



# ST MARY'S CHURCH, THORPE

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St Mary's is committed to inclusivity  
and there is always a warm welcome  
for all.



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Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021

## Easter 4

Welcome to St Mary's Church, Thorpe. Gluten free wafers are available; please ask one of the Wardens on duty upon arrival.  
For use of the Church Hearing Loop, please select T.

**TODAY WE USE THE EASTERTIDE RECYCLABLE SERVICE SHEET**

### 8am Eucharist with congregation

Celebrant: Fr Gerard. Preacher: Andrew Falconer.

Server: Andy West. Warden: Bev Germany.

Welcome & Reader: Kim Stangroom.

### 10am Parish Eucharist with congregation and online

Followed by socially distanced coffee

At 10am Car Parking for permit holders in TASIS South Campus car park.

Procession The King of love my shepherd is

Offertory O Lord, my God, when I in awesome

Communion Faithful shepherd, feed me

Recessional Great is thy faithfulness

Celebrant: Fr Damian. Preacher: Andrew Falconer. Warden: Susi Thornton. Welcome: Deborah Kidd & Margaret Roberts. Server: Catherine Wareham-Davies. Readers: Bryan Nixon & Margaret Roberts. Intercessions: Susi Thornton. Organist: David Howard. Cantor: Petra Hudson.

The Sunday 10am Eucharist is available to view LIVE on our website at:  
<https://www.stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk/videos>

### 11.30am Short PCC meeting via zoom

### 7pm Compline with congregation and online

Led by: Fr Gerard. Welcome: Andrew Falconer & Joan Gruncell.

Reader: Peter Gruncell. Intercessions: Andrew Falconer

**Sermon Notes** for today will be available on the website shortly.

**Children's Colouring Sheets** are available via our weekly mailer – please contact [stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com](mailto:stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com) to sign up.

### ST MARY'S INTERCESSIONS Please remember in your prayers:

**The Sick (immediate need):** Jenny Pike, Stella Scrase, Dennis Ives, Sue Bruce, Brenda, Lyn Borley, Lesley, James & his family, Rosemarie Dancer, Ian Dean, Andrea, Andrew Buchanan, Alice Armstrong, Peter Silvester, Stuart Hatch, Pat Joseph, Carol Mason, Sarah Bradshaw, David Woodward & Kirsty Fuller. **Continuing prayers:** Lionel Pike, Evie, June, Jannette Taunton, Sue Dean, John Brittain, Serina Tatham, David de Ville, Stephen Coling, Brian O'Kane, David Oldfield, Mark Wardell, Miles Herne, Alice McGonnell, Zoe Reeves & Meryl. **General Prayer Requests:** All affected by Covid-19, and those in the NHS still treating patients & servicing the vaccine roll-out, terrorism & natural disasters. Our clergy team, churchwardens and PCC. **The Elderly & Infirm:** June, Elaine & Dennis, Margot, Joan, Jean, Margaret & Ruth. **The Recently Departed:** Baby Ted Simmonds, Jean Smith, Margaret Bell. **Anniversaries of Death:** Jean Greaves, John Lloyd-James

**Runnymede Food Bank** – Do continue to leave your contributions in the green crate outside the (old) Rutherwyke Room / Link door (under the canopy). These will be collected regularly. Thank you for your support and help for those in need at this time.

**Do you shop online at Amazon?** By joining [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://www.smile.amazon.co.uk) you can support St. Mary's without any costs to you. Just sign up and select St Mary's Church, Thorpe from the charity list.

## DURING THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Monday	Morning Prayer led by Fr Damian 8pm Fr Damian attending Marriage training re new rules
Tuesday	Morning Prayer led by Mtr Jo 10.30am Thorpe Primary School 'Collective Worship' via Zoom with Fr Damian from Church 11.30am Funeral in church of Jean Smith RIP 7pm clergy diary meeting 7.30pm Exploring Beatitudes – see details below
Wednesday	10am Eucharist with Fr Damian in church 8pm Fr Damian attending webinar with Archbishop of Canterbury re Mission
Thursday	Morning Prayer led by Fr Gerard
Friday	Fr Damian off duty
Saturday	Morning Prayer led by Andrew Falconer Morning Prayer led by Mtr Jo



Next Sunday – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021

## Easter 5

Fr Damian is off-duty today

8am Said Eucharist with congregation in church

10am Parish Eucharist with congregation and online

11.30am Family Mass with congregation and online

7pm Compline with congregation and online

## ST MARY'S CHURCH IS OPEN FOR COVID-SECURE COMMUNAL WORSHIP AND FUNERAL SERVICES

Do NOT leave your home or attend Church if you feel unwell in any way at all. Thank you for your understanding.

