

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 29th March

Greetings

At Bishop Andrew's funeral service last Monday there was a profound sense of how loved he was by his family and by the church in this Diocese (and much further afield, with Bishops in attendance from Nigeria and Pakistan). He clearly touched many lives, not least through the two final pastoral letters he wrote in which he shared something of the pain of knowing his life was suddenly being cut short by pancreatic cancer and how he was powerfully strengthened by his faith in Christ crucified and risen. Paul's words from his letter to the church in Corinth were read out: *'we know that the one who raised Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence'*. In the funeral service there was a palpable sense that we were together with each other in our shared loss and our shared faith that we will one day be with +Andrew again in glory, in the presence of God. Thanks be to Him. These are the principle themes of the journey through Holy Week to Easter next week: loss, suffering, hope and joy, let us join together as a church family in worship, encourage each other, and renew our hope in Christ crucified and risen.

Fr. Stephen

This week

Palm Sunday

TODAY 8am Said Holy Communion

10am Sung Holy Communion and procession of palm crosses

Monday from 11am

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

4pm Alpha Group follow up

7pm Night Prayer

Tuesday 7pm Night Prayer *Warden: Margaret*

Welcome: Sharina

Wednesday

9am –3pm Parish Office Open

11am Holy Communion *Server: Susi Warden: Margaret*

11.30-12.30 Friendship Group at St Mary's.

7pm Night Prayer *Warden: Susi Welcome:*

Sharina

7.15-9.15pm Art Class

Thursday

4pm Alpha follow up group

Thursday/Friday/Saturday/Sunday—readers to be confirmed

7pm Maundy Thursday Service of the Last

Supper and washing of feet *Server: Andy*

Warden: Jenny Welcome: Margaret

8pm-midnight Prayer Vigil

Good Friday

11am The Way of the Cross— Stations of the Cross. Hot Cross Buns served after the service

2pm Meditations on the Cross

Saturday 4th April 7pm Easter Eve—Service of Light followed by cheese and wine in the Rutherwyke Room

Easter Sunday 8am Holy Communion

10 am Family Service

11.30am Holy Communion from the reserved sacrament

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

13th April—Dr Lionel Pike 'The view from the organ bench'.

Friday 17th April 2pm Wedding—Freddie and Sagoon

Notices

Reminder - British Summer Time - Clocks go **forward** one hour at 2am on Sunday 30th March

At our Annual Meeting last Sunday we elected Diana Lees as Churchwarden for another year, continuing to carry a vacancy for a second warden. Please pray for the right person to come forward for this important role, to work with Diana and the leadership team. We also elected nine members of the PCC (Parochial Church Council) and 3 members of Deanery Synod (working with other local Anglican Churches). Thanks were expressed to all those who give so much in support of the church – giving of time and money. Do read the annual report to find out what has been going on in this past year.

Prayer Vigil on Maundy Thursday Please sign the WATCH sheet to ensure there will be more than one person in church throughout the WATCH.

Hot Cross Buns Donations of Hot Cross buns (within sell-by date) needed for Good Friday after the 11am service.

Tea and Talk second Mondays of each month 2-4pm

31 March - 12th April Ukranian Icons Art Exhibition at

Guildford Cathedral The Exhibition of Icons on

Ammunition Boxes; extraordinary works by Ukranian artists who paint traditional religious icons on reclaimed ammunition boxes from active war zones.

SUNDAY WORSHIP 29th March

Year A

Palm Sunday

We welcome Fr Daniel from RHUL, who will be celebrating and preaching at our 8am service and preaching at our 10am service.

We also welcome Naomi, who will be playing the hymns for the 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.

Those serving us today are:

8am said Holy Communion

Server: Andy Reader/Welcomer: Kim

10am Sung Holy Communion *Server: Susi*

Warden: Jenny Welcome: Jean Readers: OT/

Psalm: Margaret H NT: Susi Chalice: Server/Claire

Collect *(prayer for the week)*

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

HYMNS from the **GREEN** hymn book

Introit: All glory laud and honour 509

Gradual: There is a green hill far away 92

Offertory: Ride on, Ride on in majesty 511

Communion: Deck thyself my soul with gladness 280

Recessional: My song is love unknown 86

Organist: Naomi

The readings and prayers for this week are below.

OT reading: Isaiah 50: 4-9c

Psalm: Ps: 31: 9-16

Response: My God, My God, why have you forsaken me

NT Reading: Philipians 2: 5-11

Gospel: Matthew 27: 11-54

Printed copies of the Gospel reading are available at the back of church.

We pray to the Lord

- ◆ For the leaders of Iran, Israel and the US to seek an end to the war
- ◆ For us not to forget the suffering in Ukraine and all warring countries throughout the world
- ◆ For Archbishop Sarah Mullally
- ◆ For those on our Diocesan Calendar of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Melanesia and in our own diocese: Ourselves, especially those who are sick at this time.
- ◆ For harmony between all faiths

For those named on our monthly prayer list:

Jane, Andrea, Katie, Belinda, Mae, Pat, Jenny, Lucas, Graham, Patricia

For the recently departed:

Mike Joseph.

For those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Henry Dean, Rosemary Harris, Charles Hereward-Rothwell, Geoff Roberts, Alfred Lingard

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

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'

We continue to make Safeguarding Awareness a priority in the churches and communities in which we serve. Raising awareness for safeguarding is crucial for preventing abuse and neglect

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