



The Parish of  
Thorpe St Andrew

# OPEN AIR EUCHARIST



in celebration of our return to church,  
the ordination of **The Revd Taylor  
Wilton-Morgan** as Deacon and the  
commissioning of **Nicole King** as  
**Authorised Worship Assistant**

*in the grounds of Thorpe St Andrew Parish Church*  
**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at 10.30am**

# Weekly Message from the Rector: 9 August



## **Do not be afraid**

This global pandemic has been going on for a long time now and I hope that, for those able to make it, our Open Air service is a time of joy, amidst a worrying landscape. The time of lockdown has affected each of us in different ways and at different times: those who were coping earlier may be really struggling now and vice versa. The Sea of Galilee is like that too. It is renowned for being as calm as a millpond one moment and very choppy the next. In the version of the calming of the storm we hear in our Gospel reading this Sunday Jesus comes across the sea, walking through those choppy waves. His invitation as the wind blows against his disciples and the waves frighten them is 'Do not be afraid!' and 'Do not doubt!' His invitation extends to us in our community when we are

struggling if the wind is blowing against us and the waves are frightening us to reach out and to have faith in the God who calms the storms of our lives and brings us healing, light and love. We wish Fr Taylor and Nicole well as they begin new ministries here today, remembering that we all share in those ministries with them. Do not doubt: have faith! God bless you all! **Fr James**

## **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

Please contact our Rector,  
**The Revd James Stewart (Fr James)**

Tel: 01603 439160 or email him at [rector@thorpeparishchurch.org](mailto:rector@thorpeparishchurch.org)

## **Organ Voluntary**

*Welcome to our service. Please 'socially distance' on your rugs and chairs, to keep us all safe. The collection plate is at the gate as you came in. Please turn off mobile phones etc. The organ is played in the church. The altar party process from the church.*

## **The Greeting**

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Lord be with you **And also with you.**

## **Welcome**

*Words of welcome are said to the congregation and those watching online.*

## **The Welcome of the newly ordained deacon**

*Taylor stands with the Rector. Words from the Ordination Service are read*

God calls his people to follow Christ, and forms us into a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to declare the wonderful deeds of him who has called us out of darkness into his marvellous light. The Church is the Body of Christ, the people of God and the dwelling-place of the Holy Spirit. In baptism the whole Church is summoned to witness to God's love and to work for the coming of his kingdom. To serve this royal priesthood, God has given a variety of ministries. Deacons are called to work with the Bishop and the priests with whom they serve as heralds of Christ's kingdom. They are to proclaim the gospel in word and deed, as agents of God's purposes of love. They are to serve the community in which they are set, bringing to the Church the needs and hopes of all the people. They are to work with their fellow members in searching out the poor and weak, the sick and lonely and those who are oppressed and powerless, reaching into the forgotten corners of the world, that the love of God may be made visible. Deacons share in the pastoral ministry of the Church and in leading God's people in worship. They preach the word and bring the needs of the world before the Church in intercession. They accompany those searching for faith and bring them to baptism. They assist in administering the sacraments; they distribute communion and minister to the sick and housebound. Deacons are to seek nourishment from the Scriptures; they are to study them with God's people, that the whole Church may be equipped to live out the gospel in the world. They are to be faithful in prayer, expectant and watchful for the signs of God's presence, as he reveals his kingdom among us.

**Taylor, we welcome you as fellow servants in the gospel: may Christ dwell in your heart through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love. 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 God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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**

### **Readings (one of these is read)**

I Kings 19:9-18 At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

**Romans 10:5-15** Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

### **Gospel Reading** Matthew 14:22-33

*Music is played as the incense is prepared and the deacon seeks the celebrant's blessing.*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.” This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Sermon**

