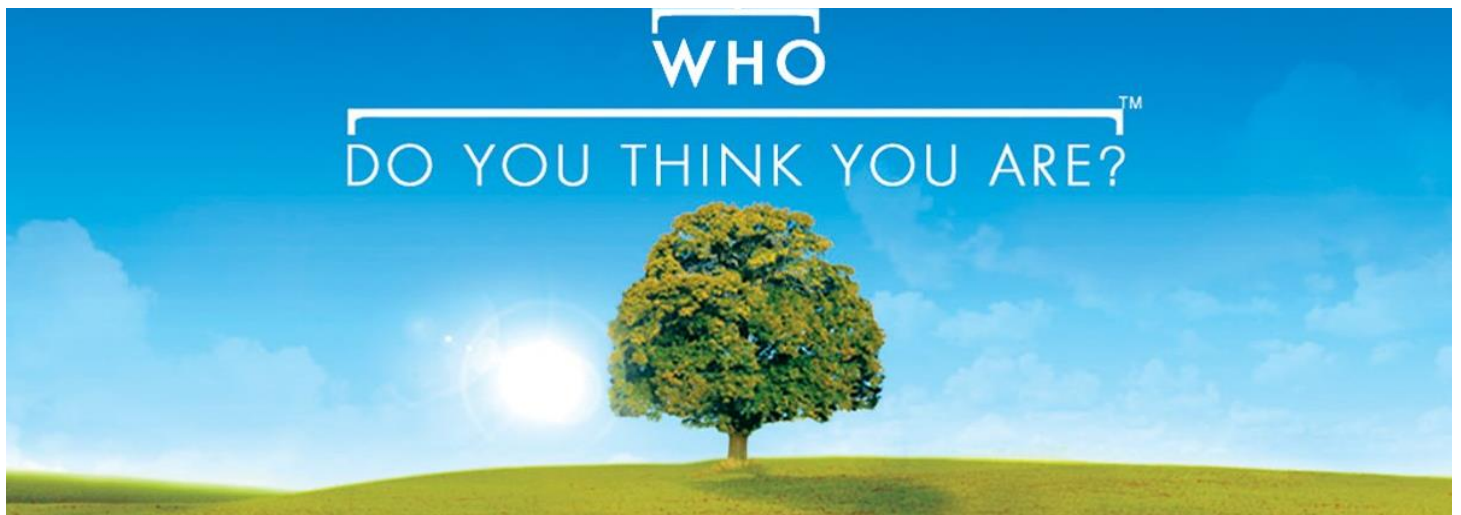




The Parish of Thorpe St Andrew

Weekly News with Service Sheet

Trinity 16 – 27 September: Message from the Rector



Who do you think you are? A colleague once told me that a member of their congregation shouted this question at the end of a service, with steam almost coming from their ears! Questions of identity are very important and are at the heart of our very existence, which is probably why the BBC series *Who do you think you are?* is so popular and is about to return for a 17th series, with such luminaries as Jodie Whittaker (Doctor Who), David Walliams and Ruth Jones (Gavin and Stacey). The chief priests and elders are definitely in ‘steam coming out of their ears’ category. **Who do you think you are?!!** What gives you the right, Jesus, to do and say these things in this holy place? Yet Jesus turns the tables on them and asks **them**. They falter in their answer and Jesus hammers the point home: notorious sinners—those who had originally said ‘No’ to God—will take their places in the joyful vineyard of the Father because when they heard the call to repentance they responded.

Who do we think we are? Naysayers like the first son in the parable? A fearful disciple whose ‘yes’ becomes ‘no’ at a crucial moment? A hypocrite like the tax collector whose devious secrets and practices are hidden by an outward show of respectability? Thankfully, Jesus doesn’t do what comes naturally, following human instincts, but by God’s grace we are transformed when we follow Jesus and not our human frailties. Then you will know who you are! God bless you all,

Fr James

THE PARISH EUCHARIST – Trinity 16

Organ Voluntary

Welcome *Words of welcome to the congregation and those watching online.*

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.

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.**

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

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.**

Reading Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Gospel Reading Matthew 21:23-32

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them,

“Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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

Sermon

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.**

The Peace

God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them. 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. Organ music is played.

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, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And now we give you thanks because you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image and called us to new life in him. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

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.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: 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. So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Andrew and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

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.

The 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.

The Giving of Communion

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.**

The bread is distributed. Organ music is played.

Prayer after Communion

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 and announcements are given.*

The Blessing *The Rector gives the final blessing.*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Organ Voluntary

PRAYER INTENTIONS

THE CHURCH *Our Ministry Team* James Stewart, Taylor Wilton-Morgan, Nicole King *New Churchwardens* Alison Carman and Tim Peters *Our Bishops* Graham, Alan and Jonathan *Ecumenical* Our friends in the Baptist Church, particularly Witard Rd (Steve Thomasson) *Anglican Communion* The Episcopal Church of Sudan, Archbishop Ezekiel Kumir Kondo

THE WORLD *All those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic* all key workers in NHS and all fields of frontline, particularly all those working in our local hospitals (NNUH), including doctors, nurses, porters, cleaners, cooks, administrative staff, chaplains; **Also** Parts of UK, experiencing regional lockdown, especially students' accommodation

THE COMMUNITY

Streets of the Parish Brenda James Close, Broom Avenue, Buck Yard

To be baptised today Harriet Love-Bridgeman

Those coping with the floods and wind this weekend Fire and Rescue services and Norfolk Highways engineers

Broadland Police particularly Local Beat Manager PC Andy Mason

Civic Leaders Thorpe St Andrew Town Council, Broadland District Council Norfolk County Council; Chloe Smith MP; twin town of St Andrews, NB, Canada and their Mayor, Doug Naish and Deputy Mayor, Brad Henderson.

THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYER including Brian Riseborough, Paul Carter, Mark Little, Monique Rowland, Jennifer Jones, Janet Fancy, Colin Hicks, Alan Harrison, Jill Hall, Grace Howes, Peter and Gaynor Garrood, Rita Ward, Alison Gibson, Joy and Andy McCall, Jean High, Jean Mayhew, Yukiko, Brother Gabriel, Craig Fransham, Bill Stibbe

THE DEPARTED *The recently departed*

Patricia Rogers, Roy Fisher, Glenys Paflin, Glenis Ellis, Bill Albert

Those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time

Elizabeth Hughes (26th Sept), Cliff Morris (27th Sept), Alan Blackburn (27th Sept) Michael Linehan (1st Oct), Pauline McLintock (1st Oct), Clarence Cornish (3rd Oct)

SERVICES IN THE PARISH IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

4 October	9.30am at the Parish Church	Eucharist
4 October	11.15am at Good Shepherd	Harvest Festival
11 October	8.00am at the Good Shepherd	Eucharist
11 October	9.30am at the Parish Church	Harvest Festival

OTHER NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HARVEST FESTIVALS IN THE PARISH Whilst it has been the practice of the Parish, introduced relatively recently, to have a joint service for Harvest, Covid-19 restrictions make this difficult, so there will be a Harvest Thanksgiving in each church. Covid-19 restrictions mean a Harvest Lunch is not possible.

4 October 2020 at 11.15am Harvest Festival Eucharist at Good Shepherd

11 October 2020 at 9.30am Harvest Festival Eucharist at Parish Church

OUR HARVEST OFFERINGS After some debate and discussion and consultation with the Foodbank we are able to suggest the following. The Foodbank have a reasonable supply of food and have asked schools and other organisations who only supply once a year at Harvest to encourage people to make monetary donations for the Foodbank instead – since they desperately need funds to pay for the increased transport and delivery costs incurred at the current time. We will therefore have a separate bowl for money donations for the Foodbank, but since we are a regular Foodbank Collection Point, if you wish to bring non-perishable food – please place this in the crates provided.

GOOD SHEPHERD There are many parishes in the Diocese of Norwich where churches remain closed due to Covid-19 restrictions – and the policy of the Diocese was the open one church first. We are very concerned about the vulnerability of any in our congregation and want to do what is safe. These are a couple of first steps:

4 October at 11.15am Harvest Festival and Lighting of Easter Candle

11 October at 8.00am First Post lockdown service at this time

GLENYS PAFLIN RIP With great sadness we announce the death of Glenys at the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital. It was a great privilege to be with Glenys and Gerry when she died. They retired to Norfolk nearly 30 years ago and although they lived over the other side of Norwich they made Thorpe St Andrew their spiritual home. Both were involved in the life of the parish and Glenys for a time led the Parent and Toddler Group. Please keep Gerry and their sons in your prayers.

FOODBANK The Foodbank Collection box is on the table where tea/coffee is normally served. A list of items needed most is available on request.

PARISH CHURCH GARDENING MORNING Our usual pattern continues with gardening on the first Saturday of the month at the Parish Church – **3 October between 9.30am and 11.30am.**

PARKING AT THE BUCK I am delighted to advise that after consultation with the owners of the Buck they have agreed to turn off the parking meter/camera EACH SUNDAY from 8.00am to 11.30am. This has been achieved through patience and prayer. If you would like to display a notice saying you are parking for church – these are available in the vestry.

JEAN MAYHEW I am pleased to provide further and good news about dear Jean. Jean is doing much better now and is looking forward to the move. She should be moving next Tuesday. Her new address will be:

De Lucy House Care Home, 40 Victoria Rd, Diss, IP22 4HZ

100 CLUB The 2020-2021 season runs October to September. Forms are available. Please can you support this if you are able. You can hold up to three numbers. We need as much financial support as we can at this time and this is a fun way of supporting us. You can obtain a form by contacting Linda 01603 434986 or Ann 01603 436619 or email rector@thorpeparishchurch.org

BIBLE STUDY, AUTUMN 2020 – ON ZOOM: ‘When in Romans...’

