



The Parish of Thorpe St Andrew

WEEKLY NEWS AND SERVICE SHEET
Trinity Sunday – 7 June 2020



MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

How shall I sing that majesty?

There do seem to be rather a lot of things which come in threes – including buses along the Yarmouth Road. Fortunately there is only one Trinity Sunday! Those tasked with preaching on this Sunday have stressed about this for hundreds of years, fearful of being told that they have preached some form of heresy. The belief in three distinct persons in one God has caused controversy since the very early church and people have lost their lives arguing about it.

St Augustine spent over 30 years working on his treatise *De Trinitate* (about the Holy Trinity), endeavouring to conceive an intelligible explanation for the mystery of the Trinity. The story is told that he was walking by the seashore one day, contemplating and trying to understand the mystery of the Holy Trinity, when he saw a small boy running back and forth from the water to a spot on the seashore. The boy was using a seashell to carry the water from the ocean and place it into a small hole in the sand. St Augustine approached him and asked, “My boy, what are doing?” “I am trying to bring all the sea into this hole,” the boy replied with a sweet smile. “But that is impossible, my dear child, the hole cannot contain all that water” said Augustine. The boy paused in his work, stood up, looked into the eyes of the Saint, and replied, “It is no more impossible than what you are trying to do – comprehend the immensity of the mystery of the Holy Trinity with your small intelligence.”

God is immeasurable and unsearchable and our understanding is partial – yet what is clear is that God is in relationship – Father, Son and Holy Spirit - and invites us in joyful participation, such that we in our community and God combine in this God-shaped community. No need to ‘stress’ at all, for we can all join in. I wish you a very happy and awe-filled Trinity Sunday, full of love and light!

Father James

How great a being, Lord, is Thine,
Which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
To sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore,
A sun without a sphere;
Thy time is now and evermore,
Thy place is everywhere.

Words from the last verse of hymn: ‘How shall I sing that majesty?’ – John Mason (1646-1694)

READINGS for June

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Trinity Sunday: 7 June	Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-31; Matthew 28:16-20
Trinity 1: 14 June	Exodus 19:2-8a; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8
Trinity 2: 21 June	Jeremiah 20:7-13; Romans 6:1b-1; Matthew 10:24-39
Trinity 4 : 28 June	Jeremiah 28:6-8; Rom. 6:12-end; Matthew 10:40-end

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS for June

Please do use these prayer intentions throughout the weeks as we pray for the church, the world, the community, those in need of our prayer and those departed this life.

• 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, praying in particular for Bishop Jonathan and his wife Rebecca, following his retirement announcement.

Ecumenical All our brothers and sisters of all denominations across Thorpe St Andrew, Thorpe Hamlet and Heartsease.

14 June United Reformed Church, Eastern Synod Moderator-Paul Whittle.

21 June Salvation Army: Commanders Derek and Susan Jones.

Anglican Communion

7 June La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico, Francisco Moreno, Presiding Bishop

14 June Province of Myanmar, Archbishop Stephen Than Myint Oo

21 June Church of Nigeria Bishop Henry Chukwudum Ndukuba

28 June 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

7 June All our Schools – 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).

14 June Our local doctors' surgeries and healthcare provision, including all partners, staff and patients of: Thorpe Health Centre (St William's Way); Thorpewood Surgery (Woodside and Dussindale); Lionwood Surgery.

21 June All who work in our food shops, including Sainsbury's, Coop, Londis, Fish's, Thorpe Convenience Store and our post offices at Thunder Lane (Mr Gurney) and Yarmouth Road (Mr and Mrs Dhalla)

28 June All public transport workers – drivers of trains and buses, office staff and those working on the infrastructure of rail and road.

