



# The Parish of Thorpe St Andrew



## WEEKLY NOTICES & PRAYER RESOURCES for Passion Sunday (Lent 5) – 29 March 2020

### CHURCH IS CHANGING, AGAIN!

Following the statement from the Prime Minister on Monday evening (23 March) and the further communication of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and our own three Bishops, all churches in the Church of England are now shut. **ALL SERVICES and EVENTS** are suspended until further notice. Our worshipping life will carry on in a number of different and exciting ways, with some additional tweaks this week:

- We will be (technology permitting) streaming a live service on Facebook **every Sunday at 9.30am**, so that we can worship together electronically. Thank you for all those who made such positive comments. This week we are asked to broadcast from our homes, and are asked to have no helpers from outside our household. Tabitha the cat is standing by to press the buttons!
- We will also be uploading video blogs / resources in the days ahead on Thorpe St Andrew Parish Church Facebook page and on our Parish Magazine website - [www.parish-life.co.uk](http://www.parish-life.co.uk) These notices will be there every week, along with other resources as they are shared with us.
- People on our contact list will receive this weekly communication which will contain prayers, readings and reflections along with our notices by email, if we have it, or through your letterbox (post or hand delivery with rubber gloves). Please supply your email to [rector@thorpeparishchurch.org](mailto:rector@thorpeparishchurch.org)

# THE EUCHARIST FOR PASSION SUNDAY

**WELCOME** *Words of welcome are said*

## **HYMN**

1 When I survey the wondrous Cross,  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

3 See from his head, his hands, his feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

4 His dying crimson like a robe,  
Spreads o'er his body on the Tree;  
Then I am dead to all the globe,  
And all the globe is dead to me.

5 Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

## **GREETING**

The Lord be with you: **and also with you.**

## **PRAYERS OF PENITENCE**

God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

## **THE COLLECT FOR LENT 5 (Passion Sunday)**

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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.**

*[For further reflection but not being read in our Live Stream service*

### **EPISTLE READING** Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.]

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.** Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and given him the name that is above every name. **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

### **GOSPEL READING** John 11: 1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there

again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept

this man from dying?” Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.” Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

## SERMON/REFLECTION

### CREED

Let us declare our faith in God.

**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

Let us pray to the Father through his Son who suffered on the cross for the world's redemption.

Fill with your Spirit Christ's broken body, the Church. We pray for Graham, Alan and Jonathan and within the Anglican Communion for the Primates' Task Group, which calls for a period of prayer and repentance in the Anglican Communion. We pray too for our parish and for Robin our churchwarden and all in responsibility and leadership at this time. Give to Christian people



everywhere a deep longing to take up the cross and to understand its mysterious glory. By the Saviour's cross and passion, **Lord, save us and help us.**

Look in your mercy upon the world you loved so much that you sent your Son to suffer and to die. We pray for all parts of the world affected by the Coronavirus, that you might bring your healing and love and that peace and justice might prevail in all the world. Strengthen those who work to share the reconciliation won at such a cost upon the cross. By the Saviour's cross and passion, **Lord, save us and help us.**

Bring healing by the wounds of Christ to all who are weighed down by pain and injustice. Help the lonely and the anxious, the suffering and the dying, to find strength in the companionship of Jesus, and in his passion to know their salvation. By the Saviour's cross and passion, **Lord, save us and help us.**

Welcome into paradise all who have left this world in your friendship. According to your promises, bring them with all your saints to share in all the benefits of Christ's death and resurrection. By the Saviour's cross and passion, **Lord, save us and help us. Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

*Our intentions today*

- **Those who live in Racecourse Road, Rainsborough Rise.**
- **Those who are sick or in need, including:** Brenda Debenham, Brian Riseborough, Mark Little, Paul Carter, Monique Rowland, Jennifer Jones, Janet Fancy, Colin Hicks, Glenys Paflin, Audrey Camp, Alan Harrison, Jill Hall, Grace Howes, Peter and Gaynor Garrood.
- **The recently departed:** Diane Whiskerd, Jeanette Wilkin, Eileen Moore.
- **Those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time including** Elsie Hughes, Don Rayner, Bob Mortimer

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**



## **THE PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR**

Jesus, true vine and bread of life, ever giving yourself that the world might live, let us share your death and passion: make us perfect in your love.