### PLEASE NOTE COVID PROCEDURES APPLY FOR ALL SERVICES

Please come in good time to follow entry procedure: Follow the one-way footpath around the church through the churchyard and queue remaining 2 metres from the person in front. Entrance is via the Rutherwyke Room kitchen/back door. All must wash their hands, wear a face mask\* and sign-in (for Test & Trace purposes). Please **do not sing**. Please only sit on the chairs spaced at 2 metres and follow the one-way-system through church at all times. THANK YOU for complying to KEEP US SAFE.

## LOOKING AHEAD – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

Ascension of our Lord – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May,

6pm Festival Eucharist

7pm Fish & Chips supper in the Churchyard

groups of six in gazebos. You can book your place in church and for the meal afterwards by visiting:

<https://www.stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk/register-to-attend>

**Socially distanced Summer Fair – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Please put this date in your diary and keep it free – all hands to the pump!**

**Electoral Roll Revision** – the complete list of names of those on the new Electoral Roll is now displayed in Church. Please let Sarah Bolton know of any amendments you notice. Thank you.

**Exploring the Beatitudes** Tuesday Evenings, 7.30pm from 20<sup>th</sup> April. <https://www.stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk/register-to-attend>

**Coffee Rota** – we need volunteers to sign a rota sheet at the back of church to cover this on Sundays after the 10am service please.

Gift Aided donations/Collection for Services via <https://www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchThorpe/> click DONATE. Cheques: Thorpe PCC.

Items for newsletter by 12nn Wednesdays; items for mailer by 12nn Thursdays - all to [stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com](mailto:stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com) please.

**COLLECT**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING Acts 4.5–12**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.  
The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.' This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM Psalm 23**

**R The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. **R**

He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **R**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **R**

**Sharing faith with others - four tips!**

1. Look for conversations not confrontations.
  2. Don't try and defend God, just be honest about the positive's faith brings you.
  3. Listen and be genuinely interested in others.
  4. Trust God to change hearts and pray that conversations will inspire faith.
- Then, invite them to come along WITH YOU to St Mary's Church! **Amen.**

**SECOND READING 1 John 3.16–24**

A reading from the first letter of John.

We know love by this, that the Son of God laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases God. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL John 10.11–18**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold.

I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**HYMN 1***Henry Williams Baker 1821-1877*

The King of love my shepherd is,  
 whose goodness faileth never;  
 I nothing lack if I am his  
 and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow  
 my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
 and where the verdant pastures grow  
 with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
 but yet in love he sought me,  
 and on his shoulder gently laid,  
 and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
 with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
 thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
 thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight,  
 thy unction grace bestoweth;  
 and O what transport of delight  
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days  
 thy goodness faileth never:  
 good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
 within thy house for ever.

**HYMN 2***Karl Boberg 1859-1940*

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder  
 Consider all the works Thy hand has made,  
 I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
 Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed

*Then sings my soul,  
 my Saviour God, to thee;  
 how great thou art, how great thou art.  
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 my Saviour God, to thee  
 how great thou art, how great thou art.*

When through the woods  
 and forest glades I wander  
 and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
 when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
 and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in  
 that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
 he bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart;  
 when I shall bow in humble adoration,  
 and there proclaim: My God, how great thou art

**HYMN 3***Thomas Benson Pollock 1836-1896*

Faithful Shepherd, feed me  
 in the pastures green;  
 faithful Shepherd, lead me  
 where thy steps are seen.

Hold me fast, and guide me  
 in the narrow way;  
 so, with thee beside me,  
 I shall never stray.

Daily bring me nearer  
 to the heav'nly shore;  
 may my faith grow clearer,  
 may I love thee more:

Hallow ev'ry pleasure,  
 ev'ry joy and pain;  
 be thyself my treasure,  
 though none else I gain.

Day by day prepare me  
 as thou seest best,  
 then let angels bear me  
 to thy promised rest.

**HYMN 4***Thomas Obadiah Chisholm 1866-1960*

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father,  
 there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
 thou changest not; thy compassions, they fail not;  
 as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness!  
 Great is thy faithfulness!  
 Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
 all I have needed thy hand hath provided,  
 great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
 sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
 join with all nature in manifold witness  
 to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
 thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
 strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
 blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

