



The Parish of Thorpe St Andrew

WEEKLY NEWS and SERVICE SHEET

Trinity 3: 28 June 2020 - Message from the Rector



It was a great privilege this week to stand, at social distance, with our Mayor, the Chairman and Leader of Broadland District Council (Cllrs Karen and Shaun Vincent) and members of the Royal British Legion, to mark the beginning of Armed Forces Week. At the outset of our current crisis some compared this virus to being at war and it is of course the case that members of

HM Armed Forces are helping with the massive testing operation which is going on all around the country. We went onto a very beautiful and sunny churchyard to raise the flag there too. This week our community has also borne the tragic news of the death of Gemma Cowey (also Marjoram) who was found fatally stabbed in Thorpe St Andrew last Friday. Our hearts go out to all the family and our community at this time. On Wednesday we will mark our special relationship with the people of Saint Andrews By The Sea, New Brunswick, Canada, by raising the flag of Canada, on Canada Day – 1 July. In the midst of all this, we welcome Taylor, our new Curate. Taylor has already shown great fortitude before he has really begun, since it is not easy to start a curacy, socially distanced from those you are called to serve. Yet from the very outset I know that Taylor will ‘fly the flag’ for Jesus Christ and his good news in this community, which we are all called and blessed to serve. One of the verses of the hymn, *God is working his purpose out*, reminds us that as followers of Christ, ‘we shall march in the strength of God, with the banner of Christ unfurled, that the light of the glorious gospel of truth may shine throughout the world...’ It is my prayer that Taylor, and his partner Edwin, will radiate that light throughout our community, that in the words of his ordination service, he may reach ‘into all the forgotten corners of the world, that the love of God may be made visible.’ With every blessing,

Fr James

READINGS and PRAYER INTENTIONS

READINGS Jeremiah 28:6-8; Rom. 6:12-end; Matthew 10:40-end

- **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 **Ecumenical Salvation Army: Territorial Envoys – Russell and Alison Day Anglican Communion** United Church of North India, Bishop Prem Chand Singh
- **THE WORLD All those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic** *All key workers in NHS and all other fields of frontline work particularly all public transport workers – drivers of trains and buses, office staff and those working on the infrastructure of rail and road.*
- **THE COMMUNITY all in** Thorpe Mews, Thorpe Road, Thunder Lane. All our civic leaders here in Thorpe St Andrew and our friends in our twin town of Saint Andrews by the Sea – Mayor Doug Naish and Deputy Mayor Brad Henderson (remembering Canada Day on 1 July).
- **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 Garrood, Anne Farthing, Rita Ward, Alison Gibson, Joy and Andy McCall, Dave Whitton, Barrie Mills
- **THE DEPARTED The recently departed** Len Bennett, Mary Kett, Dame Vera Lynn, 1st Lt Kenneth Allen (F16 Pilot from RAF Lakenheath), Janice Cooper, Iris Freschini, Gemma Cowey (also Marjoram), Jimmy Marshall **Those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time** including Edward Betts, June 28th: Cynthia Huggett, June 30th: Derek Kirby

FUNERAL SERVICES IN JULY

- 10 July** Funeral of **Janice Cooper** at the Parish Church with burial in the Thorpe St Andrew Churchyard Extension thereafter. Service is by invitation only, due to COVID-19 precautions.
- 14 July** Funeral of **Iris Freschini** at Earlham Crematorium
- 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.

OTHER NOTICES AND USEFUL INFORMATION

CHURCH SERVICES On Tuesday Boris Johnson announced that Places of Worship could reopen for Public Worship from 4 July. At the same time permission was given for weddings. We are awaiting guidance and clarification from the Church of England. The Bishop of Norwich has urged caution. Our feedback so far indicates that people have enjoyed our online services and also that people are concerned about not being able to sing and restrictions on numbers. There are many things to consider and nothing will be restarted without a risk assessment. We will ensure that you are all kept fully informed.

PARISH LIFE – AN UPDATE We will have a magazine for distribution at the beginning of July. Distributors will be contacted when magazines are ready.

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 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.

PRAYERS FOR GEMMA Please do, in particular, keep Gemma Marjoram, her children and family in your prayers at this time. A large candle was lit for Gemma in the Parish Church, following the sad news of her fatal stabbing last Friday in Thorpe St Andrew.

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.

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. Please join the Zoom Coffee to welcome Taylor after the service on Sunday – Zoom permitting – at 11.00am.

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 extended to Sunday 19 July.** This is to enable Parish Life readers a chance to participate. Please post them to the Rectory or email: rector@thorpeparishchurch.org

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

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.