

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 30th August

Greetings

As the Summer holidays draw to a close we pray for families and households where children are starting new schools or classes, young people starting new courses and others starting new jobs. For us as a church family we pray for Brad as he moves to Thorpe this week to begin to serve with us and we pray for all that lies ahead in the coming term, especially for our Alpha Course, our Friendship Groups, the Painshill Park outing and the Sunset Cafe. At the Deanery Prayer evening on Wednesday 2nd September we shall be praying for our unity with other churches - a unity in Christ and Mission, grounded in the love of God for us all. On Sunday we launch a survey to find out the hymns and songs that people love to sing in our worship - please do participate, we are a small congregation so we want to be worshipping in a way that is uplifting and honouring to God.

Fr. Stephen

This week

TODAY 8am Said Holy Communion

10am Sung Holy Communion

6-6.30pm Compline

Monday from 11am Friendship Group at the Red Lion for anyone who would like to meet other people.

Wednesday 9am – 3pm Parish Office Open

11am Holy Communion -

Server: Susi Warden: Margaret H

Welcome: Joy

Refreshments for all 11.30 -12.30

7.30pm Deanery Prayer meeting at St Mary's

Thursday 9-11am Noah's Ark—new term starts

7.45pm Exploratory choir meeting/
practice

With Camilla and David

Friday: Father Stephen's day off

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Art Class starts back on Wednesday evenings from 9th September

Sunday 20th September 10am Harvest Festival Family Service with a 'Bring and Share' communal

lunch to share, followed at 2pm by a musical medley from friends. (More details to follow).

Thursday 24th September first Alpha course
Tuesday 29th September 'Quiet Day' at St Columba's House

Fr. Stephen will be leading a 'Quiet Day' at St Columba's House, Woking, from 10am to 3.30pm. All welcome, see <https://www.stcolumbashouse.org.uk>

Notices

Top Hymns and Songs Survey

Between now and Sunday 20th September we are asking people to let us know their top hymns and songs, those that we most enjoy worshipping with. We are basing the survey list on Songs of Praise and our Licensing Authority 'Top 100s', with the opportunity for us to add others not on the lists. Please do participate so that we can ensure our worship is truly 'from the heart', so that even if we are singing a song we don't know we get 'caught up' in worship with those who do know it. Return your survey to the office or to the back of church. Thank you.

Thorpe Primary School—New term starts on 3rd September

Family Club 4-5.30pm on the first Sunday of each month . All welcome

September 6th—Learning together

October 4th—Harvest

November 1st—Caring for others

December 6th Christmas party

Church Family Service 10am

Sunday 20th September - Harvest

Sunday 18th October - Thanksgiving for the NHS (and Baptism)

Sunday 29th November—Advent Sunday

Sunday 13th December—Family Carols

Autumn Alpha Course - exploring faith

Thursdays from 4-5.30pm in the Rutherwyke Room (from 24th September)- 3rd December (excluding half term).

TWRA meetings—2nd Monday of each month in the Rutherwyke Room 7.30-10pm

Tea and Talk second Monday of each month

On September 14th we are very fortunate to have an interesting speaker from TESIS with lots to share with us. On October 12th David Howard will be sharing the process of the organ he is building.

SUNDAY WORSHIP 30th August

Year A

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

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 Warden/Reader: Diana

10am Sung Holy Communion

Server: Susi Warden: Pete Welcome: Joan

Reader: Pete Chalice: Server/ Claire

Collect (prayer for the week)

Almighty God, who called your Church to be a witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

HYMNS Today we use the **GREEN** hymn book

Introit: For the beauty of the earth (omit v4,5) 285

Gradual: It is a thing most wonderful 84

Offertory: Lord Jesus Christ (omit v2) 297

Communion: How sweet the name of Jesus sounds 374

Recessional: O praise ye the Lord 427

Organist: David Howard

Psalm: 105: 1-6, 23-26

Response: Sing to the Lord, sing praises to him

NT Reading:- Romans 12: 9-end

Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-end

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

We pray to the Lord

- ♦ For peace throughout the world
- ♦ For Head teachers Joe Blaney and Bryan Nixon
- ♦ For those on our Diocesan Calendar of Prayer: The Church in the Province of the West Indies, and in our own diocese: the staff at Willow Grange, Cathedral and Diocesan safeguarding staff preparing for the national safeguarding audit, Members of our Deanery Synod.

For those on our August prayer list: Sandra, Graham, Rueben, Katie, Patricia, Mike, Freda, Lucas, Phil, Jenny and Jamie. Ashley, Michelle.

For all recently departed.

For those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Brenda Williams, Joseph Milner, Albert Freeman
Sylvia Bryant, Rose Freeman, Honorah Brittain

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

LARGE PRINT SERVICE BOOKLETS are available at the back of church. If needed, please ask the steward on duty.

Colouring sheets are available for the children

Copies of Fr Stephen's sermons 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.

Safeguarding is an essential part of our pastoral care. We all have a part to play in helping to keep our community safe. We strive to ensure that safeguarding is a top priority in our church.

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