



St Mary's Thorpe
A House of Prayer for All
Church Family News
Week of 6th July

Greetings

This Sunday morning I will be talking about the vision for St. Mary's as a **House of Prayer for All**, with an emphasis upon 'how' we are the church, ie. how we conduct ourselves in our relationships with God, others and ourselves. At a time when St Mary's and the church more widely is struggling to be heard and to make ends meet, it's tempting to prioritise what we can do to change things and to grow the church. However, in our first Bible reading we are reminded that we 'reap whatever we sow' and I am convinced from experience and what I've learned about the grace and love of God, that if we prioritise 'how' we are as church (this is the sowing, in relationships) then we can trust God for the rest. The church of the future will probably look very different. If it's the fruit of our doing, it will fade away, but if it is the fruit of God's work through our sowing in loving, open and robust relationships, then it will be beautiful, resilient and life-changing. Please come along on Sunday morning if you are able, otherwise contact the office for a copy of my talk. God will lead us and shape us if we humble ourselves before him and let Jesus be our example and lead in all relationships.

Fr. Stephen

This Week

Today **8am** Said Holy Communion
10am Sung Holy Communion followed by coffee and refreshments to toast Margaret Roberts and David DeVille, in celebration of reaching the age of 90
4-5-15pm Family Club followed by picnic tea for the children (inside if wet)

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

Wednesday **9am - 3 pm** Parish office open
11am Said Holy Communion
Server: Kim Stangroom Warden: Jenny Bright

Thursday **9-11.30am** Noah's Ark *all welcome*
7.30pm Runnymede Deanery Prayer evening led by Bishop Paul, preceded by a BBQ at 6pm
I welcome

Friday Fr Stephen's day off
7-9pm at St Saviour's Church, Guildford GU1 4QD **Youth Catalyst Connect Book** event — a brilliant evening of worship, inspiration, and connection designed especially for youth (ages 11-18). For full details and booking: <https://guildforyouthcatalyst.churchsuite.com/events/10gznxfw> See details in the R Room .

Saturday **7.30pm** on 12th July—Feltham Choral Society Conducted by Professor David Howard—'A night at the Opera with Grand opera and Gilbert & Sullivan choruses. St Matthew's Church, Ashford. Tickets on the door—£10.

Forthcoming Services and Events:

Sunday 13th July 10am Pet service outside (inside if wet) — bring your pet.

Monday 14th July Tea & Talk 2-4pm in the Rutherwyke Room 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

Future Tea and Talk events: If anyone would like to come and share an interesting topic, please contact the parish office — stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com

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 plastic boxes asap (mark your box for return) to gather all contributions for the Fair, and smaller cardboard boxes, 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
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Notices

Alpha Course

Are you or a friend or family member curious about Christian faith and belief? We're considering running an Alpha Course in the Autumn, on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday evenings, 7-9pm at St Mary's. Each evening will begin with a meal and be followed by a topical talk by Fr. Stephen (eg. Who was Jesus? Why do we read the Bible? What is Faith?) and then the opportunity for people to comment and ask questions. The aim is to provide an enjoyable and relaxed environment in which to be curious about the Christian faith and learn a little more. If you would be interested in finding out more please contact Fr. Stephen on vicar@stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk

Family Club First Sunday of the month until December 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 include Jam, pot noodles, rice, baked beans, shampoo, conditioner, shaving foam, baby wipes liquid soap, packet soup, sponge pudding.

Sunday Worship 6th July

Third Sunday after Trinity

Banns of marriage to be read for the first 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 reading and prayers for this week are below.

8am Holy Communion

Server: Andy West/Reader/Welcomer: Kim Stangroom

10am Sung Holy Communion

Server: Susi Thornton Warden: Pete Gruncell Welcome:

Joan Gruncell: Chalice: Susi/Allison Reader: Marianne Hearne Organist: Lionel Pike

Hymns from the GREEN hymn book

Introit:	All for Jesus, all for Jesus	272
Gradual:	King of glory, King of peace	391
Offertory:	Lord of all hopefulness	391
Communion:	I heard the voice of Jesus say	376
Recessional:	Thy hand O God has guided	485

Collect

God our Saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

NT Reading: Galatians 6: 7-16

Psalm: 30

Response: I will exalt you O Lord, because you have restored my life.

Gospel: Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.

Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you.

Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet

know this: the kingdom of God has come near."

'Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.' The seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'

We pray to the Lord

- ◆ For peace and hope in the midst of the ongoing Israel/Gaza conflict.
- ◆ For the Runnymede Deanery Leadership Team, our Area Dean, and those representing St Mary's on Runnymede Deanery Synod.
- ◆ For the Church of Nigeria and churches throughout Anglican Communion; and for St John's and Christ Church Cove, on our Diocesan Calendar of Prayer.
- ◆ For Margaret Roberts and David deVile. May they continue in strength and health in their next decade
- ◆ For those named on our July prayer list: Freya, Pat and Mike, Ben, Sue, James, Heather, John, Masa, Lesley, Kenny, Yvonne, Sara-Jayne, Ciara, Andy.
- ◆ For those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Reginald Tucker, June Swain, Joan Baker, Richard Moller, Joseph Thornton, Patrick Colhurst. 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

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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