



The Parish of Thorpe St Andrew

Weekly Newsletter and Service Sheet *The Third Sunday after Trinity: 20 June 2021*



A Message from the Rector:

In the boat with Jesus

We are very fortunate that we live in a beautiful part of the world and that we can go down to the River Green and arrange a little trip on one of the lovely Bishy Barney Boats. I am very blessed to have been out twice this Summer already! When I was out on the water I was very fortunate that there were no storms and that the weather was clement, which is not the case for the disciples in the short gospel passage this Sunday. The disciples are fearing for their lives and as they do so Jesus is asleep! ‘How could he?’ they think! There are many ways in which we get

caught up in the storms of life and the continued uncertainty with the end of the Covid-19 restrictions (or not, as the case may be) is tiring, but at the same time keeps us awake. In this often chaotic world, it is easy to live with what we might call ‘spiritual insomnia’. We simply find ourselves unable to let go and fall asleep. Jesus’ calmness in the midst of danger and his willingness to climb into the boat with us, his disciples, reminds us of the need to rest in God’s presence and tap into the power of the one who calms the storms. Our own witness of God’s kingdom can offer a calming word and presence for those living around us who are living in fear. As we join with the disciples in asking, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?” perhaps we can be a presence in our communities which helps relieve that fear so that faith can take hold in people’s lives. God bless you all,

Fr James

The Eucharist: Trinity 3

Organ Voluntary

Welcome *Words of welcome are said.*

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

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
O'er the world's tempestuous sea;
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
For we have no help but thee;
Yet possessing every blessing
If our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,
All our weakness thou dost know;
Thou didst tread this earth before us,
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;
Self denying, death defying,
Thou to Calvary didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy;
Love with every passion blending,
Pleasure that can never cloy;
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,
Nothing can our peace destroy.

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

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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.**

Old Testament Reading Job 38:1-11

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? "Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb? when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped!'"

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

Gospel Reading Mark 4:35-41

Alleluia, alleluia. Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life. **Alleluia.**

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

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.*

I Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways!
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives thy service find,
In deeper reverence praise.

2 In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow thee.

3 O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love!

4 Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.

5 Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm!

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.

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad his wonderful name:
The name all-victorious of Jesus extol:
His kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
And still he is nigh, his presence we have:
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son:
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right:
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
All honour and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.

Prayer after Communion

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself, the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts; 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

Services in the coming weeks

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

Sun 11 July TRINITY 6

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

11.15am Eucharist - The Church of the Good Shepherd

Prayer Intentions

THE CHURCH

Our Ministry Team Nicole King, James Stewart.

Norwich East Deanery Our Rural Deans, Edward Carter and Lorna Allies.

Our Bishops Graham, Alan and Bishop Designate Jane, praying for her consecration in Norwich Cathedral on 23 June, by the Bishop of London

Ecumenical The Methodist Church, especially our friends at Heartsease Lane and Wroxham Road.

Anglican Communion The Church of North India (United).

THE WORLD

All those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic particularly all our Schools: Dussindale Primary and Nursery (Headteacher: Louise Norgate), Hillside Avenue Primary and Nursery (Headteacher: Mr Phoenix), St William's Primary and Nursery (Headteacher: Sarah Shirrass), Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form (Principal: Penny Bignell).

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

THE COMMUNITY

Streets of the Parish Prince Edward Close, Prior Road, Pym Close

Our community All our civic leaders on Town, District and County Councils. The Royal British Legion and HM Armed Forces as we begin Armed Forces Week.

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

THE DEPARTED *The recently departed* Roy Amies (15 June), David Joscelyne, Roy Gray, Edna O'Donoghue (21 June), Margaret Wilkinson (29 June), Pamela Weeds (1 July – 12.30pm PC), Wally Bond (2 July), Genevieve Ejimofor (6 July – 2.00pm PC), Barry May (8 July – 11.00am PC)

Those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time including Gemma Cowey (Marjoram) (19 June), Edward Betts (20 June)

Other notices and announcements

PARISH WATERCOLOUR PAINTING GROUP

With the help of local artist and parishioner Jean Morris we are beginning a time for people to come together in the parish church gardens to paint. Jean and I will be present. It will happen on Mondays (10am - 12noon). The first Monday was very successful. The church can be used if wet weather. Bring your own art materials, fold up chair and refreshments. More details when we have met a couple of times to see how it goes. All are welcome.

POP-UP PLANT SALE – A HUGE THANK YOU!

The amount raised from this has topped £1400. Well done to all concerned. There are still plants for sale in the porch.

ARMED FORCES WEEK (21-28 JUNE 2021)

As is customary we will raise the Armed Forces Flag from our flagpole at the beginning of Armed Forces Week. It is traditional for us to do this at 10.45am. Gathering at the flagpole from 10.30am but no earlier please – due to Covid restrictions. Members of the Royal British Legion will be present and as their 'Padre' I pray for them and all who serve for the defence of our nation.

SUMMER CONCERT AND STRAWBERRY TEA - POSTPONED

Whilst the concert could have gone ahead many people have indicated they would not be attending so we have taken the decision to put off the concert. It will therefore not take place next Saturday. This is, I know, disappointing, since I know how much work has gone into this, but we want everyone to be safe. We are suggesting we hold onto ticket money pending a decision on a new date, with refunds being given if the date is not convenient to you. Thank you for your understanding.

SUMMER FETE – WATCH THIS SPACE!!

The new extension of Step 3 restrictions makes this difficult in its current form. Further discussions are taking place as to its modification or postponement and so we will update when more information is available. The requests made so far are still relevant for whenever or in what way this takes place - 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 are sought; offers of help on the day are also greatly appreciated.

100 CLUB The winners of the June draw are: £25 Doreen Moates; £15 Diane Goldsmith

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.

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.

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!

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 be in touch. In view of the moving of social events once again all donations are gratefully received.

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.

MOVE OF THE ORGAN CONSOLE We are very pleased to announce that our Organ Builders, Messrs Bishop and Sons (of Ipswich), moved 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 choir stalls have also been moved as per the plan. The move has made space available to return this corner of the church to its former use of a Lady Chapel. More news soon!