

St Mary's Thorpe

A House of Prayer for All



We will **Live** by a rule and rhythm of prayer, **Learn** from all generations and **Love** the diversity of people welcomed.

Church Family News, week of 10th May

Greetings

In a time of “global personalities” and a focus on personal gain and recognition, it is inspiring to remember past International philanthropists. During his lifetime, Andrew Carnegie invested more than \$350 million in charities; founding 2,509 libraries and 23 organizations worldwide to promote education, peace, philanthropy and science. Toward the end of his life, he had a single goal: achieving world peace. He believed in the power of international laws and trusted that future conflicts could be averted through mediation. In May 1904 he donated towards the founding of the Peace Palace in the Hague which now houses the Permanent Court of Arbitration, the United Nations International Court of Justice and The Hague Academy of International Law. Often seen as the “Father of Philanthropy” he wrote:

“To try to make the world in some way better than you found it is to have a noble motive in life.”
(*The Empire of Business*)

Each of us inspired to give of our time, gifts and resources for the benefit of others can truly make the world better in some small way. Warden Diana

This week

TODAY 8am Said Holy Communion
10am Sung Holy Communion

Monday from 11am

Friendship Group at the Red Lion for anyone who would like to meet other people
2-4pm Tea and Talk - Mayor Margaret Harnden and volunteers on the work of the local Foodbank, and ‘Egham Constellations’.
7.30pm TWRA meeting in the Rutherwyke Room

Tuesday 5.25-6.45pm

Young Life Group in the Rutherwyke Room

Wednesday

8-8.45am Campaigners Group in the Rutherwyke Room
9am –3pm Parish Office Open
10am-4pm Church open
No Wednesday holy communion service
Refreshments available at 11.30am
7.15-9.15pm Art Class in the Rutherwyke Room

Thursday 9-11am Noah's Ark in the Rutherwyke Room

THURSDAY 11am ASCENSION DAY Holy Communion
Server: Grace Warden: Jill Welcome: Joy
11.30am Friendship Group refreshments

Friday: Father Stephen's day off

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Sunday 17th May 10am Family Service and Baptism

A chance to choose your favourite hymn/song. Please send your requests to the parish office by Wednesday 13th May

stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com or speak to Fr. Stephen.

Sunday 17th May - The Rutherwyke Room is booked for the baptism party from 12 noon on 17th May so please move to the garden (or the church if wet) at 11.50 to continue socialising.

Sunday 24th May 8.45-9.45am—Pentecost Sunday and joint Family Continental Breakfast in the Rutherwyke Room.

Please sign the attendance sheet in church or in the Rutherwyke Room

Saturday 6th June—St Mary's and FOTSA Community Fair on the Frank Muir field. Please put the date in your diary.

Please contact Susi if you are able to help.

email susithornton38@gmail.com **We need bottles, new and nearly new goods, cakes, good quality jewellery, bric a brac** -(unusual goods sell well) No books! Please start bringing goods from 24th May.

Notices

National Novena of Prayer

The Archbishop of Canterbury is inviting all parishes in the Church of England to join with her and our Bishops in a nine day (*Novena*) season of prayer between Ascension Day, Thursday 14th May, and Pentecost, Sunday 24th May. The focus will be the work of the Holy Spirit in sustaining and transforming lives and the world in which we live, and how our life of prayer and witness is part of his work. I will be offering resources for prayer at the Sunday services on 10/5, please join me, with the wider church, in finding at least 5 minutes each day to use the resources and pray. The midweek 11am service is moved from Wednesday to Ascension Day for this important festival - do join us. Do let me know how your Novena goes. Fr Stephen

Exciting Opportunity: Ministry Experience Scheme 'Intern'

We are recruiting for an 'Intern' (age 18-29) to participate in mission and ministry with St Mary's from this July to August '27. As well as being a wonderful opportunity to try new things in the church and community, meet new people and be a valuable extra 'pair of hands', the *Intern* will have training with the Diocese and will be helped to discern what God might have in store for them in the future. This is a voluntary role (with a living allowance), requiring an Enhanced DBS. We hope to provide local accommodation with a church family. If you would like to know more do watch this video <https://youtu.be/Ai-VhI9R8D4?si=6soarZ73WwyKt-u6> and do get in touch. If you know someone who might be interested, please pass on the details. The deadline is 17th July, please pray with us for the right person for this role. Contact: Fr Stephen vicar@stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk

St Mary's Thorpe: Summer Open Days on Wednesdays May to August 10am-4pm

Volunteers needed to welcome our visitors. Two hour slots. Please add your name to the list in the Rutherwyke Room or contact Fr Stephen, or the parish office.

Tea and Talk 2-4pm on Second Mondays.

Cyber Security: On Monday, 22nd June Daniel Sykes will be back to give us another talk on cyber crime. This time he will guide us through AI and Cyber Crime.

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10th May

Year A

Easter 6**Banns of marriage to be read for the first time for**

Karen Atkinson and Peter (Jim) Goodman

We gather for worship, welcoming everyone as Christ would, learning from him through the Bible and being spiritually nourished by him through Holy Communion.

Those serving us today are:

8am said Holy Communion

Server: Katerina Welcomer/Reader: Kim

10am Sung Holy Communion Server: Andy Warden:

Margaret H Welcome: Grace Reader: Margaret H

Chalice: Server/Allison

Collect (prayer for the week)

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

HYMNS from the **GREEN** hymn book

Introit: O Christ our hope 129

Gloria: Words at bottom of page 4

(tune Cwm Rhonda)

Gradual: O thou who camest from above 431

Offertory: The head that once was crowned 134

Communion: All my hope on God is founded 333

Recessional: The King of love 457

Organist: Camilla

The readings and prayers for this week are below.

Psalm: Ps 66: 7-end

Response: Bless God you peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard

NT Reading: Acts 17: 22-31

Gospel: John 14: 15-21

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in

you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and

We pray to the Lord

- ◆ For Ukraine, the Middle East, and all affected by violence
- ◆ For peace, and negotiations for peace
- ◆ For the safety of all Jewish communities
- ◆ For those suffering in body, mind or spirit in our own community
- ◆ For Christian Aid week 10-16 May.
- ◆ For those on our Diocesan Calendar of Prayer: The Church in Pakistan; and in our own diocese: Runnymede Deanery clergy with Permission to Officiate, and St Peter's Hospital Chaplains Fr. Gerard and Rev'd Laurence Gamlen
- ◆ **For those on our May prayer list:** Belinda, Lucas, Mae, Pat, Katie, Emily, Graham, Linda, Simon, Sandra, Hannah, Ashley, Andrea, Fr Roland, James, Romina, Frank.

For those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Colin Doran, Alfred Garney, Dianna Camden, John Camden, Edith Bolds, Daisy Stevens.

All are welcome to stay for refreshments in the Rutherwyke Room after the service.

Large print services booklets are available at the back of church. If necessary, please ask the warden on duty.

Copies of Fr Stephen's sermon are available

Email: vicar@stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk

Fr Stephen and others are available to talk or pray with anyone; please just ask.

God bless you this week.

Safeguarding: See it. Hear it. Report it.

We continue to make Safeguarding Awareness a priority in the churches and communities in which we serve. Raising awareness for safeguarding is crucial for preventing abuse and neglect.

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