



# The Parish of Thorpe St Andrew

**Weekly Newsletter and Service Sheet**  
*The Sixth Sunday after Trinity*      *11 July 2021*



## **Message from the Rector: Choosing the right path**

When Gareth Southgate's England squad walk onto the pitch at Wembley in the Euro 2020 Final a whole nation will be willing them on. I have had more requests for prayer than at any time in the pandemic. 'I hope you're praying for them?' a community asks! It would be hoped that the match does not go to a penalty shootout – since the nerves of the nation will not be able to cope! If, however, they do there is a way to kick the ball which will go in the net and a way which will not. Choices! Choices! In our gospel reading this week we are reminded of the beheading of John the Baptist and the choices we have in life. He had proclaimed the messianic promise that the kingdom of heaven is at hand and to own the truth of one's sin and enter the waters of his baptism as a sign of commitment to newness of life. Herod feared the truth and John the Baptist's determination to hold firm to his faith meant he lost his head. But his call to repentance was not just for Herod, but for us all. When faced with difficult choices of our own we may be tempted to turn aside from what we really know to be right for fear of the consequences. John the Baptist always pointed beyond himself to Jesus Christ. With Jesus we are freed to point beyond ourselves to reflect Christ in care for the needs of others, to love as we have been loved. Even when faced with the terrible choices of an imperfect world, we have the assurance (win or lose) that in the agony of our uncertainties we have the certainty of God's love. **Come on England!** God bless you all. *Fr James*

# Family Eucharist: Trinity 6

## Organ Voluntary

**Welcome** *Words of welcome are said.*

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

Make way, make way for Christ the King

In splendour arrives

Fling wide the gates and welcome him

Into your lives

*Refrain: Make way! (Make way!) Make way! (Make way!)*

*For the King of kings (For the King of kings)*

*Make way! (Make way!) Make way! (Make way!)*

*And let His kingdom in*

He comes the broken hearts to heal the prisoners to free

The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance

The blind shall see. *Refrain:*

And those who mourn with heavy hearts who weep and sigh

With laughter, joy and royal crown

He'll beautify *Refrain:*

We call you now to worship Him as Lord of all

To have no gods before Him

Their thrones must fall! *Refrain:*

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## 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.**

## **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**

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 Amos 7:7-15**

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.' Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land." ' And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.' Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am\* no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

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

## **Gospel Reading Mark 6:14-29**

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.**

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him.

But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Short Family Address/Sermon**

### **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**

The Lord God of Israel has come to his people to set them free and to guide our feet into the way 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.*

O worship the King  
All glorious above;  
O gratefully sing  
His power and his love:  
Our Shield and Defender,  
The Ancient of days,  
Pavilioned in splendour,  
And girded with praise.

O tell of his might,  
O sing of his grace,  
Whose robe is the light,  
Whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath  
The deep thunder-clouds form,  
And dark is his path  
On the wings of the storm.

This earth, with its store  
Of wonders untold,  
Almighty, thy power  
Hath founded of old:  
Hath stablished it fast  
By a changeless decree,  
And round it hath cast,  
Like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care  
What tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air,  
It shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills,  
It descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distils  
In the dew and the rain.

O measureless Might,  
Ineffable Love,  
While angels delight  
To hymn thee above,  
Thy humbler creation,  
Though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration  
Shall sing to thy praise.

*At the end of the hymn these prayers are said.*

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 (Prayer H – Family)**

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.*

## **Hymn**

Make me a channel of Your peace.

Where there is hatred let me bring Your love;

Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord;

And where there's doubt, true faith in You.

*Refrain: Oh, master, grant that I may never seek*

*So much to be consoled as to console;*

*To be understood as to understand;*

*To be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of Your peace.  
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;  
Where there is darkness, only light;  
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

*Refrain: Oh, master, grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand;  
To be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of Your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
In giving that we receive;  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

### **Prayer after Communion**

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name 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**

Through the tender compassion of our God may the dawn from on high break upon you and guide your feet into the way of peace; 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.

**Norwich East Deanery** St George, Colegate Clergy: Alaric Lewis, Hilary Wakeman, Annie Blyth *Lay Minister*: Catherine Waddams

**Our Bishops** Graham, Alan, Jane **Our Archdeacons** Steven, Karen, Ian

**Ecumenical** The Deanery of Sodra Lappland in Lulea (our link diocese in Sweden) and its Rural Dean, Robert Koss.

**Anglican Communion** The Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

## THE WORLD

**All those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic** particularly all public transport workers – drivers of trains and buses, office staff and those working on the infrastructure of rail and road.

**Vaccinations** Giving thanks for those who have received two jabs and praying for the roll out of the vaccine across the world.

