

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 17th May

Greetings

On Sunday we welcome Florence Power into the church by Baptism. (Florence and her mum Natalie are regular members of Noah's Ark on a Thursday), and we're delighted to welcome her family and friends to the service. To support our work with children and families and more widely, we're looking to recruit a volunteer participant of the national Ministry Experience Scheme who will serve at St Mary's for a year, experiencing work in a Church of England church, receiving training and being helped with discernment about their future. If you know of anyone aged 18-29 who may be interested, do tell them please, the deadline is July 17th (further details from Fr Stephen). And finally can I please remind us that we are in a 'Novena (9 days) of Prayer' in preparation for Pentecost next Sunday, preparation as we seek to be renewed by the life and love of God through the Holy Spirit - resources available at the back of the church.

Fr. Stephen

This week

TODAY 8am Said Holy Communion
10am Family Service with Baptism
11.30am Holy Communion from the reserved sacrament

Monday from 11am

Friendship Group at the Red Lion for anyone who would like to meet other people

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
11am Holy Communion
Server: Susi Warden: Jenny Welcome: Joy
Refreshments available from 11.30-12.30am
10am-4pm Church open
7.15-9.15pm Art Class in the Rutherwyke Room

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

Friday: Father Stephen's day off

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

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.

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.

Notices

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.

Runnymede Foodbank—Donation boxes are in the Rutherwyke Room and by the door outside the Rutherwyke Room behind the church (emptied regularly). Financial donations also accepted <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/13202>

Tea and Talk

Second Mondays of each month 2-4pm. If anyone would like to come and share an interesting topic, please contact Susi or the parish office : stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com

SUNDAY WORSHIP 17th May
Easter 7

Year A

We welcome Florence, her parents Natalie and William, family and friends. Florence is to be baptised today at our 10am service.

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

Collect (prayer for the week)

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Those serving us today are:

8am said Holy Communion

Server: Kim Welcomer/Reader: Diana

Readings:

Psalm: 68: 1-10

Acts: 1: 6-14

Gospel: John 17: 1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

10am Family Service and baptism:

Warden: Pete Gruncell Welcome: Joan Gruncell

Reader: Pete

Reading: Acts 1: 6-14

11.30am Holy Communion from the reserved sacrament

Warden: Pete Welcome: Joan

HYMNS and Songs from the **ORANGE** book

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| 1. All things bright and beautiful (omit v2) | 25 |
| 2. Morning has broken | 450 |

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| 3. Take my life and let it be | 625 |
| 4. Lord the light of your love is shining | 419 |

Organist: Camilla

We pray to the Lord

- ◆ For all countries in the midst of conflict
- ◆ For those who work for reconciliation
- ◆ For stability in our Government
- ◆ For all needing to use foodbanks
- ◆ For those living in poverty or under oppression
- ◆ For those working to raise funds in Dementia Action Week and for those suffering from all forms of dementia.
- ◆ For those on our Diocesan Calendar of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea; and in our own diocese: Send Parish Church, its clergy and congregation.

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: David Wallace, Walsham Maynard, Brian Periton, Norman Manning, Clara Tucker, Annie Rumbold.

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.

St Mary's Church is now using a new DBS company – Care Check. Renewal of Safeguarding training .is now in progress. We strive to ensure that safeguarding is a top priority in our church and the communities we serve.

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