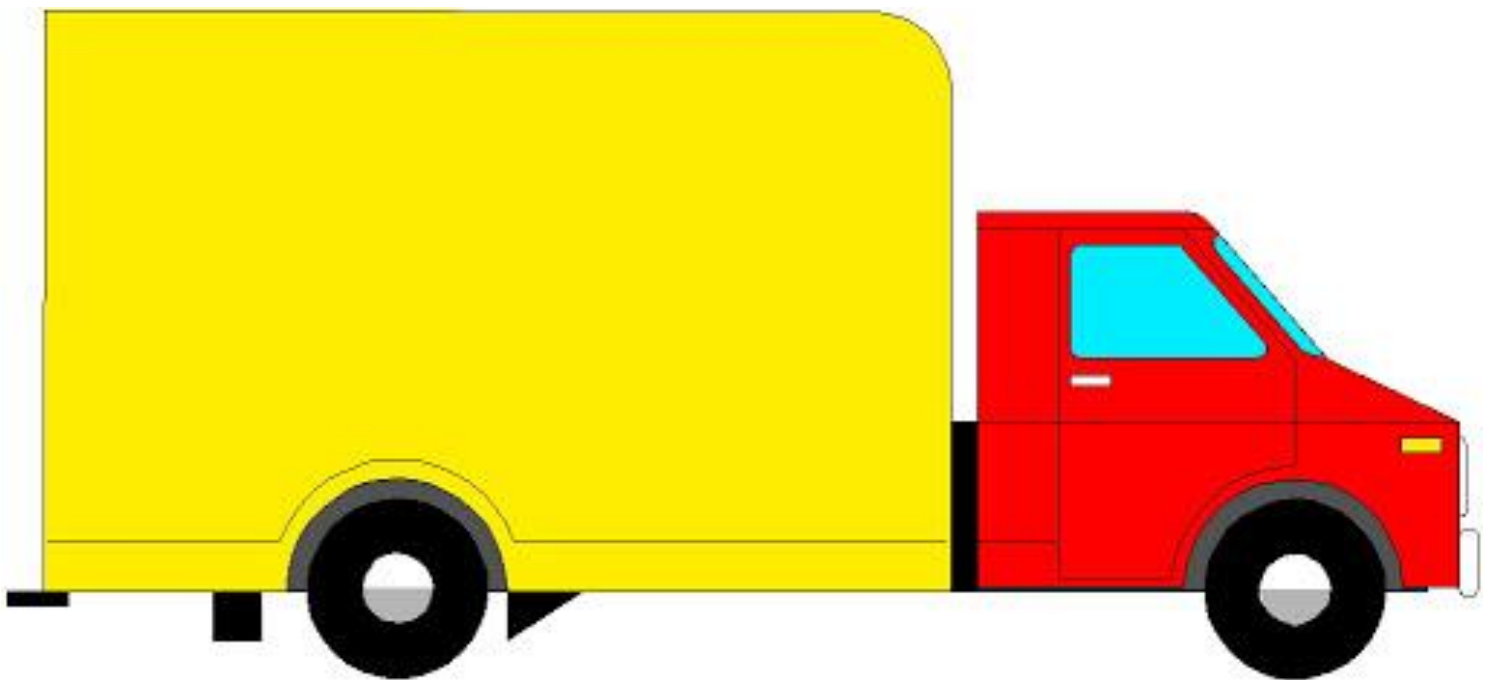




The Parish of
Thorpe St Andrew

**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
AND SERVICE SHEET**



Family Communion

Thorpe St Andrew Parish Church

Sunday 30 August 2020

(Truckers' Sunday)



Journeying together

The Sunday of the August Bank Holiday weekend is always a special one in Thorpe St Andrew. It is the day when, usually, the East Coast Truckers' Convoy comes through! They leave County Hall and make their way, with police escort, down to Great Yarmouth and the adventure park at Pleasurewood Hills with their precious cargo of young people with various disabilities who have been chosen to ride in the front of the lorry with the driver. It is also a very special day for them and for all those who watch and wave them on – and it is now very much part of the life of Thorpe. Along with many other things the Covid-19 pandemic has put pay to this. We pray and hope that things will be safe enough next year for its return. In the meantime we decided that we wouldn't ignore the day, which has become known as Truckers' Sunday, and so there are a few references to trucks and journeys in our service! And – strange as it might seem, there is a connection between our bible readings and the East Coast Truckers' Convoy! Jesus is engaged in conversation with his disciples, and in particular Peter, who is rebuked for not recognising the unique journey which Christ will make to complete the kingdom of God by means of the cross. In other parts of the scriptures Jesus reminds his disciples that the kingdom of God will be filled with people of many different backgrounds and physical conditions – and in Sunday's passage he tells us all that those who would wish to follow him must 'take up their cross'. The young people who would have this year sat up in the cabs of those trucks, tooting horns and smiling and waving for the journey from Norwich to the coast, give us an earthly glimpse of God's kingdom, full of joy and hope and love. As we learn what it means truly to follow Jesus it is important that we don't take our eyes off that wonderful image of those beautiful young people heading for the coast with such joy in their hearts.

