy dress competition. **Help needed for Fête** - we are now calling for offers of help with the following:

- Plants: Offers of plants to Margaret Hope or Alistair Stewart
- Bric-a-brac: Offers of good quality bric-a-brac are needed for the Summer Fete and Autumn Fair. These can be left in the porch.
- Tombola: contributions for our Tombola would be gratefully received.
- Raffle prizes: Offers of raffle prizes for our fete are sought, particularly from local businesses.
- Finally: please spread the word about this exciting community event!!

Offers of help on the day are also greatly appreciated. A list will be available soon! There will be more about refreshments nearer the time!!

100 CLUB The winners of the June draw will be announced at the end of the 9.30am service this morning.

CAFÉ CHURCH The next one is on Sunday 27 June at 11.00am.

FAMILY SERVICE The next Family Eucharist will take place on Sunday 11 July at 9.30am at the Parish Church.

PARISH LIFE The June edition is now out and available for purchase in church and at all the usual outlets.

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**. The FunCom met on Thursday and if restrictions remain at Step 3 this will go ahead, with appropriate Covid-19 precautions (social distancing etc). It is up to each individual as to how you feel about attending and each decision is respected.

CHURCHWARDENS UPDATE We are just waiting for the relevant paperwork to come through and then John and Andrew will make their oaths and will be admitted in a 9.30am service at the Parish Church. We will let you know when this is happening.

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.

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. 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. Brad was sworn in on Monday evening and at that evening's council meeting Cllr Kate Akagi was elected Deputy Mayor. She has two recipes in our cookbook – so we are very pleased!

MOVE OF THE ORGAN CONSOLE We are very pleased to announce that our Organ Builders, Messrs Bishop and Sons (of Ipswich), have begun 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 this morning will be accompanied on the piano. Other work to one of the ranks of pipes will be happening in the coming weeks. The move will also make space available to return this corner of the church to its former use of a Lady Chapel.

Services in the coming weeks

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

Sun 4 July TRINITY 5

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

Forthcoming Social Events

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!



Summer Fete

*Fancy dress
With a 1920s theme*

**Saturday 17 July
11.00am to 3.00pm**

*Fun for all
the family*

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