Our new Bible study series begins on **Thursday 1st October at 7pm**. We will be reading and reflecting upon Romans, the book we’ve been hearing alongside the Gospel in Church these past few months. Make no mistake: Romans has a reputation, and many people probably think of it as either a bit scary or just irrelevant to the Gospel. But that, the Christian tradition would contend, is a mistake. So, here’s an invitation to linger with St Paul’s tightly-woven set of stories, and discover in them, quite simply, the fundamentals of Christian life, hope, and love. All are very welcome, whether you’ve read Romans before, or never even opened its pages. Sessions will be discursive and relaxed. Please e-mail Fr Taylor (fr.taylor@outlook.com) so you can be added to the Zoom invitation. Assistance can be given for those new to Zoom!

HARVEST FLOWERS If you have expressed an interest in helping with flowers/decorating the church this is your chance to help decorate the Parish Church. We understand that the Good Shepherd Church is taken care of. Expressions of interest to Fr James.



VOLUNTEERS The Churchwardens are preparing rotas for people to welcome us on a Sunday morning, cleaning and anything else you would like to volunteer with. Please do speak to Alison or Tim. They would love to hear from you. If you haven't volunteered before now is the time!!

NORFOLK CHURCHES TRUST: BIKE, DRIVE OR WALK Thank you to all those who helped on Saturday 12 September. Huge thanks to Auriol, who completed her walk and to Matt Green who planned to cycle. Please sponsor them. Matt has a JustGiving page which I will publicise on Facebook. Half the funds go to the Norfolk Churches Trust and half come here. Last week to sponsor them will be TODAY. Please help.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! Many have already been very generous. Here is a reminder of some of the ways you can still help:

- We now have a contactless (and push button) card reader.
- You can post a cheque to the Rectory, to be passed on to Treasury Team.
- We can arrange to call and collect anything you are able to give.
- You can contact Sally and obtain details to go over to standing orders or indeed make individual online payments. For security reasons our bank details here can be obtained from Sally on treasurerts@gmail.com

Any additional amounts are very gratefully received. Whilst we have done all we can to cut costs our income is down considerably, but the shortfall may be as much as £20,000, if not more. If you are not registered for Gift Aid, and you are a UK taxpayer, please consider this as it means we can re-claim additional funds from the Government at no extra cost to you.

GIVE AS YOU SHOP Please help boost our Parish funds by shopping online via Amazon Smile and The Giving Machine. It's so easy to do, secure and doesn't cost you a penny as the donation is made by Amazon or The Giving Machine (who have over 2000 retailers to choose from including John Lewis/Waitrose, Sainsbury's, Booking.com/Expedia, M&S). You receive exactly the same goods/service with relevant guarantees and our Parish benefits from your purchase. Sign up today at <https://smile.amazon.co.uk> or <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk> When prompted you will be asked to nominate your charity. Our charity name (as it appears) is The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of Thorpe St Andrew. Thank you.

FACEBOOK We are currently on **955 likes** for our Facebook page (with more than a thousand in total following). It would be good to push over the **1000** barrier in the next few weeks since if there are more lockdowns this page will be vital for our community. You can invite your friends to like our page. Please do what you can.

GUIDELINES FOR US TO FOLLOW WHILE AT CHURCH

Following the Prime Minister's address to the nation on Tuesday it is essential we realise how serious the situation now is in relation to infection of the virus. The R rate is now at 1.2-1.5. Please can we follow these guidelines. If you have any questions please do ask!

- Please **use hand sanitisers** on entering and leaving the church.
- Please **wear a face covering at all times in church**, other than to receive the host. Please do make sure it covers Those reading/leading are exempt.
- **Please take this weekly notice and service sheet away with you.**
- **Alternate pews are being used** and within the pews please ensure we remember to sit **2 metres away from others (1 metre plus with face mask)**, unless from the same household or 'support bubble', in which case you may sit together. We are asking that the main aisle is used first and we will only open up the side aisle if capacity requires it. This is to lessen the amount of cleaning required after a service.
- **We will not shake hands in the peace.** Ensuring social distance we can place our hands together in prayer form (or Namaste form) – to offer peace.
- **Please can you place your much needed offerings and collection on the brass plate, as you come in.** Collection bowls will not be passed around during the service. Those who count the collection will use gloves, where appropriate.
- When you come up for communion we will not be using the rails. **Please form a queue, ensuring 2 metres distance in order to receive the bread (host).** Please fully extend your arms fully to ensure social distance. The celebrant alone will receive the wine on behalf of us all. Please return to your seats using the one-way system. The side aisle will be invited up first. The celebrant and deacon will use hand sanitiser before the wafers are distributed and the communicants will receive the wafer in their hand. For those requiring a blessing, hands will not be laid directly on the head.
- We will keep a list of those attending in order to comply with Government guidance which includes a request for names of attendees to be recorded and kept for 21 days in order to assist 'track and trace' if required.

NHS COVID-19 APP If you have a smartphone please do download the app. It shows that NR7 is a Medium Risk area at the moment and will alert you if you have been in less than 2 metre contact with someone with Covid-19 for more than 15 minutes. The QR codes for all three of our buildings are displayed at the St Andrew's Centre, The Church of the Good Shepherd and the Parish Church respectively. Any queries to me, please.

INTRODUCING THE NHS COVID-19 APP



WASH



HANDS

COVER



FACE

MAKE



SPACE

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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