

**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 26th April**

**Greetings**

On Sunday we welcome the Ettridge family as little Bear is baptised and on Wednesday I will be welcoming a Year five group from Thorpe CofE school into church for a lesson on Baptism. Baptism in the Easter season is always special, in fact in the past many people would wait to be baptised on Easter Sunday or Easter Eve. In the Easter season we celebrate the new life we have through Jesus Christ who is alive to us now and through whom the life and love of God is made real, forming us as children of God in everyday life. Baptism celebrates this new life through Jesus and we the church, together with parents and Godparents, commit to do all that we can to encourage the newly baptised in their Christian walk. This Sunday's gospel reminds us of the importance of listening for the voice of Jesus among all the competing voices in our world today, for his word is life and truth. May all of us who are Baptised in Christ hear his voice and allow him to lead us into living the right way, making the right choices - all that honours God and him alone.

*Fr. Stephen*

**This week**

- TODAY 8am** Said Holy Communion  
**10am** Sung Holy Communion with baptism
- Monday from 11am**  
Friendship Group at the Red Lion for anyone who would like to meet other people
- Tuesday 5.25-6.45pm**  
Young Life Group in the Rutherwyke Room
- Wednesday**  
**8-8.45am** Campaigners in the Rutherwyke Room  
**9am -3pm** Parish Office Open  
**11am** Holy Communion *Server: Susi Warden:*  
*Margaret Welcome: Joy/Sharina*  
**11.30-12.30** Friendship Group at St Mary's.
- Thursday 9-11am** Noah's Ark in the Rutherwyke Room
- Friday:** Father Stephen's day off
- Saturday:** 2pm Mayor's afternoon Tea and Talk by Richard Williams on 'A Legacy of

Runnymede'. Tickets still available from mtharnden@aol.com

**FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS**

**Tea and Talk 2-4pm**

Second Monday of each month.

**Monday 11th May:**

Please come and support Mayor Margaret's two charities - the local Foodbank, and 'Egham Constellations'. Talks about both these charities.

**TWRA meetings 7.30-10pm**

Second Mondays.

**Tuesdays in May 12, 19, 26th 5.25-6.45pm**

Young Life Club in the Rutherwyke Room.

**Wednesdays in May 8am-8.45am 13, 17, 27th**

Campaigners Group in the Rutherwyke Room.

**Notices**

**Keble College** Annual Corporate Communion Service on 10th May 5.30pm. If enough people want to attend, we will make enquiries about hiring a coach. Please add your name(s) to the sign up lists in church or in the Rutherwyke Room, or contact the church office.

**First Sunday of each month:**

Family Club 4pm- 5.15pm

**St Mary's Thorpe: Summer Open Days on Wednesdays May to August 10am-4pm**

Volunteers needed to welcome our visitors. Two hour slots. Please contact Fr Stephen or the parish office.

**Sunday 24 May** Put the date in your diary for the combined 8am and 10am continental breakfast in the Rutherwyke Room.

**Saturday 6th June:** Please reserve the date in your diaries for our Summer Fair, which will be combined with the school on the Frank Muir Field. Help needed in all sorts of ways, before, during and after the event. More details coming soon.

**Cyber Security:** On Monday, 22nd June Daniel Sykes will be back to give us another talk on cyber crime. This time he will guide us through AI and Cyber Crime.

**SUNDAY WORSHIP 26th April**  
**Easter 4**

Year A

**Today we welcome Bear and his family. Bear will be baptised today in our 10am 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: Katerina Welcomer/Reader: John R*

**10am Sung Holy Communion** *Server: Susi Warden: Helen*  
*Welcome: Karen Reader: Bryan Chalice: Server/Claire*

**Collect** *(prayer for the week)*

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**HYMNS** from the **ORANGE** book

**Introit:** Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour (omit 2, 3) 408

**Gloria:** *Words at bottom of page 4* (tune Cwm Rhonda)

**Gradual:** There is a redeemer 658

**Offertory:** Jesus lives 354

**Communion:** Be still for the presence of the Lord 67

**Recessional:** Lord the light of your love is shining 419

**Organist:** David

**The readings and prayers for this week are below.**

**Psalm: 23**

**Response: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want**

**NT Reading: Acts 2: 42-end**

**Gospel: John 10: 1-10**

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gate keeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me

are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate.

Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

**We pray to the Lord**

- ◆ For an end to war throughout the world.
- ◆ For those forced to fight, and for all caught up in the fighting.
- ◆ For King Charles and Queen Camilla, as they prepare for their trip to America
- ◆ For those on our Diocesan Calendar of Prayer: The Church in Nigeria: And in our own diocese: Epsom Deanery, Area Dean, Deanery clergy and those with PtO.
- ◆ For all young people preparing for, and taking exams.

**For those on our April prayer list:** Jacquie, Sue, Belinda, Lucas, Mae, Pat, Jamie, Jenny, Nic, Patricia, Katie, Emily, Rominy, Graham, Linda, Simon, Justine, Pete, Sandra, Andrea, Alan.

**For those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:**

Jean Greaves, John Lloyd-James, Alan Kidd.

*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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