5 July All those working in our local hospitals (NNUH), including doctors, nurses, porters, cleaners, cooks, administrative staff, chaplains

12 July Our Care and Nursing homes - Broadland View, Larchwood, Dussindale, Mary Chapman

• **THE COMMUNITY**

All who live in 7 June The Cottage Drive, The Denes, Thomas Vere Road

14 June Thompson Road, Thor Close, Thor Loke, Thor Road

21 June Thorpe Avenue, Thorpe Close, Thorpe Hall Close

28 June Thorpe Mews, Thorpe Road, Thunder Lane

Our 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 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, Glenys Paflin, Audrey Camp, Alan Harrison, Jill Hall, Grace Howes, Peter and Gaynor Garrod, Anne Farthing, Len Bennett, Rita Ward, Alison Gibson, Joy and Andy McCall, Dave Whitton, Barrie Mills

• **THE DEPARTED**

The recently departed Margaret Vine, Brenda Debenham, Albert Hastings, Jean Brown, Peter Gedge, Colin Elliott

Those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time including (*All dates in June*) 1st: June Whitehead, 2nd: Elsie Shears, 8th: Andrew Stebbeds, 9th: Leslie George, 10th: Christina George, 14th: Ethel (Babs) Stebbeds, 17th: June Knights, 20th: Edward Betts, 28th: Cynthia Huggett, 30th: Derek Kirby

Contemplating curacy amidst COVID-19

Some reflections from Taylor Wilton-Morgan

I asked (Fr) Taylor to write something about preparing to join us in these strange times. There will be more in our July magazine, but I couldn't wait to include this contribution. See later in the notices for details of his licencing and ordination.



(Fr)Taylor writes: In St Matthew's Gospel, Christ tells us to '...go into your room and shut the door and pray ...' (Mt. 6.6). His meaning is that true love of God is fostered through devotion of heart, not mere displays of outward piety. Yet, familiar (and frequently chastening) though His words are to those of us training for the ordained ministry, none of us could have imagined, just weeks ago, that we would find ourselves quite literally retreating to our houses, or our rooms in college, to continue our prayer and study alone, amidst the threat of disease. The life of Westcott House – the theological college to which I belong – is built around visible,

physical communality, in which we worship, study, and eat together. Life in the close company of others is the climate in which we are prepared for our future responsibilities in ministry. And yet, almost overnight, it was taken away, and with it, the opportunity to pray in our Chapel, to partake of the Eucharist, and to commune in psalmody, silence, and scripture. Of course, life carried on, too: Morning and Evening Prayer took place online, as did lectures; at the end of each day, eyes saturated with the glow of a computer screen, I took comfort in praying Compline by candlelight, with not a single electronic device in sight. Sleep has sometimes been elusive, yet Edwin and I are extremely fortunate in having a new and comfortable home here in Thorpe St Andrew in which to pray, study, and rest.

We have been overwhelmed by the kindness shown to us by the Diocese, by Fr James, by our neighbours, and by all of you, as you have kept us in your prayers. Strange though our present circumstances might be, we have been galvanised no end by the welcome we have received. At a time when, amidst all the pain of the world, it would be tempting to turn inward, we have felt at first hand the outward-facing love, generosity and sacrifice of so many people, whose actions – whether consciously or not – carry the imprint of Christ.

So, what have ordinands, like me, learned? I think three things. Firstly, Christian love, conformed to the pattern of Christ's self-giving, looks to the welfare of others when the going gets tough. That is, truly, Eucharistic living, and our rejoicing at being able to receive that sacrament again in due course should be accompanied by a heightened sense of its fundamental importance for the daily habits of Christian life. Secondly, my wellbeing is inconceivable without the wellbeing of others. The interdependent welfare of all has been unforgettably underlined by this crisis, and those of us soon to be ordained have been reminded that watching out for the vulnerable, expressing gratitude, and extending welcome are at the heart of the Church's existence. And, thirdly, delay and uncertainty aren't the end of the world: having anticipated ordination in June, I could look upon the new date in August with disappointment. And yet, I think, through that delay God also reminds me that ordination is not a triumphant graduation ceremony or a celebration of me. It is a solemn and beautiful consecration to service, which I cannot bear in my own strength, and for which I must learn to rely on so many others: on God, on the communion of saints, on fellow pilgrims along the way. A small bit of extra time to reflect on this is a gift. Perhaps we've all begun to sense afresh that there can be no isolated 'me' in our world. And so, in learning how much our life must rely on and seek the good of others, we might, each of us, just let our little bit of the world be remade in the image of the God whose love enfolds it. That, at least, is what I shall be meditating on as, in the weeks ahead, I go to my room, shut the door, and pray.

