



# St Mary's Thorpe

## A House of Prayer for All

### Church Family News

#### Week of 13th July

#### Greetings

For our pet service on Sunday we plan to be outside in the churchyard near the main entrance of the Rutherwyke Room. This will be a service for all the family lasting 45min, do come along with your pet, your toy pet or just come along because you appreciate God's creatures. We shall give thanks to God for our pets and pray for his blessing on our relationship with them and for help with our care for all God's creatures. All welcome.

I've just started volunteering at the Orchard Dementia Centre in Chertsey <https://www.orcharddementiacentre.co.uk> a wonderful charity providing day care. My Father had Alzheimer's for the last years of his life and centres like this were a real blessing to him and gave my mother a much needed break. Dementia is a condition that does or will affect many of us and our loved ones, forcing us to learn to give and receive love in non-verbal ways, teaching us about the power of being silently present with someone, holding a hand, offering a smile. Our Gospel reading this Sunday is the parable of the Good Samaritan in which Jesus addresses the question 'Who is my neighbour?' Our neighbour includes anyone in need of our care and attention, whatever our relationship to them or however awkward the situation might be at first. That's how I first felt with my Father's dementia, awkward in his presence once he'd lost his ability with words, but he taught me more about love in a few years than I'd learned in a lifetime. Thanks be to God for his gift of love. If you volunteer with a charity or organisation we'd love to hear more, do let me know.

Fr. Stephen

#### This Week

**Today** 8am Said Holy Communion  
10-10.45am Sung Family Service  
11.30 Said Holy Communion

**Monday from 11am** Friendship group at the Red Lion for anyone who would like to meet others from the village *all welcome*

**2-4pm** Tea and Talk Based on his 2024 book, 'Beyond the Face', Fr. Stephen will be talking about how, by paying attention, portraits of people's faces can be a 'window' into their soul. He will use examples from the National Portrait Gallery and by Vincent Van Gogh. *all welcome*

**7.30-10pm** TWRA meeting in the Rutherwyke Rm

**Tuesday 15th 9-9.40am** Years 5/6 Leavers' service in church (Pete/Joan)

**2pm** Deputy Wardens' meeting in the R. Room

**Wednesday 9am - 3 pm** Parish office open

**11am** Said Holy Communion  
Server: Kim Stangroom Warden: Jill Collinson

**Thursday 9-11.30am** Noah's Ark *all welcome*

**Friday** Fr Stephen's day off

#### Forthcoming Services and Events:

**Sunday 20th July** we look forward to the Baptism of Grace and John's three grandchildren at the 10am Family service.

**Sunday 20th July after the 10am service**—Summer Fair Stallholders meeting in the Rutherwyke Room. Please let Susi know if you are UNABLE to attend.

**Saturday 26th July Summer Fair at St Mary's, 12.30-4.30pm.**

We need large and small boxes asap (mark your box for return) to gather all contributions for the Fair, so that items can be carried easily to the stalls. Boxes are now in the Rutherwyke Room for contributions. We need BOTTLES (alcohol/non alcohol); new or nearly new items in very good condition for the Nearly New stall; jewellery, scarves, gloves, bags, jumpers; and quirky items for the bric-a-brac stall. Please promise us a cake - or two? There's still room for more helpers - can you encourage a friend or neighbour? Has anyone got a hoopla set? Please contact Susi, Jill, Jenny 'Joan for more information, or [stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com](mailto:stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com)  
**Monday 11 August** Tea and Talk 2pm-4pm  
Whistle Stop Tour in Peru - with Phil Ballard.

If anyone would like to come and share an interesting topic, please contact the parish office — [stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com](mailto:stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com)

**Sunday August 17th**—St Mary's Patronal Festival. When we will be joined by Bishop Peter Hancock, who will be presiding and preaching at our 10am service.

