

## GOSPEL READING

### John 3:1-17 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

#### Nicodemus Visits Jesus

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.



## St John's Weekly 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent



OT: Genesis 12.1-4a  
Epistle: Romans 4.1-5, 13-17  
Gospel: John 3.1-17

### THIS WEEK

<b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9.30am 3.30pm	Morning Prayer GLOW Zone
<b>Tues 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9.30am 10.00am 12noon 7.30pm	Morning Prayer Tea-Toast-Chat @The Bay Horse Lent Lunch Christ Church, Thornton Home Group
<b>Wed 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9.30am 9.15am 2.00pm	Morning Prayer Little Ts – Toddler Group Snack and Chat
<b>Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9.30am 6.30pm	Morning Prayer Choir Practice
<b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9.30am Noon	Morning Prayer Friday at Noon - Stop and pray

### NEXT SUNDAY

15<sup>th</sup> March  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

**9:00am** Holy Communion (BCP)  
**10:30am** All Age Celebration  
**3:00pm** Holy Communion

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## NEWS & NOTICES



### THORNTON CHURCHES TOGETHER LENT LUNCHES

Please put these dates in your diary and come along and join with our Christian brothers and sisters; All begin at 12 noon followed by a light lunch.

**Tues 10<sup>th</sup> March – Christ Church Thornton**

**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> March - Sacred Heart Thornton**

**Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> March – Thornton Methodist**

- ✧ **AN EVENING WITH ARCHBISHOP SENTAMU 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH 7.30pm.** On the evening of March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm there is an event at Blackburn Cathedral. Lively hymns and enjoyable input concluding with an address given by the Archbishop. **Not to be missed!** Rev Jane has a **few tickets left**. If you would like one (or 2, so you can bring a friend), please let her know.

- ✧ **TEA AND TOAST ON TUESDAY** – We meet in The Bay Horse at 10am every Tuesday for tea and a chat. Come and join us. All are welcome.

- ✧ **SNACK AND CHAT – WEDNESDAYS 2pm-3.30pm** – Join us for a brew, cake and a chat. Just £1.50.



The Flower Guild would welcome any donations to the Easter Flower Fund to help them decorate the Church for the Easter Festival. There is a container at the back of church for any donations to be added. Thank you!

- ✧ **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.

- ✧ **MEN'S LUNCH 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH at 12.30pm - THE TAVERN AT THE MILL** – All men welcome to come and join us.

- ✧ **THORNTON LADIES CLUB** – Meet from 7.30pm for 8pm start in the Church Hall. All ladies welcome!

### 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020 - APCM



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

Bring along a picnic lunch and let's enjoy a time of fellowship as we celebrate all that God has done over the past 12 months.



**ELECTORAL ROLL** – Please check the list at the back of church and if your name isn't on and you would like it to be, please fill in one of the forms to apply to be on the roll.

### **GLOW Zone**

### **God Lights Our Way**



We meet every Monday in term-time 3.30pm in the Hall. A family time. Come and see – tell your friends.

### **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.

### **FRIDAYS AT NOON – Prayer**

Every Friday at noon, wherever you are join others and have a 'prayer moment'. Commit to God people, places and issues that are on your heart.

You can conclude 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**

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path*

*Psalms 119.105*

	OT Book	Chapters	NT Book	Chapters
Do you find the list of readings helpful each week? If so, please let Rev Jane know. Thank you.				
9 <sup>th</sup>	Genesis	43.16-end	Hebrews	1
10 <sup>th</sup>	Genesis	44.1-17	Hebrews	2.1-9
11 <sup>th</sup>	Genesis	44.18-end	Hebrews	2.10-end
12 <sup>th</sup>	Genesis	45.1-15	Hebrews	3.1-6
13 <sup>th</sup>	Genesis	45.16-end	Hebrews	3.7-end
14 <sup>th</sup>	Genesis	46.1-7, 28-end	Hebrews	4.1-13
15 <sup>th</sup>	Amos	7.10-end	2 Corinthians	1.1-11

**EASTER CARD** – Can you help deliver the Easter cards?

We aim to deliver to a card to every home in the parish but we need your help. Please sign up on the lists at the back of church. Many hands (and feet!) make light work.

### **OUR MISSION:**

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