**Amen.**

## **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.**

It is indeed right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty. The power of the life-giving cross reveals the judgement that has come upon the world and the triumph of Christ crucified. He is the victim who dies no more, the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever, our advocate in heaven to plead our cause, exalting us there to join with angels and archangels, for ever 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.

Jesus Christ is Lord: **Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.**

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 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. **Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim the **Lord's death until he comes.**

### **THE AGNUS DEI**

**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.**

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 minister receives the bread and wine on behalf of all.*



## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER FOR PASSION SUNDAY**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **HYMN**

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
the emblem of suffering and shame;  
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

*Refrain: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
and exchange it some day for a crown.*

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
has a wondrous attraction for me;  
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above  
to bear it to dark Calvary. *Refrain*

To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,  
its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
then he'll call me some day to my home far away,  
where his glory forever I'll share. *Refrain*

## **BLESSING**

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and those whom you love for evermore. **Amen.**

# WEEKLY NOTICES: 29 March 2020

**PARISH LIFE** Parish Life will continue. If you are unable to deliver your round or can volunteer to take on a round or do more, please contact Patience Skelton on 01603 701116. We hope to deliver this by next Friday.

**GARDENING MORNING** The next one would have been 4 April, but these are suspended until further notice.

**CANCELLATION OF REGULAR GROUPS/SOCIAL EVENTS** As mentioned above all services and events are cancelled. This includes: Adult and Junior Choir Practices, Toddler Group, Mothers' Union, Koffee and Kompany (March, April and May meetings), Pastoral Care Group, Soup Lunch on 5 April, the Easter Saturday Children's Workshop (11 April) and the Murder Mystery (18 April).

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) AND MEETING OF PARISHIONERS** This has been postponed to a date to be fixed, when it is safe to hold a meeting.

**PLANNED GIVING AND COLLECTIONS** We have had various enquiries and suggestions about collections and planned giving during this COVID-19 crisis. Due to the current restrictions we are not able to receive or count envelopes at this time. If you have been wondering about a standing order please contact our Treasurer, Sally, or myself, and we can send you a form. If you would like to make online payments please contact Sally for our bank details. When we get nearer to the end of this crisis we will give further guidance about pink envelopes. The Anglican adage applies to this, as in all things: 'All may, none must, some should.' Sally's email is [treasurersa@gmail.com](mailto:treasurersa@gmail.com). Please contact me if you have any concerns at all.

**CALLS TO ACTION IN PAST WEEK** Thank you to all those who lit a candle in a window last Sunday evening, or who prayed the Lord's Prayer on your doorsteps on Wednesday, or who clapped for the NHS and other Key Workers on Thursday evening. I wonder what we will be asked to do this week? We'll let you know if we hear anything!

**FOODBANK** Thank you for all those who brought things in for the FoodBank. Since we are no longer able to have the church open we will now find new ways to collect this in the days ahead.

**FUNERAL SERVICES** Please hold all these families in your prayers:

**2 April at 11.00am** Funeral of Diane Whiskerd at St Faith's Crematorium

**3 April at 2.00pm** Funeral of Jeannette Wilkin at the Parish Church and burial thereafter in the Thorpe St Andrew Burial Ground

**8 April at 2.45pm** Funeral of Eileen Moore at St Faith's Crematorium

**VIRTUAL SOUP – 9 APRIL at 12.30pm** On Maundy Thursday we would have been at the Cathedral for the annual renewal of ordination vows and reception of oils, and refreshments afterwards. On this day the Church remembers the gathering of the disciples for a meal with Jesus. As a body of Christ – separated by the virus – let us gather together in our own homes with a common meal at this time – some soup (replacing the soup lunches missed – particularly the one which would have taken place at the Rectory).