**10th September 10am-3.30pm** -Diocese of Guildford Church Growth Conference at Welcome Church, Woking GU21 6DJ, ed by Pete Greig and Rachel Jordan-Wolf. Pete will speak on how we make Jesus our vision and Rachel's theme will be 'The time is now'. Further details available on poster in the Rutherwyke Room or from [stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com](mailto:stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com):

#### Notices

**Day Trip to Cookham on Thames – Stanley Spencer walk**  
**Tuesday 5th August, 9.30am - 3.30pm**

Join Father Stephen to walk in the footsteps of English painter Stanley Spencer who lived and walked around Cookham, drawing inspiration for his religious art from local people and places. Guided walk, and guided tour of the Spencer gallery, £15. Shared transport from Thorpe, lunch in the high street is extra. Please indicate whether you want to be included in the pub lunch booking or will make your own arrangements. To reserve a place contact Fr Stephen at [vicar@stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk](mailto:vicar@stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk)

#### **Autumn Alpha Course**

A good number of people have shown interest in doing the Alpha course in the Autumn so we shall run the course from 7-9pm on Tuesdays from 30/9 to 2/12 (excluding 28/10). Each evening will start with a meal and be followed by a talk on some aspect of Christian belief, before time for comments and questions in groups. If you are curious about Christianity or want a refresher course, do enquire or sign up with Fr. Stephen: [vicar@stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk](mailto:vicar@stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk)

**Family Club** First Sunday of the month until December (excluding August) 4-5.15pm in the Rutherwyke Room. Bible story, singing, craft activity, celebrations, prayer, and more! Ends with tea for the children.

**Runnymede Foodbank**—Donations baskets are in the Rutherwyke Room and outside the Rutherwyke Room door. This month's urgent needs listed on posters at back of church and in the Rutherwyke Room.

## **Sunday Worship 13th July**

### **Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

Banns of marriage to be read for the second time for Mollie Nield and Jack Futerill.

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

*The readings and prayers for this week are below.*

### **8am Holy Communion**

Server: Andy West/Reader/Welcomer: Bev Germany

#### **Collect (prayer for the week)**

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

#### **Readings at the 8am service:**

**Psalm:** 25: 1-10

**Response: Show me your ways O Lord, and teach me your paths.**

**Reading:** Colossians 1: 1-14

**Gospel:** Luke 10: 25-37

**10-10.45am Outside Sung Service for All** - bring your pet (inside if wet)

**Warden:** Margaret Harnden **Welcome:** Phil Alder

Hymns on the attached sheet

**Organist:** David Howard

**NT Reading:** Genesis 1: 24-27

#### **11.30 Said Holy Communion**

**Warden:** Margaret Harnden **Welcome:** Phil Alder

**Gospel:** Luke 10: 25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus, 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having

poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

#### **We pray to the Lord**

- ◆ For an end to war throughout the world, especially in Ukraine and the Middle East.
- ◆ For the injured and those who have died in floods in Texas
- ◆ For all who died or were injured in the London terrorist attacks twenty years ago.
- ◆ For those who are or have been victims of injustice
- ◆ From the Guildford Diocesan Calendar of Prayer– the Church of North India; Keble College; the parish of St Paul's, Tongham.
- ◆ For school leavers, as they prepare to move to new schools in September.
- ◆ For those named on our July prayer list: Bee & George, Masa, Pat, Lesley, Ellie, Freya, Pat & Mike, Ben, Sue, James, Jane, Heather, John, Kenny,
- ◆ For those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: John Rabjohns, John Rollason, Gillian King, Margard Gerwalt.  
For the recently departed.

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

Stephen and others are available to talk or pray with anyone; please just ask.  
God bless you this week.

Copies of Fr Stephen's sermon are available -  
email: [vicar@stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk](mailto:vicar@stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk)

Safeguarding is an essential part of our pastoral care. It's about keeping people safe and helping people feel safe. We all have a part to play, thank you for playing your part.  
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