**Euro 2020** praying for England and Italy ahead of tonight's final at Wembley

## THE COMMUNITY

**Streets of the Parish** Rowton Heath, Roxley Close, Royalist Drive

**Our community** Civic leaders on Town, District and County Councils.

**MP** Giving thanks that Chloe Smith MP is cancer free.

**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, Alan Fleming, Maureen Goodswen

## THE DEPARTED *The recently departed*

Valerie Turner (South Avenue) (22 July – 12.15pm PC), Christopher Speake (29 July), Alan Stephen

## *Those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time including*

Doris Underwood (13 July), William Licence (16 July), Freda Garrett (17 July)

**COME ON**

**ENGLAND**



**Kick-off: 8.00pm Coverage on BBC One and ITV1**

# Other notices and announcements

## **EASING OF RESTRICTIONS INTO STEP 4**

The Prime Minister has given an indication of what life might be like in Stage 4 but has not yet announced whether this will be from 19 July. This is expected tomorrow (12 July). Risk assessments and further guidance from the Church of England will follow. It is likely that there will be changes between Sundays 18 and 25 July. We will widely consult and have a PCC meeting on 20 July, so please watch this space for updates!

## **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.

## **CIVIC SERVICE – 25 July 2021 at 9.30am**

I am pleased to announce that our Town Mayor with members of the council and guests will be with us for our Eucharist on the Feast of St James when we will give thanks for her mayoral year (2021-2022). Please do come along and support this.

## **THANK YOU TO OUR GARDENERS**

A huge thank you to our team of gardeners who came to the churchyard last Saturday to help tidy the garden at the Parish and to those who have helped with the gardens at the St Andrew's Centre/Good Shepherd.

## **SUMMER CONCERT AND STRAWBERRY TEA - POSTPONED**

As announced last week the concert and Strawberry Tea has been postponed to **Sunday 5 September at 3.30pm. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGED TIME AND DATE!** Please do be in touch with Pip Jenkinson to buy tickets (£10) on 01603 435610 or email: [pip@pjenkinson.co.uk](mailto:pip@pjenkinson.co.uk)

**100 CLUB** The July draw will be made just before the Family Service at the Parish Church and will be announced at the end of the service.

## **ADMISSION OF CHURCHWARDENS**

John Ward and Andrew Hayden will be admitted as our new churchwardens at our 9.30am Eucharist next Sunday (**18 July**) at the Parish Church. Please do come along to support them.

## **SUMMER FETE – NEW DATE!!**

It has been agreed with the PCC that the Summer Fete will take place on **14 August** subject to Covid-19 restrictions operating at the time.

- 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.

**JUNIOR CHOIR** There is no Junior Choir this Wednesday but there will be an end of term meeting on 21 July at 3.45pm, before breaking up for the Summer holidays, returning on 8 September.

**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.

**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. It has been recarpeted and various things are now being trialled.

# ***Services in the coming weeks***

## **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

## **Sun 18 July TRINITY 7**

8.00am Eucharist – Good Shepherd

9.30am Parish Eucharist with Admission of Churchwardens (in person and streamed LIVE) – Parish Church

11.15am Eucharist – The Church of the Good Shepherd

## **Sun 25 July ST JAMES THE APOSTLE**

9.30am Parish Eucharist with Civic Service of Thanksgiving and Dedication for the Mayoral Year (2021-2022) of Cllr Susan Lawn – Parish Church

**NO CAFÉ CHURCH THIS WEEK.**

**DETAILS OF AUGUST SERVICES TO FOLLOW NEXT WEEK!**





# Summer Fete

Fancy Dress  
with a 1920s theme

**Saturday 14 August**  
**11.00am to 3.00pm**

Fun for all  
the family

**Thorpe St Andrew  
Parish Church  
River Green NR7 0EW**

**Further information**

**The Revd James Stewart**

**01603 439160**

**rector@thorpeparishchurch.org**

# Summer Organ Recitals



**Thorpe St Andrew Parish Church  
River Green NR7 0EW**

**4 August 2021 Andrew Hayden**  
**11 August 2021 Tim Patient**  
**18 August 2021 Rebekah Okpoti**  
**25 August 2021 David Baker**

*All recitals at 1pm. Refreshments will be served  
from 12 noon. Donations in aid of church funds.*

## **Further information**

**The Revd James Stewart 01603 439160**  
**rector@thorpeparishchurch.org**

The Parish of Thorpe St Andrew presents

## **A Trip down Memory Lane**



*An afternoon of songs we know and  
love, with a delicious Strawberry Tea*



**Sunday 5 September  
at 3.30pm**

**Thorpe St Andrew Parish Church  
River Green NR7 0EW**



**Tickets £10**

**Telephone 01603 436150**  
**or email pip@pjenkinson.co.uk**

# 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  
on the roadmap out of restrictions!