**TELEPHONING LIST** Please contact Fr James on 01603 439160 if you would like to be added to our 'Phoning list. We keen to make sure that no one is separated from God's love at this time.

**EMAIL LIST** Please email Fr James on [rector@thorpeparishchurch.org](mailto:rector@thorpeparishchurch.org) or [jstewart1971@gmail.com](mailto:jstewart1971@gmail.com) if you would like to be added to our list to receive our email updates. We are sending out our newsletter and other updates each week. It's a good way to keep in touch. Our weekly newsletter/other resources are on the Parish Life website [www.parish-life.co.uk](http://www.parish-life.co.uk)

**DO YOU NEED OUR HELP?** If you need food delivering or medication collecting or indeed anything else please contact Fr James and he will signpost you to a volunteer.

**VOLUNTEERING** We are sharing in the work of food delivery/shopping with our colleagues in Royal British Legion. Please get in touch with Fr James on 01603 439160 ([rector@thorpeparishchurch.org](mailto:rector@thorpeparishchurch.org)).

**100 CLUB - MARCH 2020** The winners are No. 32 Margaret Clowes £25 and No. 84 Brenda Balls £15. From Linda Olney and Ann Cox; 'After discussions, it has been decided that due to the current situation with Coronavirus, the monthly 100 Club draw and the renewal of membership will be suspended. This means that, when we start back, we will still have two months in hand. We hope that all members will understand the need to take this difficult decision; we will try to keep you in touch with any developments. Thank you for your continued support.'

Fr James  
Passion Sunday 2020

# 'VIRTUAL' CALENDAR FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

We join together with one another, through these resources to remember the events leading up to and including the Passion of Our Lord, followed by his joyful resurrection. This is the online calendar to be published in Parish Life.

Services will either be streamed live or be posted at the times stated.

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| <b>3 April</b>  | <b>9.00pm</b>  | Compline for Passiontide   |
| <b>5 April</b>  |                | <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>   |
|                 | <b>9.30am</b>  | Palm Sunday Virtual Service  |
|                 | <b>6.30pm</b>  | Evening Prayer for Palm Sunday   |
| <b>6 April</b>  | <b>7.00pm</b>  | Monday in Holy Week: Reflection  |
| <b>7 April</b>  | <b>7.00pm</b>  | Tuesday in Holy Week: Reflection   |
| <b>8 April</b>  | <b>7.00pm</b>  | Wed. in Holy Week: Reflection  |
| <b>9 April</b>  |                | <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>   |
|                 | <b>12.30pm</b> | Virtual Soup Lunch   |
|                 | <b>7.00pm</b>  | Service of the Last Supper   |
|                 | <b>8/10pm</b>  | Watch – Time to pray   |
| <b>10 April</b> |                | <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>   |
|                 | <b>12 noon</b> | Good Friday reflection – Fr James  |
|                 | <b>1.00pm</b>  | Virtual Walk of Witness  |
|                 | <b>2.00pm</b>  | Good Friday Message – R Day, Salvation Army                                  |
| <b>11 April</b> |                | <b>HOLY SATURDAY/EASTER EVE</b>  |
|                 | <b>8.00pm</b>  | Easter Vigil, with singing of the Exsultet and Renewal of Baptismal Promises |
| <b>12 April</b> |                | <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>   |
|                 | <b>9.30am</b>  | Easter Sunday Virtual Eucharist  |
|                 | <b>6.30pm</b>  | Reflections for Easter Sunday  |

## DIARY OF FUTURE SOCIAL EVENTS IN 2020

There is no certainty about when the restrictions will be lifted, but the following have **not** yet been cancelled:

- 16 May 2020 at 7pm Quiz Evening with Buffet at St Andrew's Centre
- 28 June 2020 at 2.30pm Summer Concert/ at Parish Church
- 18 July 2020 11.00am to 3.00pm Summer Fete in Parish Church grounds. Sponsorship offers to Fr James, as soon as possible.
- 5, 12, 19 and 26 August Organ Recital Series. Recitals at 1.00pm.