**The 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**

*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**

Jesus said: 'Love one another. As I have loved you, so you are to love one another.' 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 indeed right and good, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise through your servant, Jesus Christ our Lord. At his baptism he was revealed as your beloved Son. Coming among us as one who serves, he taught us that the greatest in your kingdom are those who make themselves least and the servants of all. Although he was their teacher and their Lord, he washed the feet of his disciples and commanded us to do the same, that we might reveal the power of your love, made perfect in our human weakness. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, 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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Andrew 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** 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**

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet 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 and banns are read*

## **Commissioning of the Nicole King as Authorised Worship Assistant**

*Nicole stands with the Rector. Words from the Bishop of Norwich's Letter of Authorisation are read. This prayer of blessing is used by the Rector.*

We bless you, O God, and we praise your name. In your merciful providence you sent your Son into the world to free us from the bondage of sin and to enrich us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. He sent his apostles to proclaim the Gospel of life to all peoples. Look kindly on this your servant, Nicole. Guide her steps with your mighty arm and with the power of your grace strengthen him in the spirit, so that she will not falter through weariness. Make her words the echo of Christ's voice, so that those who hear them may be drawn to obey the Gospel. Fill her heart with the Holy Spirit so that, becoming all things to all people, she may lead many to you, the Father of all, to sing your praises in your holy Church. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**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**

**PLEASE DO STAY FOR A CELEBRATORY  
GLASS OF WINE AND THE PICNIC!**



# PRAYER INTENTIONS

- **THE CHURCH Our Ministry Team** James Stewart, Patrick Kerley, Nicole King, Taylor Wilton-Morgan (ordained deacon on 6 August) **Our Bishops** Graham, Alan and Jonathan **Anglican Communion** Province de L'Eglise Anglicane au Rwanda, Laurent Mbanda
- **THE WORLD All those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic**  
*All key workers in NHS and all other fields of frontline work, particularly all public transport workers – drivers of trains and buses, office staff and those working on the infrastructure of rail and road. The people of the nation of Lebanon, particularly those affected by the explosion in Beirut this week.*
- **THE COMMUNITY All those who live and work on** Yarmouth Road
- **THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYER** including Brian Riseborough, Paul Carter, Mark Little, Monique Rowland, Jennifer Jones, Janet Fancy, Colin Hicks, Glenys Paflin, Audrey Camp, Alan Harrison, Jill Hall, Grace Howes, Peter and Gaynor Garrood, Anne Farthing, Rita Ward, Alison Gibson, Joy and Andy McCall, Dave Whitton, Jean High, Orrin Tyrrell, Jean Mayhew
- **THE DEPARTED The recently departed** Freda Garrett, Sylvia Milner, Bernard Wilby, Yvonne Sangster, Jan Thrower, Margaret Pettman **Those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time** Fr George Mead (12<sup>th</sup>), Greta Waters (13<sup>th</sup>), Leslie Dean (14<sup>th</sup>)

# FUNERAL SERVICES IN AUGUST

*Due to the guidelines from HM Government and the Church of England in connection with the Covid-19 pandemic, funeral services are by invitation only*

- 10 Aug** Graveside Funeral of **Sylvia Milner** at the Thorpe St Andrew Churchyard extension, Yarmouth Road
- 12 Aug** Funeral of **Bernard Wilby** at Greenacres, Colney Wood
- 20 Aug** Graveside Funeral of **Yvonne Sangster** at the Thorpe St Andrew Churchyard extension, Yarmouth Road
- 24 Aug** Funeral of **Jan Thrower** at the Parish Church with private cremation thereafter at St Faith's Crematorium (*Time will be provided to invitees*)
- 25 Aug** Funeral of **Margaret Pettman** at St Faith's Crematorium

## SERVICES IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

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

**16 August** 9.30am at the Parish Church

**Simple Communion**

**23 August** 9.30am at the Parish Church

**Simple Communion**

**30 August** 9.30am at the Parish Church

**Family Communion**

## OTHER NOTICES AND USEFUL INFORMATION

**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.

**CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER** The church is open as follows:  
**Monday** CLOSED **Tuesday to Saturday** 10.00am until 4.00pm **Sunday** 11.00am until 5.00pm **MORNING PRAYER** This will be said at **8.30am Tuesday to Friday** at the Parish Church.

