



The Parish of Thorpe St Andrew

Weekly Newsletter and Service Sheet

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity 19 September 2021



A Message from the Rector:

Living life in its fulness

I have been very fortunate this week to be at the Diocesan Clergy Conference at Norwich Cathedral. In pre-Covid 19 times this has taken place at the University of Hertfordshire. Due to Covid it took place in a very flexible way: some people (coming from the far reaches of the Diocese) had the option of staying in the Premier Inn, some 'commuted' in (including myself) and others joined us online, watching on YouTube. We were very privileged that for the three days of the conference John Bell of Iona (well known for his *Thought for the Day* on Radio 4) led our bible studies after Morning Prayer. We also heard from our Bishop, the Archbishop of York and Ed Balls, with others too. The theme of the conference was 'Living life in its fulness' and through the many other opportunities we had – including a picnic in the cloisters and an opportunity to watch *Jurassic Park – The Lost World* in the presence of Dippy the Dinosaur – we certainly did that! The gospel reading this Sunday reminds us of the welcome which Jesus gave to children. In every adult, there is an inner child, vulnerable, sensitive, playful, open - full of wonder. It is only through wonder that that we can experience the glory and the greatness of God – living life in its fulness. The great Dominican mystic, Meister Eckhardt, joyfully claimed that 'that my soul is as young as when I was created, aye, much younger. And I tell you, I should be ashamed were my soul not younger tomorrow than today.' May we together live life in its fulness, as we welcome all. God bless you all. *Fr James*

Hymns, Readings and Prayers

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Our Services today

8.00am Eucharist – Good Shepherd

9.30am Family Eucharist – Parish Church

11.15am Eucharist – Good Shepherd

Hymns for 9.30am and 11.15am services

NEH 377 Immortal invisible

NEH 431 O thou who camest from above

NEH 295 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

NEH 476 Ye servants of God

The Collect for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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.**

The Epistle Reading James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

Gospel Reading Mark 9:30-37

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.**

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

9.30am Service:

Please stay for refreshments after the service!!

Prayer Intentions

Our Bishops Graham, Alan and Jane

Our Ministry Team Nicole King, James Stewart.

Norwich East Deanery The Deanery prays for our parish today – so we pray for our *Deanery Synod Representatives*: Alison Carman, Ian Mackie and Victor Scrivens. **Diocese** Giving thanks for the Clergy Conference in the past week and all that was shared. **Ecumenical** The Deanery of Sodra Västerbotten in Luleå (link diocese in Sweden), Rural Dean, Lena Fageus

Anglican Communion The Church of the Province of Uganda

THE WORLD

For the people of **Afghanistan** – there or evacuated to another country. For our environment, praying that the world might wake up to the need to care for our planet. **Vaccinations** Giving thanks for those who have received two jabs and praying for the roll out of the vaccine across the world.

THE COMMUNITY

Key parts of our community Our local doctors' surgeries, including partners, staff, patients of: Thorpe Health Centre (St William's Way); Thorpewood Surgery (Woodside/Dussindale); Lionwood Surgery.

Streets of the Parish Tower Hill, Tracey Road, Turnham Green

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

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, Brother Gabriel, Craig Fransham, Anthony Travis, Alan Fleming, Maureen Goodswen, Marion Troutbeck, Roy Ferris, Eileen Walters, Margaret Key

THE DEPARTED *The recently departed* Jean Morris (St Catherine's Road) (23 Sept), Molly Bond (1 Oct), Margaret Gowen (21 Sept)

Those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time including Brenda Taylor (19 Sept), Ann Cook (19 Sept), Hugh Everett (19 Sept), Janet Blackburn (23 Sept), Louise Dickens (24 Sept), Donald Trimble (25 Sept), Margery Herbert (25 Sept)

Other notices and announcements

SERVICE BOOKLET/NEWSLETTER

This service booklet will now carry a front page reflection, the readings/prayers for the day, prayer intentions for the week and the notices. A service booklet is now in operation. **Please return it at the end of service, but please retain the newsletter.** Copies can be made available for those at home on request to the Rector.

KEEPING SAFE AS RESTRICTIONS INTO STEP 4 EASE

Some guidelines for our current worship pattern:

- Please continue to make use of the hand sanitisers in church.
- The blocking of alternate pews has been removed (in accordance with the guidelines) but there will be a socially distant 'Safe Zone' (potentially moveable) where social distancing will be maintained.
- Face coverings are now optional in both churches and in all service contexts but do remember that those who are being careful are reassured when they see others wearing them as well as themselves.
- The sidespeople will now come round in the offertory hymn with the collection. You still may add your collection to the plate as you enter.
- Singing for whole congregations is now permitted
- The Peace will still be exchanged in the way we have got used in the pandemic, with no physical contact.
- The celebrant will receive the bread and wine. Bread alone will be distributed. The Church of England have laid out a number of options but this felt the safest at this time. The celebrant and any others distributing the bread will wear a face covering at time of distribution.
- During the eucharistic prayer/consecration the celebrant will continue with many of the previous Covid-secure measures.
- In the Church of the Good Shepherd the bread will be distributed in the pews as before. At the Parish Church communicants are asked to continue to come to the front using the one way system, maintaining the standing position and some distance as has been our Covid practice, with no rails.
- Refreshments will be served at the Parish Church and Café Church, as before. Individually packaged biscuits/cakes will be used, when appropriate.
- Junior Church will resume in the choir vestry in September.

