



St Mary's Thorpe

A House of Prayer for All

Church Family News

Week of 20th July

Greetings

This Sunday's gospel reading recalls the time when Martha welcomed Jesus into her home and like anyone offering hospitality got immediately distracted by all the things to do for her special visitor; cooking, laying the table, sweeping the floor? Her sister Mary was also there, she chose to sit and listen to Jesus. Martha storms in and criticises Mary for letting her do all the work - but Jesus says no, she has made a good choice. It seems to me Martha and Mary were a good pairing, it's polite not to leave our guest alone while we busy ourselves getting food and drink ready. The point is this, whether we are a 'doer' or a 'sitter' we should do it with thankful hearts and to the best of our ability, in a way that honours God. Martha would have been wise to ask for help and Mary to offer, there is no place for cold blunt criticism of another. We're coming up to a busy week at St Mary's as we prepare for the Summer Fair on Saturday 26th at 12.30pm, whether we are a 'doer' or a 'sitter' let's work together with thankfulness and conduct ourselves in a way that is honouring to the God we serve. See you there!

Fr. Stephen

This Week

- Today** **8am** Said Holy Communion
 10am Sung Holy Communion with Baptisms
 11.30am Summer Fair stallholders' meeting
- Monday from 11am** Friendship group at the Red Lion for anyone who would like to meet others from the village *all welcome*
7.30pm PCC preceded by 7pm holy communion
- Wednesday 9am - 3 pm** Parish office open
 11am Said Holy Communion
 Server: Susi Thornton Warden: Jenny Bright
- Thursday** **From 11am** preparations for Summer Fair in the Rutherwyke Room. (Bring something for lunch if staying all day)
- Friday** Further help for Fair —contact Social Committee
- Friday** Fr Stephen's day off
- Saturday** **Fair opens 12.30-4.30** Helpers please refer to Susi's emails

Forthcoming Services and Events:

- Thursday 24th July from 11am** (and possibly Friday 25th) Help needed in the Rutherwyke Room
- Saturday 26th July 12.30-4.30** St Mary's Summer Fair There is still room for more helpers
- 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

Sunday August 17th—Bishop Peter Hancock, former Bishop of Bath and Wells will be presiding and preaching at our Patronal

Festival. We will also be joined by choir and congregation from All Saints' Woodham. Details for lunch to follow shortly.

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 Rachem's theme will be 'The time is now'. Further details available on poster in the Rutherwyke Room or from
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Notices

SUMMER FAIR 26th July 12.30-4.30 Contributions still needed for the Summer Fair—PLEASE bring produce this week if you have any....chutneys...jams....for the stall....perhaps friends, family and neighbours can help here. All contributions by 2pm THURSDAY please - BOTTLES (alcohol/non alcohol), new or nearly new items in very good condition, jewellery, scarves, gloves, bags, jumpers; bric-a-brac and cakes* (*bring Friday or Saturday morning). We need WELLIES (named for return) for the Welly Throwing Competition.

Pilgrimage to Turkey

I've been invited to lead a 7 day, 6 night pilgrimage to Turkey, to visit the site of 7 of the earliest churches after Christ, mentioned in the book of Revelation. The cost is approx. £2200 (based upon a twin room), staying half-board in 4* hotels, with some lunches included. We would have a professional guide and I would be responsible for leading the group and times of bible reflection and prayer. If you are provisionally interested please let me know
vicar@stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk For the trip to be viable we need at least 15 people, however if you are interested in a pilgrimage holiday but not to Turkey or not at that price, please let me know, as other opportunities do arise.
Fr. Stephen

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 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

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

Family Club—Apologies for the error on last week's notice sheet—there WILL BE a session on the first Sunday in August and on the first Sunday of each 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.

Saturday, 27th September Pilgrimage Walk: Walk in the footsteps of the monks of Chertsey Abbey. Meet at St Mary's at 10am. See posters in the Rutherwyke Room.

The Nicene Creed

This year is the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicea when substantial agreement was reached on Christian belief, especially regarding the nature of Christ. We recite the Nicene Creed every Sunday so on 4 Sundays from 27th July Fr. Stephen will be explaining different aspects of the creed.

Launch of safeguarding campaign — See it. Hear it. Report it

The Dioceses has launched a diocese-wide communications campaign to boost the levels of awareness of safeguarding risks, signpost to helpful information, and encourage more timely reporting.

The campaign, which includes a wide range of printable posters, digital slides and information cards, is centred around the memorable slogan, **See it. Hear it. Report it.** The three behaviours act as a clear call to action for everyone in the church community to report any safeguarding concerns they may witness or hear about.

This new campaign is fresh and accessible and will continue to drive that improvement in both our churches and the communities we serve. And of course there's never a place for complacency, given the appalling damage that can be perpetrated where we slacken off'.

[Read more information about the campaign here](#)

SUNDAY WORSHIP 20th JULY

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Banns of marriage to be read for the third 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:* Kim Stangroom

Collect:

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm: 15

Response: **Those who do what is right will dwell in the presence of the Lord**

NT Reading: Colossians 1: 15-28

Gospel: Luke 10: 38-end

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha,

Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

10am Sung Holy Communion with Baptism of William, Arthur, and Charles

Server: Susi Thornton, *Warden:* Helen Cunningham *Welcome:* Margaret Roberts/Deborah Kidd, *Chalice:* Susi/Helen
Organist: Lionel Pike

Hymns (from the ORANGE book)

Opening hymn: All things bright and beautiful omit vs 3,4 25

Gospel hymn: Be still for the presence of the Lord 67

Offertory : Dear Lord and Father of mankind omit vs2 144

Communion hymn: The Lord's my shepherd 654

Closing hymn: O Lord my God omit vs 2 511

Gospel: Luke 10: 38– end

We pray to the Lord

- ◆ For peace throughout the world.
- ◆ From the Guildford Diocesan Calendar of Prayer—the united Church in Pakistan.; St Peter & St Paul, Ewhurst.
- ◆ For Thorpe CofE School, teachers and children as they break for the summer holidays, and we pray especially for Helen Southgate as she as she retires after so many years of dedicated service to the school.
- ◆ For those named on our July prayer list: Ellie, Masa, Bee & George, Tessa & Nigel, Pat, Lesley, Freya, Sue, Pat & Mike, Ben, James, Jane, Heather, John, Kenny,
- ◆ For those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Ronald Tickner, Kenneth Harwood.
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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