St Mary's Thorpe

A House of Prayer for All

Living by a rule and rhythm of prayer,
Learning from all generations and
Loving the diversity of people welcomed.

Church Family News, week of 11th October

GREETINGS

Thank you to all those who completed the survey of favourite hymns and songs, we're currently collating the results and will let you know the outcome when we're able. On Tuesday at 2pm in the Rutherwyke Room we have the first of our 'Sunset Cafe' gatherings, a relaxed place to talk together about how we are or propose to live through later seasons of life. We'll have information about powers of attorney, accessing help etc - but really it's a place to pick up ideas from others and to share our concerns or air our questions - all are welcome (I'm still looking for 2 volunteers to provide tea and cake (bought cake is fine!)). Thursday 15th is our outing to Painshill Park. We can squeeze in a couple more people, if you're interested please let me or **Mary know by Monday.** And finally, our Memorial Service is coming up on Sunday 25th October at 3pm - for all those who have lost loved ones in recent years, do join us and please do invite family, friends and neighbours. As the Harvest season draws to a close - Thanks be to God for all his gifts, not least the gift of life and love, we are indeed richly blessed, in Christ and through one another. ***Fr. Stephen***

This Week

TODAY: 8am Said Holy Communion
10am Sung Holy Communion

Monday from 11am Friendship Group at the Red Lion for anyone who would like to meet other people.
2-4pm Tea and Talk – David Howard on Pipe Organs and how they work. Come and hear how our organist creates beautiful music — and discover the fascinating inner workings of a pipe organ.
7.30-10pm: TWRA meeting in the R Room

Tuesday 2-4pm Sunset Café in the Rutherwyke Rm

Wednesday 9am-3pm Parish Office Open
11am Holy Communion
Server: Kim *Warden*: Grace
Refreshments for all 11.30 -12.30
12.15-1.30pm Confirmation class - vicarage
7.15-9.15pm Art Class in the R Room

Thursday 9-11am Noah's Ark
4.30-6pm Alpha/Conversations about faith

Friday Fr Stephen's day off

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Conversation about Faith

Do join Fr. Stephen and others on Thursdays 4.30-6pm (except Half-Term) in the Rutherwyke Room to talk about different aspects of the Christian Faith. Based upon the popular Alpha course we'll bring our questions, look at what the bible says and share our experience - all welcome.

Sunset Café 2-4pm in the Rutherwyke Room on Tuesdays on 13th, 20th, 27th October and 10th, 17th and 24th November.

Saturday 17th October 3pm Joyce Williams is having a Night of Memories (and Desert Island Discs) at Truneys, Riverside, Temple Gardens,
Staines (just off Chertsey Lane) TW18 3N. If you are free, please come and join us.

Sunday 25th October 3pm St Mary's Annual Memorial Service followed by refreshments.

Monday 26th October 2pm Wedding

Sunday 1st November 10am: Joint service for St Mary's and All Saints at Saints Church, Woodham (no 10am service at St Mary's). More details to follow.

Monday 2 November 2-4pm – **AGE UK** Presentation in the Rutherwyke Room: Tel Martin will be talking about the work of Age UK and answering questions.

Saturday 21st November 6 for 6.30pm Parish Quiz in church. More details to follow. Offers of help appreciated.

NOTICES

We are encouraged to follow our facebook page. https://www.facebook.com/stmaryschurchthorpesurrey To enable St Mary's services to be livestreamed we need to increase the number of our followers. Brad would be happy to help anyone who needs instructions.

APOLOGIES! Joint Family Breakfast *DATE CORRECTION* - the Joint Family continental breakfast is on Sunday 15th **NOVEMBER** 8.45-9.45am **not 15th *October.***

Cake makers Offers of cakes very much appreciated for the Memorial Service on Sunday 25th October. Please contact the office or see Mary. Thank you.

First Sunday of each month 4-5.30pm St Mary's Church Family Club

Tea and Talk 2-4pm on the second Monday of each month.

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP 11TH OCTOBER **Year A**
Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Activity packs for children, large Print Service Booklets and Hymn books are available at the back, please ask a steward.

A basket will be passed around during the service for donations towards the work of St Mary's, or there are contactless machines at the back. Tokens for other donations are available on the backs of aisle seats.
Those serving us today are:

8am said Holy Communion
Server/Reader: Andy *Welcome:* Margaret/ Jean
10am Sung Holy Communion
Server: Barney *Warden:* Helen *Welcome:* Phil
Reader: Marianne *Chalice*: Server/Claire

Collect *(prayer for the week)*
O God, for as much as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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: *Today we use the **GREEN** hymn book*

Introit:	Angel voices ever singing	**336**
Gradual:	Be thou my vision	**339**
Offertory:	We love the place, O God	**471**
Communion:	How sweet the name of Jesus sounds	**374**
Recessional:	Christ, whose glory fills the skies	**234**

Organist: David Howard
Psalm: 106: 1-6
Response: **Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord?**
NT Reading: Philippians 4: 1-9
Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. "Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.' "But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. 7 The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. "Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.'0 So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. He asked, 'How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?' The man was speechless. "Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "For many are invited, but few are chosen."

WE PRAY TO THE LORD

- For world Leaders to make decisions leading to peace, not war
- For all countries to abandon the inhumane act of death penalties for prisoners
- For all who are hungry, homeless or in other forms of need
- For those on our Diocesan Calendar of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Uganda, and in our own diocese -the Parish of Stoneleigh and Incumbent Geoff Andrew. Those working in the NHS.
- For those on our October prayer list: Eva, Joanna, Abby, Dylan, David, Graham, Michelle, Elsie. Justine, Simon, Katie, Lucas, Hannah, John B, Jean, Reuben, John R, Jane, Michael.

For the recently departed and for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:
Elisha Alexander, Winifred Fogg, Ivy Murray, Jennifer Pike, Robin (Bob) Collinson, Anna Barry.

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

Copies of Fr Stephen's sermons are available
Email: vicar@stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk

Fr Stephen and others are available to talk or pray with anyone; please just ask.

Bless you this week.

Safeguarding: See it. Hear it. Report it.
Elderly does not necessarily mean 'vulnerable'. If they have the capacity to make decisions, even ones we don't agree with, they may not be vulnerable.
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