God bless you all!

Fr James

FAMILY COMMUNION: TRINITY 12

This service is taking place inside due to the weather.

Pre-service Music

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.**

Prayers of Penitence

The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all. Let us come to him, in sorrow for our sins, seeking healing and salvation.

Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement; bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

Gloria *The Gloria in excelsis is said*

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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

Readings

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

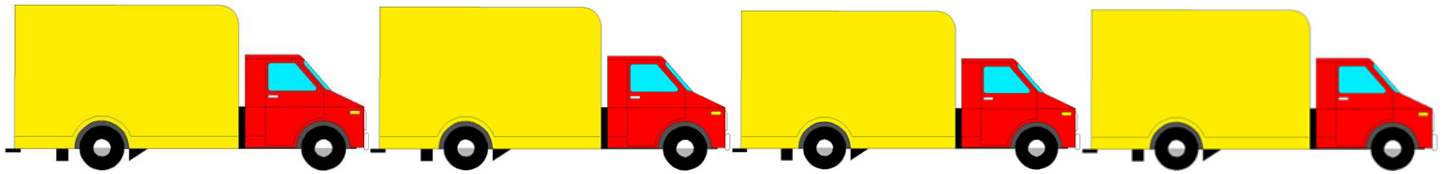


Matthew 16:21-28

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for

you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.

Address



The Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist? **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again? **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world? **We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church. **This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

The response to the bidding

Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

And at the end 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. 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. 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.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son. **You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us. **He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. **Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me. **Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son. **As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

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

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The bread is distributed. Please follow directions given. Music is played.

The Prayer after Communion

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

Notices *The notices and announcements are given.*

The Blessing *The Rector gives the final blessing. At the end all say Amen.*

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

Post-service music

PRAYER INTENTIONS

- **THE CHURCH** **Our Ministry Team** James Stewart, Taylor Wilton-Morgan, Nicole King. **Our Bishops** Graham, Alan and Jonathan **Ecumenical** Christians of every denomination as they worship today, particularly those in the Thorpe and Heartsease area. **Anglican Communion** The United Church of South India, Dharmaraj Rasalam – Moderator.
- **THE WORLD** **All those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic** All key workers in NHS and all other fields of frontline work, all our schools, as the new academic year begins: Dussindale Primary and Nursery (Headteacher: Louise Norgate), Hillside Avenue Primary and Nursery (Headteacher: Mr Phoenix), St William's Primary and Nursery (Headteacher: Sarah Shirrass), Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form (Principal: Penny Bignell). Also: the situations in Kenosha, Wisconsin and those parts of USA affected by Hurricane Laura, and the situation in Belarus.
- **THE COMMUNITY** **All those who live and work in** Barber Place, Beechwood Drive, Belmore Close
- **THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYER** including Brian Riseborough, Paul Carter, Mark Little, Monique Rowland, Jennifer Jones, Janet Fancy, Colin Hicks, Glenys Paflin, Alan Harrison, Jill Hall, Grace Howes, Peter and Gaynor Garrod, Anne Farthing, Rita Ward, Alison Gibson, Joy and Andy McCall, Jean High, Orrin Tyrrell, Jean Mayhew, Yukiko
- **THE DEPARTED** **The recently departed** Jan Thrower, Margaret Pettman, Michael George, Dave Whitton, Audrey Camp
Those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time Derrik Hender (31st August), John Hughes (1st September)

SERVICES IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

Subject to restrictions operating at the time, the following will happen:

6 September	9.30am at the Parish Church	Simple Communion
13 September	9.30am at the Parish Church	Simple Communion
20 September	9.30am at the Parish Church	Simple Communion
27 September	9.30am at the Parish Church	Simple Communion
27 September	time (tbc) St Andrew's Centre	Café Church

Our worship pattern is being reviewed at the beginning of September. There will be more information next week. Please keep this review in your prayers.

OTHER NOTICES AND USEFUL INFORMATION

CONGRATULATIONS to **Alison Carman and Tim Peters**, elected as **Churchwardens** for this Parish. We thank them for answering the call to serve in this way and we wish them well in all their work. The Diocese will now complete the usual checks and will then indicate when the churchwardens can be sworn in. Due to the current restrictions this will be done by me – and I will do it in the context of a Sunday Eucharist. Watch this space for when this will be! I am also very pleased to say that **8 new PCC members** were also elected at the Annual Parochial Church, held last Sunday – **Pat Bales, Jenny Fuller, Margaret Hope, Nicole King, Ian Mackie, Julian Mogford, Graham Rowland and John Ward**. Congratulations go to them too. Our first PCC meeting takes place at the Parish Church on **Tuesday 1st September at 7.30pm** (preceded by a Eucharist at 7.00pm). Anyone is welcome to join us for the Eucharist – but only PCC members can attend the meeting.

AUDREY CAMP RIP We are very sorry to announce the news of the death of Audrey at the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital on Friday night. Audrey (with Bob) were much involved in the life of our parish and over the years Audrey had borne her suffering with great courage and joy in her heart. It is a joy to me that, although quite frail, Audrey was able to join with us in worship post lockdown at the Parish Church. Details of her funeral at the Parish Church will follow in due course. Please keep Bob, Jane, Andrew, Bruce, Malcolm and all the family in your prayers.

