



The Parish of Thorpe St Andrew

WEEKLY NEWS and SERVICE SHEET

Trinity 2: 21 June 2020 - Message from the Rector

‘What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light’

This Covid-19 pandemic has taught us in three months what some have been struggling in the darkness for many years to understand. People have learned **kindness and love** for our communities in a way unheard of for generations. Our communities are caring for one another in a way not heard of since the days when Vera Lynn (whose death has been announced as I write this) was singing as the Forces’ Sweetheart. So these are the days when real kindness has been shown, when the sun has shone more than we can remember, and when those normally forgotten in our society (low paid nurses, refuse collectors and supermarket workers) are praised as **keyworkers!** What might have started in the dark is now in the light. Jesus’ rather challenging teaching this week reminds us that all things are new with him and that a life of dedication to the ways of righteousness will pay dividends. On Father’s Day it is not easy to turn in the Scriptures to find that Jesus is saying that he has come to ‘set a man against his father’ – but it reminds us that the God in whom we put our trust is a God of mercy, a quality which is helpful in any parent. Our fathers have often found it necessary to see the good in what might be challenging and to have patience and mercy and to find **kindness and love** in the most unexpected of places. So this Father’s Day we give thanks for all our fathers, remembering our heavenly father and all who follow him. **God bless you all.**

Fr James

Happy
FATHER’S
DAY

God Bless Our Dads!



READINGS and PRAYER INTENTIONS

READINGS Trinity 2: Jeremiah 20:7-13; Romans 6:1b-1; Matthew 10:24-39

- **THE CHURCH Our Ministry Team** James Stewart, Patrick Kerley, Nicole King, Taylor Wilton-Morgan (licensing 27 June; ordination as deacon 6 August). **Our Bishops** Graham, Alan and Jonathan, praying in particular for Bishop Jonathan and his wife Rebecca, following his retirement announcement. **Ecumenical** Salvation Army: Commanders Derek and Susan Jones and Territorial Envoys – Russell and Alison Day **Anglican Communion** Church of Nigeria Bishop Henry Chukwudum Ndukuba
- **THE WORLD All those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic** *All key workers in NHS and all other fields of frontline work particularly all who work in our food shops, including Sainsbury's, Coop, Londis, Fish's, Thorpe Convenience Store and our post offices at Thunder Lane (Mr Gurney) and Yarmouth Rd (Mr & Mrs Dhalla)*
- **THE COMMUNITY All who live in** Thorpe Avenue, Thorpe Close, Thorpe Hall Close. Our Fathers and all who exercise 'fathering' roles in our lives
- **THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYER** including Brian Riseborough, Paul Carter, Mark Little, Monique Rowland, Jennifer Jones, Janet Fancy, Colin Hicks, Glenys Paflin, Audrey Camp, Alan Harrison, Jill Hall, Grace Howes, Peter and Gaynor Garrod, Anne Farthing, Len Bennett, Rita Ward, Alison Gibson, Joy and Andy McCall, Dave Whitton, Barrie Mills
- **THE DEPARTED The recently departed** Peter Gedge, Colin Elliott, Mary Kett, Dame Vera Lynn, 1st Lt Kenneth Allen (F16 Pilot from RAF Lakenheath) **Those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time** including (*All dates in June*) 1st: June Whitehead, 2nd: Elsie Shears, 8th: Andrew Stebbeds, 9th: Leslie George, 10th: Christina George, 14th: Ethel (Babs) Stebbeds, 17th: June Knights, 20th: Edward Betts, 28th: Cynthia Huggett, 30th: Derek Kirby

FUNERAL SERVICES IN THE FUTURE

16 July Funeral of **Mary Kett** at the Parish Church with burial in the Thorpe St Andrew Churchyard Extension thereafter. Service is by invitation only, due to COVID-19 precautions (Provisional date).

OTHER NOTICES AND USEFUL INFORMATION

PARISH LIFE – AN UPDATE As announced in previous weeks we aim to have a magazine for distribution at the beginning of July. Any contributions should be urgently sent to me, Christine Cutting or Chris George our editor.

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER The Parish Church is open for private prayer to go in and light candles. The church is open as follows:

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday to Saturday	10.00am 'til 4.00pm
Sunday	11.00am 'til 5.00pm

Please use the hand sanitisers and observe social distancing.

CHURCH CLEANERS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC If you are able to volunteer for the cleaning please let me know. You may not be used immediately but it would be good to have a good 'bank' of volunteers.

SUMMER FETE POSTPONED Most of you will not be surprised to learn that the fete will not be going ahead in July. We are monitoring the situation and will let you know when new things are planned.

BISHOP OF LYNN TO RETIRE The Bishop of Norwich announced at the Diocesan Synod, which met for the first time by Zoom on Wednesday 3 June, that the Bishop of Lynn, The Rt Revd Jonathan Meyrick, will be retiring on 25 January 2021. Please do keep Bishop Jonathan and Rebecca in your prayers as they prepare to move to North Oxfordshire.

CAKE RECIPE CHALLENGE We are producing a 'Thorpe St Andrew Cake Bakers' Paradise – Recipes from the lockdown' booklet to raise vitally needed funds!! Thank you to all those who have sent these in. Please keep sending these in. **Deadline Sunday 28 June.** Please post them to the Rectory or email: rector@thorpeparishchurch.org

OUR NEW CURATE – UPDATE Taylor will be licenced by Bishop to licence him as a Parish Lay Worker (27 June). He will preach on 28 June and be fully active as our curate from then. The Bishop of Norwich currently plans to ordain him deacon in Norwich Cathedral at a very small service with limited guests on 6th August (Feast of the Transfiguration). Please keep him and Edwin in your prayers. When the opportunity arises more fully I am sure you will all join with me in welcoming him and Edwin. Taylor has written something lovely for Parish Life.

STUDY GROUP TO BE LAUNCHED We are planning a study group online and there will be more news shortly. **WATCH THIS SPACE!**

ANYONE FOR AFTER CHURCH COFFEE?! I would encourage as many as possible to join us for our Zoom After Church Coffee. We have had some very successful ones and it would be good to see you. These take place at 11.00am each Sunday. It would be lovely to see you. Since this newsletter is uploaded on the Parish Life website the zoom invitation is sent out in the weekly email – so that we know who is in the potential invitation list. We plan to choose a topic to discuss each week. There were some lively discussions last Sunday – so do come and join in. It was great fun!

PLANNED GIVING AND COLLECTIONS We have had several questions about planned giving whilst our church buildings are closed under the COVID-19 restrictions. We are not currently able to receive, nor count, Free Will Offering / Gift Aid envelopes. If you have been thinking about setting up a Standing Order, or wish to make an online payment, please contact Sally, our Treasurer, for details, on treasurersa@gmail.com. When the situation with Covid-19 becomes clearer, we will give further guidance. I would encourage all to consider prayerfully how we each can contribute to what is going to be a financially difficult time when we return. There is much hope for new possibilities in the future, but we do need resources. We will be launching plans for our **Recovery Fund** shortly. **More information to follow!**

100 CLUB This is currently suspended. We will let you know more when we are back. Please bear with us.

FOODBANK Thank you for all those who brought things in for the FoodBank. I am receiving items for the FoodBank at the Rectory, for onward transmission to the FoodBank. Please leave on the doorstep and I will add them to our collection. This is only for whilst churches are closed!

AUTUMN CRAFT FAIR, 31 OCTOBER 2020 (11am-3pm) Subject to restrictions operating at the time this is the replacement for all the stallholders who had booked for our Spring Craft Fair. More details later.

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