

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.



FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Tea and Talk on second Mondays of each month.

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

Monday 13th April 7.30pm TWRA meeting.

Friday 17th April 2pm Wedding—Freddie and Sagoon

Sunday 26th April Baptism at the 10am service

Tuesdays 14th, 21st, 28th April 5.25-6.45

Young Life Club in the Rutherwyke Room

Wednesdays 15th, 22nd, 29th April 8am-8.45am

Campaigners Group in the Rutherwyke Room

Church Family News, week of 5th April

Greetings

As war rages in the Middle East, we celebrate the final days of Holy Week and the first days of Easter. Despair and hope, death and new life are as much held in a paradoxical tension now, as they were in Jerusalem in Jesus' final days. Impelled by the joy of resurrection life, as the early church found it's feet it courted vile opposition and persecution. But Christians were resolute in their determination not to go back to the old ways and seek an 'eye for an eye,' not to teach their children to hate, not to harbour violent thoughts against those who saw them as enemy. The Apostle Paul, wrote: '*We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies*'. 2 Corinthians 4:8-10. It's quite clear that for him the crucifixion and resurrection were not simply past events, they were present reality. My prayer for you and your family and for all who worship with us this season, is that as we live with this paradoxical tension, we know deep within, in our deepest self, that we are one with Christ in death and resurrection, in God.

Fr. Stephen

Thank You

On behalf of us all I'd like to say thank you (and as they say give a 'big shout out'), to all those who have worked so hard over Holy Week and the Easter Weekend. Hosting 12 services in 8 days is no mean feat for a small church like ours, it's a testament to our sense of church family and our desire to draw close to God in worship.

Fr. Stephen

This week

EASTER SUNDAY

TODAY 8am Said Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion for all the Family
Easter egg hunt after the service

Monday from 11am

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

Wednesday

9am –3pm Parish Office Open

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

11.30-12.30 Friendship Group at St Mary's.

Friday Father Stephen's day off

Notices

31 March - 12th April Ukranian Icons - Art Exhibition at Guildford Cathedral

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

Tea and Talk

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

Contemplative Prayer Group is held at Susi's house (Ivy Cottage) on Mondays at 2.30pm apart from Tea and Talk Mondays when it's held in the Wallace Room at 4.15pm.

Runnymede Foodbank

Current needs—Instant mash and noodles, tinned spaghetti, tinned fish, rice pudding, coffee, sponge pudding, antibacterial spray, toothbrush, deodorant, reusable bags.

Donation baskets are in the Rutherwyke Rom and outside the Rutherwyke Room door. Financial donations are also accepted: <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/13203>

Westminster Abbey Pass

Fr Stephen has a Church Pass for visitors to Westminster Abbey that entitles up to four people (adults, students or children) to enter free of charge. It can be used by different groups, on up to six occasions during a 12 month period. If you wish to borrow the Pass please contact Mary in the church office.

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP 5th April

Year A

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: Katerina Reader/Welcomer: John R

10am Holy Communion for all the Family

Server: Susi Warden: Pete Welcome: Joan Reader: Elaine Chalice: Server/Allison

Collect (prayer for the week)

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

HYMNS from the ORANGE hymn book

Introit: Jesus Christ is risen today 348

Gloria: Words found in the inside cover of the orange hymn book (tune - Cwm Rhonda)

Offertory: Alleluia, sing to Jesus (omit v4) 12

Gradual: This is the day 676

Communion: Love's redeeming work is done 433

Recessional: Thine be the glory 672

Organist: David Howard

The readings and prayers for this week are below.

8am SERVICE

OT reading: Jeremiah 31: 1-6

Psalm: Ps: 118 14-24

Response: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! This is the day the Lord has made

NT Reading: Colossians 3: 1-4

Gospel: Matthew 28: 1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

10am SERVICE

Psalm 118: 14-24 *Response as 8am service*

NT Reading: Acts 10: 34-43

Gospel: Matthew 28: 1-10 *as 8am service*

We pray to the Lord

- ◆ For an end to the chaos and killing in the Middle East
- ◆ For Ukraine and all countries in conflict throughout the world
- ◆ For those employed in our local hospitals and hospices
- ◆ For the elderly and infirm
- ◆ For those on our Diocesan Calendar of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Kenya; and in our own diocese; St Martin's and St Stephen's, Epsom, and parish priest Rev'd Nick Parish.
- ◆ For all on holiday at this time

For those named on our monthly prayer list:

Jacquie.Sue, Andrea. Katie. Belinda, Mae, Pat, Lucas, Graham, Patricia **For the recently departed.**

For those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Stephen Davies, Robert Castledine, Alice Moller, Patrick Barrington, Nick Rigazzi-Tarling, Mabel Remnant, Delsya Barlow, Hugh Bryant, Katherine Lowe, Pamela Miller.

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.

It's the duty of us all to remain vigilant and proactive to any safeguarding concerns. The Vicar, Parish Safeguarding Officer and the Diocesan Safeguarding Team are always ready to listen.

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