



The Parish of Thorpe St Andrew

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Church of the Good Shepherd



A word from the Rector

The world has been through rather a lot in the last six months. We were asked to stay at home, to protect the NHS and to save lives – and our churches were very quickly closed. It was then still Lent. The Good Shepherd, as it is affectionately known, reopens for public worship for the first time. At the beginning of our service we will bring in the Easter candle, so that it may burn with the light of Christ – a light which the darkness (not even a virus) can overcome. In a world of uncertainty and fear it is easy to be drawn away from the light. Harvest Thanksgiving helps us too, leading us away from human things of life, which leaves us feeling hard done by and ungrateful, to help us catch a glimpse of Jesus – so that we can give thanks for his constant presence in our lives. As the R rate of infection creeps up let us be thankful for all that we have received, knowing as a collective body of Christ that we will endeavour to care for one another as the pandemic continues, whatever it now brings. To all who have been gathered together today I say, ‘God bless you all’.

Fr James

HARVEST FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

Organ Voluntary

As the clergy and server enter, the hymn Come, ye thankful people, come is played on the organ. The Easter Candle is carried in. Congregational singing is not permitted.

The Welcoming of the Easter Candle

The Easter Candle is placed in its stand and the following is said:

Christ yesterday and today, **the beginning and the end,**
Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages;
to him be glory and power, through every age and for ever. Amen.
Alleluia. Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the misuse of God's creation.
God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully. Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us. Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied, but ignore the cry of the hungry. Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven. Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All say **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

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Gospel Reading Luke 17:11-19

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are ripe for harvesting. Gather the fruit for eternal life. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their

distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

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

Sermon

The Act of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God, the God of all peoples of the earth.

For the colour and forms of your creation and our place within it, we bring our thanks, good Lord: **your mercy endures for ever.**

For our daily food, and for those whose work and skill bring your good gifts to us, we bring our thanks, good Lord: **your mercy endures for ever.**

For the light and shades of the changing seasons, and their variety and dependability; for new life and growth out of barrenness and decay; we bring our thanks, good Lord: **your mercy endures for ever.**

For new hope and strength in our communities, especially in your Church and among all you call to serve you, we bring our thanks, good Lord; **your mercy endures for ever.**

For all in whose lives we see goodness, kindness, gentleness, patience and humility, and all the fruit of the Spirit, we bring our thanks, good Lord: **your mercy endures for ever.**

For the life we have been given, and for all those whom you have given us to share it, we bring our thanks, good Lord: **your mercy endures for ever.**

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

Let us pray to God, the Lord of the harvest, that he will bring to fruition all that he desires for his creation.

Lord of creation, we see that the fields are ripe for harvesting: we pray for your Church, that it may be ready to gather fruit for eternal life.

Lord of the harvest, **in your mercy hear us.**

You have created the universe by your eternal Word, and have blessed humankind in giving us dominion over the earth: we pray for the world, that we may honour and share its resources, and live in reverence for the creation and in harmony with one another.

Lord of the harvest, **in your mercy hear us.**

Your Son has promised that the Spirit will lead us into all truth: we pray for the community in which you have set us, for one another and for ourselves, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace.

Lord of the harvest, **in your mercy hear us.**

You have given your people a rich land, yet by sin we have made a world of suffering and sorrow: we pray for those who bear the weight of affliction, that they may come to share the life of wholeness and plenty.

Lord of the harvest, **in your mercy hear us.**

Your Son Jesus Christ is the first-fruits of the resurrection and will reap the harvest of the dead at the end of time: we pray that he will gather us all together with those who have gone before in the banquet of the age to come.

Lord of the harvest, **in your mercy hear us.**

Source of all life and giver of all that is good, hear our prayers and grant us all that is in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. 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. The organist plays the hymn We plough the fields and scatter.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; you bring forth bread from the earth.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; you create the fruit of the vine.