CAFÉ CHURCH AND FAMILY SERVICES We plan to hold a Café Church in the St Andrew's Centre on Sunday 27 September. Please watch the space for timings. There will be no refreshments but a warm welcome!

MINI POP UP PLANT SALE! SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST 2020

A small selection of plants that were not quite ready earlier on in the month are available to buy after the service this Sunday. This mini sale will be between 10.30am and 11.30am. Our contactless card reader is available on request.

FACE COVERINGS The Government guidance has changed again and now indicates that it is mandatory for those attending inside places of worship to wear face masks from 8 August. Those leading a service, preaching, praying or reading may remove their face mask for that part of the service when speaking. Face masks will be worn by the clergy when distributing communion. You will, of course, need to remove your face covering, to receive the host at communion.

FOODBANK The Foodbank Collection Box will be on the table where the tea and coffee is normally served. A list of items needed most is available on request.

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 Jean sends her love to all who know her in the Parish. Jean is now at Two Acres Care Home in Taverham, pending a possible move to a care home near her daughter, Susan, in Diss. Restrictions mean that she is limited to one visitor – her daughter – but you can send cards and best wishes to her at: **Two Acres, 212-216 Fakenham Rd, Taverham, Norwich NR8 6QN**

NEXT PARISH CHURCH GARDENING MORNING Thank you to all who helped with gardening on Saturday 1 August. The next regular gardening morning is planned for **NEXT SATURDAY** (5 Sept - 9.30am to 11.30am).

100 CLUB The last two draws suspended from the 2019-2020 season were drawn at the Open Air Service on 9 August. **April draw:** 1st Prize – *Patience Skelton*; 2nd Prize – *The Revd James Stewart*. **May draw:** 1st Prize – *Pip Jenkinson*; 2nd Prize – *Janet Johnson*. The 2020-2021 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 Ann Cox **01603 436619** or email rector@thorpeparishchurch.org

THORPE CEMETERY COMMUNITY PROJECT We are working with community partners to improve the historic part of the cemetery. We really need some volunteers. Thank you to those who helped last week. Further sessions continue from 8.45am – 12 noon. They next meet on and **Saturdays 12 and 26 September**. Further details from the Rector.

STUDY GROUP Thank you to Fr Taylor for his work in producing his series of talks on St Bernard of Clairvaux's work, 'On loving God'. We are very grateful for the work which has gone into these. We will hold a Bible Study group in the Autumn. More details to follow. This will be on Zoom to keep people safe and to enable participation.

NORFOLK CHURCHES TRUST: BIKE, DRIVE OR WALK Saturday 12 September: If you are willing to ride your bike, walk, or even (under the new rules) drive (!!) please get a sponsorship form from Alison or Tim. If you are willing to be on duty at the Parish Church between 9am and 5pm please sign up on the sheet at the back of Parish Church.

FLOWERS Sue and Isobel love doing the Church flower arrangements but are finding lifting, carrying and clearing-up is getting physically challenging! There are some in the community who have expressed an interest in flower arranging. Many parishes have a rota. Please contact the Rector to discuss. If volunteers to arrange flowers do not come forward, then Sue and Isobel write this: *'We really need some volunteers to come and assist us by doing these accompanying jobs. We know that if we don't get any help then we will not be able to carry on doing the flower, which will be a great pity. We really don't want to give up, we love making flower displays, but our bodies are shouting at us after working here for a couple of hours.'*

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. We understand that this is currently under review.

SOME WORDS FROM OUR TREASURER Thank you so much to everyone who has been in touch with me regarding making their Free Will Offering by Standing Order. If you've been thinking about making your donations this way, it's very easy to set up via online or telephone banking - please email me on treasurerts@gmail.com I will be happy to provide the details you need to give to your bank. If you are not registered for Gift Aid, and you are a UK taxpayer, do please consider this as it means we can re-claim additional funds from the Government at no extra cost to you. Thank you once again to all those who have already made the switch, and I look forward to hearing from you.

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:

1. We now have a contactless (and push button) card reader.
2. You can post a cheque to the Rectory, to be passed on to the Treasury Team.
3. We can arrange to call and collect anything you are able to give.
4. 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
5. 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.

GUIDELINES FOR US TO FOLLOW WHILE AT CHURCH

- The service will follow the same pattern as our online services, without the hymns. Organ music will be played before, during and after the service.
- Please ensure that you use hand sanitisers on entering and leaving the church.
- Please take this weekly notice and service sheet away with you.
- The toys in the Children's Corner have been removed under current guidance. Children are of course very welcome.
- Alternate pews are being used and within the pews please ensure we remember to sit 2 metres away from others, 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 may place our hands together in prayerful form (or in Namaste form) – as a sign of peace.
- There will be no procession of the elements in the offertory.
- 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 on the head but extended towards 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.
- The church surfaces will be cleaned after each service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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