Taylor Wilton-Morgan
May 2020

PARISH REGISTER – FUNERALS for June

3 June Albert Hastings, Earlham Crematorium

5 June Jean Brown, interment of ashes, TSA Burial Ground

16 June Colin Elliott, interment of ashes, TSA Burial Ground

19 June Peter Gedge, Earlham Crematorium

OTHER NOTICES AND USEFUL INFORMATION

PARISH LIFE – AN UPDATE Our primary concern is the safety of our community. The guidance from the Church of England in relation to the delivery of printed material has not changed, so we are now working towards a really good July issue. I am very grateful to Patience for her help in ensuring that the distributors are kept up to date – and to Chris George for his help with the Parish Life website (which has our notices uploaded each week) and for all of you in your patience with the current situation. Here is a short message from Chris: *‘We’re missing you...! The lockdown has held us back, but we are planning to return soon with a bumper issue in early July, when distribution is safer. We are still receiving contributions so please send any reports or stories you have been saving up during lockdown. Take care and stay safe.’*

GOVERNMENT PLANS TO EASE OUT OF LOCKDOWN The Church of England are working closely with HM Government on how any plans to enter Phase 2 affect our churches. It will be a slow and cautious approach. The plans have not yet been published, although Bishops have seen them in draft. When published they will include details of the church being open for private prayer and small weddings/funerals, but not public worship.

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.

CAKE RECIPE CHALLENGE Recipes have begun to come in. Those who watch online will know that I laid down a new challenge to provide cake recipes so that these could go in weekly newsletters during the lockdown. The challenge has been enlarged. We will now produce a ‘Thorpe St Andrew Cake Bakers’ Paradise – Recipes from the lockdown’ booklet to raise vitally needed funds!! Please send these in. **Deadline Sunday 28 June.** Please post them to the Rectory or email: rector@thorpeparishchurch.org

OUR NEW CURATE – UPDATE I was pleased to announce on Sunday 24 May, that, notwithstanding the current situation, Taylor Wilton-Morgan will be beginning his ministry as planned at the end of June. The date planned for his ordination will now be used as a time for the 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. I am much looking forward to working with Taylor. He is a bright and intelligent man, fully aware of his vocation to the ordained ministry, with a wonderful compassion. When the opportunity arises more fully I am sure you will all join with me in welcoming him and Edwin. A report from Taylor is included in this extended newsletter.

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.

RECTOR'S RAINBOW CHALLENGE We are very pleased to say that some cards bearing some of the images from this challenge are on their way out to our nursing homes. Certificates and prizes are on their way to the winners etc. With thanks to Cllr Ian Mackie for his help with judging and his generous contribution towards the prizes. Thanks also go to Mrs Pat Stewart, who helped with the judging and who has added some beautiful calligraphy to each of the certificates.

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.

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.

THE THORPE ST ANDREW RECIPE CORNER

Vicarage Cake from Jackie Fleming

A lovely (no added sugar) recipe from Jackie Fleming for our collection. Please do keep sending in your contributions. We hoping we might get about 50 recipes!! Please keep sending them in. Details above.

Ingredients:

- 1 lb good quality mixed fruit
- 6 oz low fat margarine/butter
- 1 tea cup of water
- 1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
- 1 teacup wholemeal plain flour
- 1 teacup wholemeal self raising flour
- 2 large eggs (beaten)



Method:

Heat fruit, margarine, water and bicarbonate of soda in a large saucepan. Bring to boil, reduce heat and simmer gently for 15 minutes with the lid on. Remove from heat and cool for approx. 1 hour, or until the mixture is cold. Add flour and beaten eggs and mix well. Place in a greased cake tin and place in the oven for 1 hour at Gas Mark 2-3 (150-170C). After the hour turn down to Gas Mark 1 (140C) and bake for a further 30 minutes or until the cake is firm. Note: Fan assisted ovens will require shorter time. Remove the cake from oven and allow to cool before turning out of the tin.