SUMMER CONCERT AND STRAWBERRY TEA What a wonderful afternoon of song and enjoyment of being together! Massive thanks to Pip Jenkinson for organising and for all who helped. We raised in excess of £1000, after expenses – a new record! Well done to all! **Date for diary:** Music Hall Evening – 20 November!!

POTS FOR BULBS Alistair Stewart is delighted with the response to his plea for ceramic pots for bulbs and has enough now! He thanks all who have donated! They will be available at the Autumn Fair (30 October) and in church during the Christmas Lights Switch-On (see below, with more details to come).

QUIZ AND CHIPS EVENING Thank you to Victor and Phyllida and all who assisted from the FunCom team to make this evening a success. Details with the amount raised next week.

CHOIR NEWS Adult Choir held a rehearsal on Wednesday and from **30 September** (next one) will move to Thursdays. The regularity will depend on whether special pieces are being prepared. For example there will be more rehearsals in the run up to Christmas. will be returning to having rehearsals – at least once per month. Junior Choir has moved to Tuesdays at **4.00pm!** The first Junior Choir rehearsal on a Tuesday will be **Tuesday 21 September**. This information supersedes the information in Parish Life.

PARISH LIFE We were able at the Strawberry Tea to give a huge vote of thanks to Patience Skelton who has stepped down as Distribution Manager of the magazine. Julie and Peter Berry have taken over. For further information please contact them on pjksberry@btinternet.com Do grab your copy now – and support this venture.

HARVEST FESTIVALS

As last year (as we continue to emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions) there will be two Harvest Festivals.

3 October – 11.15am The Church of the Good Shepherd

10 October – 10.30am (note time) The Parish Church

The Harvest Lunch will take place in the St Andrew's Centre with a time of 12noon (to gather) for a 12.30pm start. Price **£7.00** to include a glass of wine. Sign-up sheets in both churches this week. More information from Ann Cox.

CAFÉ CHURCH This resumes after its Summer Break. Come and join us for informal worship at 11.00am on Sunday 26 September at the St Andrew's Centre. Food will follow. Further information will follow by email.

THANK YOU from the Birthday Boy!

A personal thank you to all who sent cards, messages, gifts and who attended the afternoon tea, all for my 50th Birthday. I received 105 cards and around 80 people came over the afternoon. Thank you!!

100 CLUB The old season is shortly coming to an end. The 2021-2022 season runs October to September. Forms are available. Please do support this if you are able. You can hold up to three numbers. You can obtain a form by contacting Linda Olney 01603 434986 or Christine Cutting on cutting248@btinternet.com The winners of the September draw will be announced in the 9.30am service tomorrow.

JEAN MORRIS (ST CATHERINE'S ROAD) RIP As already announced we were saddened at the news of the death of Jean Morris of St Catherine's Road. Her funeral will take place at St Faith's Crematorium on Thursday 23 September at 12.30pm.

THE AFGHANISTAN CRISIS

Our hearts go out to all caught up in the dreadful tragedy unfolding in Afghanistan. Norfolk County Council have asked the Diocese of Norwich to facilitate the way in which the giving of money for Refugees is collected locally, through the Bishop of Norwich's Refugee Fund. You can donate online through the Diocese of Norwich website:

<https://www.dioceseofnorwich.org/news/refugee-fund-re-launched-in-response-to-afghanistan-crisis>

You can also make an online bank payment at Sort code 20-62-61, Account number 30674508 – marking the reference – Bishop's Refugee Fund. Cheque made payable to 'NDBF Ltd' and post to 109 Dereham Road, Easton, Norwich, NR9 5ES. Please ensure that they know any gift is for the Refugee fund. We will also have a bucket collection at church for those wishing to make a cash donation. Above all it is important that we pray. The church will be open as usual for the lighting of candles and private prayer. Thank you to all who have already donated. This has already been passed to those who distributing these clothes.

Services in the coming weeks

Sun 19 September (TRINITY 16)

8.00am Eucharist – Good Shepherd

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

11.15am Eucharist – Good Shepherd

Sun 26 September (TRINITY 17)

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

11.00am Café Church with Bring and Share Lunch afterwards

Sun 3 October (TRINITY 18)

8.00am Eucharist – Good Shepherd

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

11.15am Harvest Festival Eucharist – Good Shepherd

Sun 10 October (TRINITY 19)

10.30am Harvest Festival Eucharist – Parish Church

12noon for 12.30pm Harvest Lunch – St Andrew's Centre

