

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6:25-34 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Do Not Worry

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

OUR MISSION:

To share the love of God with all who live in Little Thornton – and beyond

We don't just meet on Sunday morning at church – there are lots of things happening throughout the week and at various times in the month.

Why not try something new? Maybe invite a friend to join you or come and meet new ones as well.



St John's Weekly
16th February 2020
2nd Sunday before Lent

OT: Genesis 1.1-2.3
Epistle: Romans 8.18-25
Gospel: Matthew 6.25-end

Holy Communion today at 3pm

THIS WEEK

Mon 17th Feb	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Tues 18th Feb	9.30am 10.00am 7.30pm	Morning Prayer Tea-Toast-Chat @The Bay Horse Home Group
Wed 19th Feb	9.30am 10.00am 2.00pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer Movie Morning for all Snack and Chat Thornton Ladies Club
Thurs 20th Feb	9.30am 6.30pm	Morning Prayer Choir Practice
Fri 21st Feb	9.30am Noon	Morning Prayer Friday at Noon - Stop and pray

NEXT SUNDAY

23rd February
Sunday next before Lent


9:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10:30am Parish Communion

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NEWS & NOTICES

- ✧ **AN EVENING WITH ARCHBISHOP SENTAMU 26th MARCH 7.30pm.** On the evening of March 26th at 7.30pm there is an event at Blackburn Cathedral which will be ideal either for those new to the faith or for people who want to bring along a friend in order to introduce them to faith in Jesus Christ. Lively hymns and enjoyable input concluding with an address given by the Archbishop. **Not to be missed!** Rev Jane has 6 tickets left. If you would like one (or 2, so you can bring a friend), please let her know.

- ✧ **BLACKBURN DIOCESE** – Bishops Julian, Philip and Jill are taking to the stage at Blackburn Cathedral on 29th February and 1st March in a very special performance of “The Mark” drama. It is a 90 minute groundbreaking drama and is the perfect way to begin Lent in 2020 as we focus our heads and hearts towards the cross at Easter. Tickets are £5.80 and are available via www.blackburn.anglican.org – scroll down to News.

- ✧ **COLLECTING UNWANTED CLOTHES/BAGS/BELTS** – Please bring any unwanted items for the annual collection of rags to raise funds for church. If you need items to be collected, please contact Irene Greenwood 824363 who will arrange for someone to collect.

- ✧ **REGULAR GIVING** – ‘For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.’ 1 Chron 29.14



Giving by Standing Order is a great way to give and is easy to do. If you would like more information, please speak to the Treasurer, Gill Taplin or to Rev Jane.

Forms are at the back of Church.

29TH MARCH 2020 - APCM



The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held after the 10:30am service at noon on 29th March.

Bring a picnic so we can share lunch together and celebrate all that God has done for us over the past year.



Any remaining reports from Groups for inclusion in the Annual Report to be passed to Lyn Vickers by 1st March 2020 at the latest please.

By email if possible to lynvickers25@gmail.com or pass a written report to Lyn or Rev Jane.

Thankyou.

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DON'T MISS OUT!

**MOVIE MORNING –
WEDNESDAY 19th FEBRUARY
10am-Noon in the Hall**

Bring your own snacks and popcorn!



**EVERYONE IS WELCOME
(No charge but donations welcome)**

MORNING PRAYER

Join us each morning as we meet in the Lady Chapel at 9:30am to say morning prayer. Approx 20-25 mins.

We follow the Church of England Daily Prayer.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-daily-prayer>

FRIDAYS AT NOON – Prayer

Every Friday at noon, staff in the Diocesan Offices have a 'prayer moment' where they commit to God people, places and issues that are on their heart.

Why not join them, wherever you are? The prayer time concludes with the following prayer;

Heavenly Father, I am Your child. Help me to know my need of you. Give me the courage to empty myself, that I may be filled with Your light and love, and reflect Your glory in the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord

DAILY BIBLE READING

Psalms 119.105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path

	OT Book	Chapters	NT Book	Chapters
Feb				
17 th	Genesis	29.31-30.24	2 Timothy	4.1-8
18 th	Genesis	31.1-24	2 Timothy	4.9-end
19 th	Genesis	31.25-32.2	Titus	1
20 th	Genesis	32.3-30	Titus	2
21 st	Genesis	33.1-17	Titus	3
22 nd	Genesis	35	Philemon	
23 rd	Exodus	34.29-end	2 Corinthians	4.3-6

Giving to St John's



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