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 indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. Through him you have created us in your own image, and made us stewards of your good creation. Through him you teach us to exult in the birds of the air, the lilies of the field, the precious and life-giving crops of the earth. Through him you free us from the slavery of sin, giving him to die upon the cross and to rise again for our salvation. Through him, you begin your work of new creation, as we look for a new heaven and a new earth in which your righteousness dwells. Therefore, we join with angels and archangels, and give voice to every creature under heaven, 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.

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 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. The hymn To thee, O Lord, is played on the organ.

Prayer after Communion

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 *Our Bishops* Graham, Alan and Jonathan *Ecumenical* Our friends in the Methodist Church, particularly Heartsease Lane and Wroxham Road *Anglican Communion* Tanzania, Archbishop Maimbo Mndolwa

THE WORLD *All those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic* all key workers in NHS and all fields of frontline, particularly our Care and Nursing homes - Broadland View, Larchwood, Dussindale, Mary Chapman **Also** Parts of UK, experiencing regional lockdown, especially students' accommodation

THE COMMUNITY

Streets of the Parish Bungalow Lane, Bunyan Close, Caston Road

Broadland Police particularly Local Beat Manager PC Andy Mason

Civic Leaders Members of Thorpe St Andrew Town Council, particularly Mayor, John Fisher and Deputy Mayor, Sue Lawn; Members of Broadland District Council for this parish – Jonathan Emsell, John Fisher, Sue Lawn, Ian Mackie, Trudy Mancini-Boyle and Nigel Shaw; County Councillors – John Fisher and Ian Mackie; MP – Chloe Smith; our twin town of St Andrews, New Brunswick, Canada and Mayor, Doug Naish and Dep 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, Brother Gabriel, Craig Fransham, Bill Stibbe, Gerald White, Anthony Travis, Paul Rayner

THE DEPARTED *The recently departed*

Patricia Rogers, Glenys Paflin, Glenis Ellis, Kath Roper, Bill Albert

Those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time

Muriel Jarvis (7th), Cathleen Bryant (8th), Andrew Washford (9th), Agnes Harvey (9th)

SERVICES IN THE PARISH IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

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| 11 October | 8.00am at the Good Shepherd | Eucharist |
| 11 October | 9.30am at the Parish Church | Harvest Festival |
| 18 October | 9.30am at the Parish Church | Eucharist |
| 18 October | 6.30pm at the Parish Church | Evensong for St Luke |

OTHER NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HARVEST FESTIVAL The Harvest Festival at the Parish Church takes place next week on **11 October 2020 at 9.30am**. After consultation with the Foodbank we are able to suggest the following for Harvest offerings. 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.

JAMS AND CHUTNEYS Sue Short will have a stall in the Porch after the Parish Church Harvest Festival. All products have been made more than 72 hours ago and care will be taken when handling them. When purchasing social distancing must operate, along with the wearing of face coverings. **The stall will be open from after the service until 1pm.**

GOOD SHEPHERD We are very concerned about the vulnerability of any in our congregation and want to do what is safe. Many churches around the Diocese have remained closed if there is another locally. In trying two services the second of these will take place next Sunday:

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

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 Due to heavy rain this weekend this has been postponed to **17 October between 9.30am and 11.30am**. Please do support this if you can.

THORPE COMMUNITY CHURCHYARD PROJECT – YARMOUTH ROAD It is important to remember that this is a Christian Burial Ground which remains under the management and ownership of ourselves. It comes with massive responsibilities. Members of the community have been working hard at the site and their work is well publicised. If you can support this project, which is a joint project between ourselves and others in the community then please do go along **between 8.45am and 12 noon**. These are the dates to end of the year: **10 October, 31 October, 14 November, 5 December**

JEAN MAYHEW Jean has now moved and is at the address which we have already given: De Lucy House Care Home, 40 Victoria Rd, Diss, IP22 4HZ

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. Broadland District Council did order the removal of the cameras but the owners have appealed this – so this is on hold.

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 began on Thursday and continues on **Thursday 8th 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!

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!!

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 treasurersa@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 **960 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.

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.



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 1.3-1.6. Please can we follow these guidelines.

- 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 your nose and mouth. 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.
- At the Parish Church, 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. Different rules apply at the Good Shepherd and will be explained in the service. 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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