

THE PARISH OF GREAT YARMOUTH

GREAT YARMOUTH MINSTER, ST PAUL'S, ST MARY'S

SUNDAY 8th November 2020 Remembrance Sunday

Sunday Service Facebook at 10am.

Evening Prayer on Facebook / Youtube Thursday at 7pm.

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This week we have a chance to remember - but what shall we be remembering - the Gunpowder Plot, Two World Wars, countless human conflicts before or since? It is easy to misuse 'Remembrance' Day or Remembrance Sunday, as a time to forget our own complicity in human suffering, in conflict and violence... as we think only of named wars and the cost - sometimes close, sometimes distant to our own experience... it is perhaps a little easier to lay a wreath of flowers and think of noble young lives cut short, than it is to examine our own lives, and see where we too are inclined to make people our enemies and interact using violence, anger or oppression... But it is in our own human hearts that the first battles of every war begin - and the work of Remembrance is to bring that knowledge home to us again, to remind us of the cost, before that conflict breaks beyond the bounds of our own hearts, and into the lives of others, of a community or a nation...

...So 'Remembrance' is a time to reflect deeply on the cost of ALL human conflict, and to acknowledge the final cost of peace - to look to the Lord of our faith - Christ, who was delivered meekly into the hands of soldiers by his own community... and to decide that we must once again commit ourselves to work together, and to work hard, towards making peace... so that we do not deliver Christ the gentle stranger into the hands of violence.

Revd Jemma Sander-Heys



NOTICES

Our Churches are Closed for Public Worship. We offer services online so please join us if you are able to. Online Sundays at 10am. The Minster is open 7 days a week, 10-12pm.

Would you like to be a Dippy Volunteer!! From 11th Jan to 21st March 2021, Norwich Cathedral will be hosting Dippy the Diplodocus from the Natural History Museum. If you would like to be part of the team helping welcome our visitors and enabling them to get the very most out of the Dippy experience. You don't need previous experience of volunteering, or be a dinosaur expert to get involved. You just need to have a friendly and helpful attitude and lots of enthusiasm! We are looking for people who can offer half a day a week Monday to Saturday (or a Friday evening) during each of the ten weeks that Dippy is with us. Full details, and an application form are available at: <https://www.cathedral.org.uk/about/news/detail/2020/01/27/dippy-volunteers>

Spare Crosses are needed for Priory School who are having year group assemblies at present. They need to be crosses which can stand up on a table. Also some simple coloured cloths (approx 4x4 ft) in green, red, purple and gold / white. Any offers to Parish Office.

Do you have a **Christmas Jumper** you no longer need? Priory School are collecting them for the children and can collect from you. Any offers to Kerry Jarmey, email address kjarmey3mr9@nsix.org.uk or phone 01493 843552.

Regular Giving. Income across the whole parish is much reduced this year and our finances are under great stress. Your support is vital. If you wish to set up a regular payment or make a one-off gift, account name: The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Great Yarmouth, sort code 20-99-21 and account number 60425850. Thank you.

Electoral Roll is being revised. If you are a regular member of our church and wish to be added please complete a form. A form is available in all churches or contact Parish Office.

Minster Open daily from 10am-12noon for private prayer and visitors. We need helpers to keep the Minster open day by day. All volunteers are welcome, not just church members. Any offers please contact the Parish Office.

Parish Magazine: The November magazine is out now, if you have any articles for the magazine please contact Pat Stringer, email: pat.stringer1@sky.com

PARISH PRAYER LIST If anyone wants someone prayed for, ask any of the Ministry Team or the parish office. Pray for those who are sick or in need, all who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit or in need of God's loving care: Sheila, Brenda, Ronnie, Leah, David, Fleur, Della, Wendy. Pray for those who work to keep our community safe and limit the spread of the virus. Pray for those who live in poor accommodation or are homeless. Pray for the work of the Pathway Cafe & Support Centre.

COLLECT

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those
in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages
of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle
rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

(Alternative readings)

Either **Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16**
A reading from the book of Wisdom.

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those
who love her, and is found by those
who seek her. She hastens to make
herself known to those who desire
her. One who rises early to seek
her will have no difficulty, for she
will be found sitting at the gate. To
fix one's thought on her is perfect
understanding, and one who is
vigilant on her account will soon be
free from care, because she goes
about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in
their paths, and meets them in every
thought.

Or **Amos 5:18-24**

*A reading from the book of the
prophet Amos.*

Alas for you who desire the day of
the LORD! Why do you want the day
of the LORD? It is darkness, not light;
as if someone fled from a lion, and
was met by a bear; or went into the
house and rested a hand against the
wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not
the day of the LORD darkness, not
light, and gloom with no brightness
in it? I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn
assemblies. Even though you offer
me your burnt-offerings and grain-

offerings, I will not accept them; and
the offerings of well-being of your
fatted animals I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your
songs; I will not listen to the melody
of your harps. But let justice roll down
like waters, and righteousness like an
ever-flowing stream.

PSALM Psalm 70

R *Come to me quickly, O God.*

O God, make speed to save me;
O Lord, make haste to help me.
Let those who seek my life
be put to shame and confusion;
let them be turned back and
disgraced
who wish me evil.

Let those who mock and deride me
turn back because of their shame. **R**

But let all who seek you rejoice and
be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say
always, "Great is the Lord!"

As for me, I am poor and needy;
come to me quickly, O God.
You are my help and my deliverer;
O Lord, do not delay. **R**

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

*A reading from the first letter of Paul
to the Thessalonians.*

We do not want you to be
uninformed, brothers and sisters,
about those who have died, so that
you may not grieve as others do who
have no hope. For since we believe
that Jesus died and rose again, even
so, through Jesus, God will bring with
him those who have died. For this
we declare to you by the word of the
Lord, that we who are alive, who are
left until the coming of the Lord, will
by no means precede those who have
died. For the Lord himself, with a cry
of command, with the archangel's call
and with the sound of God's trumpet,
will descend from heaven, and the
dead in Christ will rise first. Then we
who are alive, who are left, will be
caught up in the clouds together with

them to meet the Lord in the air; and
so we will be with the Lord for ever.
Therefore encourage one another
with these words.

GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Matthew.*

Jesus spoke this parable to the
disciples: "The kingdom of heaven
will be like this. Ten bridesmaids
took their lamps and went to meet
the bridegroom. Five of them were
foolish, and five were wise. When the
foolish took their lamps, they took
no oil with them; but the wise took
flasks of oil with their lamps. As the
bridegroom was delayed, all of them
became drowsy and slept. But at
midnight there was a shout, 'Look!
Here is the bridegroom! Come out to
meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids
got up and trimmed their lamps. The
foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some
of your oil, for our lamps are going
out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there
will not be enough for you and for us;
you had better go to the dealers and
buy some for yourselves.' And while
they went to buy it, the bridegroom
came, and those who were ready
went with him into the wedding
banquet; and the door was shut. Later
the other bridesmaids came also,
saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But
he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not
know you.' Keep awake therefore,
for you know neither the day nor the
hour."

POST COMMUNION

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed
the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness
of life:
look with compassion on the anguish
of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus
Christ.

