



The Parish of Thorpe St Andrew

Weekly Newsletter and Service Sheet
Harvest Thanksgiving (Trinity 19) 10 October 2021



A Message from the Rector ***Give thanks with a grateful heart***

Even with the difficulties of delivery at present, in our world of 24-hour supermarkets – with their shelves bursting with countless pre-packaged forms of wheat, barley and their gluten-free equivalents, and with multiple varieties of Manuka honey and chilli-infused olive oil – it

can be easy for us all to take food completely for granted. Harvest Festival is a great opportunity for us to recall and celebrate together the origins of these good gifts – to express our gratitude for the land and people who produce them, and to thank God from whom they all spring. Our gifts of non-perishable food given at church are blessed by God and will be a blessing to those, who in these difficult times of fuel poverty and the coming to an end of the extra Covid-19 bonus on Universal Credit, are really struggling to survive. Struggling not only for food but often feeling unloved and stuck in the margins of society. God's gifts at harvest time are therefore not just about food. God is faithful to all people and affirms that we are his treasured possession, and with that gives us all we can ever want or imagine as an expression of his abundant love for all in our world. God provides us with community, security and a home. This harvest time we say Thank you for all that God has given us and in our gifts of packets and tins, we are not only providing a basic meal but a reminder to those who receive them that we are all created in God's image, and are each known and loved by God, inherently imbued with dignity and worth, ready for all that life will bring. God bless you all this Harvest time!

Father James

SERVICE TODAY

10.30am Harvest Festival Eucharist – Parish Church

Hymns NEH 259, NH&WS 263, NEH 262, NH&WS 222, NEH 261

Readings Joel 2:21-27; Matthew 6:25-34

A separate order service contains the prayers/hymns/readings.

Prayer Intentions

THE CHURCH

Our Bishops Graham, Alan and Jane

Our Ministry Team Nicole King, James Stewart.

Norwich East Deanery St Andrew, Trowse *Clergy:* Rosemary Braby

Lay Minister: Chris Sanham

Anglican Communion The Church of the Province of West Africa

THE WORLD

The preparations being made for the COP26 Summit in Glasgow and the conclusion of the Youth Climate conference in Milan.

Vaccinations Giving thanks for those who have received two jabs and praying for the roll out of the vaccine across the world.

THE COMMUNITY

Key parts of our community All those working in local hospitals (NNUH), incl. doctors, nurses, porters, cleaners, cooks, administrative staff, chaplains

Streets of Parish Whitlingham Lane, William's Loke, Winceby Close

Our community Civic leaders on Town, District and County Councils

THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYER including Paul Carter, Graham and Monique Rowland, Jennifer Jones, Janet Fancy, Colin Hicks, Grace Howes, Peter and Gaynor Garrood, Rita Ward, Joy and Andy McCall, Brother Gabriel, Craig Fransham, Anthony Travis, Alan Fleming, Maureen Goodswen, Marion Troutbeck, Roy Ferris, Eileen Walters, Margaret Key, Graham Shelton

THE DEPARTED

The recently departed Jack Jenner, Brenda Lewis, Molly Wilby (5 Nov)

Those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time including

Lesley Ives (11 Oct), Ela Beer (12 Oct), Don Mayhew (12 Oct), John Lee (12 Oct), Victor Hughff (13 Oct), Sidney Johnson (13 Oct), John Towers (14 Oct), Jack Martin (14 Oct), Michael Towers (15 Oct)

Other notices and announcements

SERVICE BOOKLET/NEWSLETTER - UPDATE

This service booklet will now carry a front-page reflection, the readings/prayers for the day, prayer intentions for the week and the notices. A service booklet is now in operation. **Please return it at the end of service, but please retain the newsletter.** Copies can be made available on request to the Rector.

KEEPING SAFE AS RESTRICTIONS INTO STEP 4 EASE

We have published our guidelines for several weeks. Please follow the directions given in the service and from the churchwardens/sidespeople. If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to be in touch with the Rector.

