

GOSPEL READING

John 4:5-42 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." *(cont'd overleaf)*



St John's Weekly

15th March 2020

3rd Sunday of Lent



OT: Exodus 17.1-7
 Epistle: Romans 5.1-11
 Gospel: John 4.5-42

THIS WEEK

Mon 16th March	9.30am 3.30pm	Morning Prayer GLOW Zone
Tues 17th March	9.30am 10.00am 7.30pm	Morning Prayer Tea-Toast-Chat @The Bay Horse Home Group
Wed 18th March	9.30am 9.15am 2.00pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer Little Ts – Toddler Group Snack and Chat Thornton Ladies Club
Thurs 19th March	9.30am 12noon 6.30pm	Morning Prayer Lent Lunch – Sacred Heart, Thornton Choir Practice
Fri 20th March	9.30am Noon	Morning Prayer Stop and pray
Sat 21st March	2.00pm	Flower 'bunching' in the hall

NEXT SUNDAY

22nd March

Mothering Sunday


9:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Parish Communion

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NEWS & NOTICES

- ✧ **THORNTON LADIES CLUB WEDS 18TH MARCH** – Meet from 7.30pm for 8pm start in the Church Hall. Our talk this month is Probate, Wills and Planning. Come Along - all ladies are welcome.
- ✧ **WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR 26TH MARCH 7.30pm?** Don't miss out on an evening with Archbishop Sentamu at Blackburn Cathedral before he retires. Lively hymns and enjoyable input concluding with an address given by the Archbishop. **Come along and bring a friend.** Rev Jane has a **few tickets left.** Get yours before they all go!

29TH MARCH 2020 - APCM

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



- ✧ **NO ONE CAN DO EVERYTHING, BUT EVERYONE CAN DO SOMETHING!**

Have you ever thought about helping at St John's? Have a look at the list of volunteer roles and see if there is something that you would like to be involved with.

SIDESPEOPLE The list for Sidespeople is now up at the back of church. If you are interest in being a Sidesperson please sign the list or for more info speak to one of the Churchwardens or Rev Jane.

NOMINATION FORMS ARE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH for Churchwardens, PCC Members and Deanery Synod representatives.

- ✧ **EASTER FLOWERS**



The Flower Guild would welcome 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.

Thank you for your generosity.

- ✧ **EASTER CARDS** are now ready for delivery. To simplify the process there has been a slight change to the distribution lists to group neighbouring streets together. The lists are self-explanatory but someone will be at the back of church to help with any queries. Thank you to everyone who helps to deliver the cards – sharing the love of God to all in Little Thornton!

THORNTON CHURCHES TOGETHER LENT LUNCHES

Come and join with our Christian brothers and sisters. 12 noon followed by a light lunch;

Thurs 19th March - Sacred Heart Thornton

Thurs 26th March – Thornton Methodist

Seekers

Do you have an hour to spare?

Please come along next **Sat. 21st March at 2pm** in the church hall to help 'bunch' the flowers for Mothering Sunday.

Thank you.



MORNING PRAYER

Join us each morning as we meet in the Lady Chapel at 9:30am to say morning prayer. Approx 20-25 mins. What a wonderful way to start the day!

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

	OT Book	Chapters	NT Book	Chapters
Mar				
16 th	Genesis	47.1-27	Hebrews	4.14-5.10
17 th	Genesis	47.28-end 48	Hebrews	5.11-6.12
18 th	Genesis	49.1-32	Hebrews	6.13-end
19 th	Isaiah	11.1-0	Matthew	13.34-end
21 st	Exodus	1.1-14	Hebrews	7.11-end
22 nd	Exodus	1.22-2.10	Hebrews	8
23 rd	Isaiah	43.1-7	Ephesians	2.8-14

GOSPEL - cont'd

John 4:5-42

So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world."