**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. **On Sunday 9 August (THIS SUNDAY) the cameras will remain off until 3.00pm.**

**JAN THROWER RIP** It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden and unexpected death of dear Jan. Jan was much involved within the life of the Parish with bell ringing and other activities and more recently continued to wash the linen, and was a regular member of our Soup Lunch community (except on Match Days at Carrow Road). She worshipped at both the Parish Church and the Church of the Good Shepherd. During the lockdown we had conversations about the fact that the Rector was washing his own linen! Although slightly diffident she was a wonderful Norfolk character and leaves a place in our hearts and our community difficult to fill. Please do be in touch with me in relation to this, if you need any additional help at this time. Details of her funeral appear above. We are restricted on numbers due to the Government restrictions.

**PARISH LIFE – AUGUST EDITION** This is now out. Thank you to all our distributors. Contributions are sought for the September Parish Life by 18<sup>th</sup> August. Copies can be obtained upon request at today's service.

## **ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING – 16 AUGUST 2020 at 10.45am**

As announced last week we will hold a shortened meeting next week after the service. Nominations are now welcomed for election as Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council Members. Deanery Synod Representatives have had their terms of office extended to 2021. **Nomination forms can be obtained from me.** If you are not on the electoral roll please complete a form.

**CAFÉ CHURCH AND FAMILY SERVICES** There is no East Coast Truckers' Convoy this year but will keep our 9.30am service as a Family Communion on 30 August – and will provide Zoom opportunities when appropriate. We will review Café Church for September.

**100 CLUB** The last two draws suspended from the 2019-2020 season will be drawn today. The new 2020-2021 season will run from October to September. Forms are available. You can obtain one by contacting Linda Olney on 01603 434986 or Ann Cox on 01603 436619 or by emailing [rector@thorpeparishchurch.org](mailto:rector@thorpeparishchurch.org)

**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 **Saturday 5 September** (9.30am to 11.30am).

**THORPE CEMETERY COMMUNITY PROJECT** We are working with community partners to improve the historic part of the cemetery. We really need some volunteers. This is from 8.45am – 12 noon. Any time is acceptable. They next meet on Saturday 22 August and Saturday 12 September. Further details from the Rector.

**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.

**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.

## **‘ON LOVING GOD’: PARISH STUDY GROUP ON FACEBOOK **LIVE****

The next of our parish study group talks will take place this week, on Thursday 20 August and 27 August at 7.30pm, through the parish Facebook page (in the same way that services are broadcast). It will be recorded and shared there for anyone to view at a later date, too. Taking the twelfth-century Cistercian abbot, St Bernard of Clairvaux, as our guide, our curate, Fr Taylor, will lead us through some key questions for our times. All are very welcome to tune in. For more information please e-mail [fr.taylor@outlook.com](mailto:fr.taylor@outlook.com) or telephone 01603 387401.

**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 flowers to decorate the Church, which will be a great pity. We really, 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.'*

**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, it is very much appreciated. 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 [treasurertsa@gmail.com](mailto:treasurertsa@gmail.com) and 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.

**OFFERINGS AT THIS TIME** A huge thank you to those who have already returned pink envelopes on our first Sunday back or made donations in lieu of these. We are hugely thankful already. If you have not already made a donation in relation to the lockdown period or are able to give more then please do as much as you can. There are numerous ways you can give. Here are few: 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 [treasurertsa@gmail.com](mailto:treasurertsa@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.

**NORWICH EAST DEANERY – PRAYER WALK – 22 AUGUST 2020**  
Departing the parishes and churches of our Deanery throughout the morning and arriving at the Cathedral Cloister for a prayer & blessing at 12.00noon. Please check for local departure times. Bring your own picnic lunch to eat in the Cloister (by kind permission of the Dean & Chapter) For those unable to walk some parking will be available at the Cathedral in the middle part of the day.