CAFÉ CHURCH – NEXT DATE: 24 October 2021 Come and join the fun at St Andrew's Centre at 11.00am for informal worship/craft/songs/prayer.

CONFIRMATION We are now preparing candidates for the next confirmation in the Cathedral on **Saturday 27 November at 11.00am.** At this stage we are preparing adults for confirmation and will be looking at confirmation for our young people in the New Year. If interested please contact Fr James on rector@thorpeparishchurch.org or 01603 439160. Last call since classes have begun: Next one – **14 October 2021 at 7.00pm.**

THE BIG CLEAN! Saturday 6 November 2021 (9.00am-12noon)

The Parish Church needs a jolly good clean in readiness for Remembrance and all the activities over the Christmas period – so please come along and lend a hand to this mammoth operation! Refreshments will be provided.

FILM NIGHT 2021- Saturday 16 October 2021 at 7pm

Andrew Hayden, our industrious projectionist returns with a vintage version of *Robinson Crusoe* as the main feature and other interesting films before we get to it. Refreshments will be served. A donation of £5 is suggested. Sign up sheets **THIS SUNDAY.** These events are always great fun!

AUTUMN FAIR 30 October 2021 from 10am-12noon

Christine Cutting writes: A reminder that this event takes place at St Andrew's Centre. Raffle tickets will be on sale soon. We have ample bric-a-brac and books but we are still looking for good quality jewellery to sell. There will be tombola, books, plants, refreshments, jams and Christmas novelties stalls.

HELP REQUIRED: is there anybody who would be willing to help set-up on the Friday evening or to help on the Saturday with the bric-a-brac stall or serving refreshments? Please contact Christine Cutting on 01603 432274 or email: cutting248@btinternet.com. Many thanks for your support with this.

100 CLUB We are now beginning the 2021-2022 season, which runs October to September. We are still waiting to hear from a number of subscribers, who subscribed last year but have not yet put their forms in!! Forms from: Linda Olney 01603 434986/Christine Cutting on cutting248@btinternet.com

SIX TALKS ABOUT RUSSIA AND FORMER SOVIET UNION

Life and Adventures around Russia and the former Soviet Union: six illustrated talks by Gale Carruthers, **starting 14 October at 2.30pm in the St Andrew's Centre**. Gale is a member of the Parish Church congregation, and I am delighted that she has agreed to give these talks at the St Andrew's Centre this Autumn. I heartily recommend them. Gale is kindly doing these in aid of church funds (suggested donation to include refreshments - £3).

ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE Our service to remember loved ones who have died over the last two years and before takes place on Sunday 7 November at 3.00pm at the Parish Church. Refreshments will be served.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES *Linda Olney writes:* I have now been asked to collect the Children's Society boxes, so I would be very grateful if you could either bring them to church or contact me so that I can arrange collection. With many thanks, Linda Olney - Tel 01603 434986.

THE BUCK – AN UPDATE The owners have submitted revised drawing for their plans and these can be viewed at www.broadland.gov.uk/plans by inserting the application numbers – 20210161 and 20210178.

DATES FOR DIARY:

20 November at 7.00pm – Music Hall Evening;

5 December (4.30pm-6.30pm) Traditional Christmas River Green Event

Services in the coming weeks

Sun 10 October (TRINITY 19)

10.30am Harvest Festival Eucharist – Parish Church

12noon for 12.30pm Harvest Lunch – St Andrew's Centre

Sun 17 October (TRINITY 20)

8.00am Eucharist – Good Shepherd

9.30am Sung Eucharist (in person and streamed LIVE) – Parish Church

Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter Doll, Vice Dean – Norwich Cathedral

11.15am Eucharist – Good Shepherd

Sun 24 October (TRINITY 17)

9.30am Sung Eucharist (in person and streamed LIVE) – Parish Church

11.00am Café Church