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 22nd November

GREETINGS

At our Sunset Cafe last week we talked about what it's like being a carer for a friend or loved one who is partially or fully dependent upon us. We acknowledged how important, precious and difficult such a role is (and equally how difficult it is accepting limited or no independence when you're the one being cared for). The good thing is there IS support 'out there' - Action for Carers Surrey is a good place to start: https://www.actionforcarers.org.uk/ but there is also a role for all of us in caring for carers. Perhaps can offer to sit with someone while their carer takes a much needed break, or goes to the dentist or hairdresser, perhaps we can bake them a cake, cook a meal or offer to do some shopping.

In our gospel reading on Sunday Jesus bestows eternal reward upon those who *'fed the hungry, clothed the naked, gave a drink to the thirsty, cared for the sick and visited those in prison'* - all because what we do for them we do also for him. To be a Christian is to honour God by the way we live our lives towards those in need, as if we were doing it for God himself. Thanks be to God for carers, who are fulfilling Jesus' command, often at great cost to themselves. As a church let's make sure we look out for them and care for them too.

Fr Stephen

This Week

TODAY: 8am Said Holy Communion
10am Sung Holy Communion service
Monday 11am Friendship Group at the Red Lion
for anyone who would like to meet other people
Tuesday 2-4pm Sunset Café in the Rutherwyke Room
Theme: Funeral options and wishes.
Wednesday 9am-3pm Parish Office Open
11am Holy Communion *Server:* Kim *Warden*: Jenny
Refreshments for all 11.30 -12.30
7.15-9.15pm Art Class
7.30-9.30pm Hythe Singers rehearsal in church
Thursday 9-11am Noah's Ark
4.30-6pm Alpha Discussion Group – Who is the Holy Spirit?
Friday Fr Stephen's day off
Saturday From 9am Decorating the Church this morning: **All hands on deck to help with decorating the church**
7.30pm The Hythe Singers Winter Concert
Tickets from www.thehythesingers.com or at the door.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

December 2nd 7pm at Christchurch Virginia Water – Confirmations of Stan and Marlene.
Saturday 5th December: 12.30-4pm Christmas Fair (see notices).

Monday 7th December 3.30pm at St Mary's - Community Carol Service-TASIS England and St Mary's invite you for festive music, readings, prayers and refreshments, welcoming the Christmas Season. Performances by TASIS students, all within a beautiful historic setting. ALL WELCOME.
Sunday 13th December 10am Live Nativity service – We meet at the Red Lion and end at St Mary's. Do come as a Nativity character.
Monday 14th December Tea and Talk **-** Zara Chamberlain - An insight into her work as a midwife and counsellor at St Peter's Hospital.
Tuesday 15th December 8pm Egham Band Christmas Concert at St Mary's.

NOTICES

ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR 5th December 12.30-4pm
COME TO THE FAIR Do come! Tell family, friends, neighbours,strangers! We need new and good as new items, bottles; Christmas gifts and produce, bake cakes (no jumble/books or jewellery. Please bring all non-perishable goods from Sunday 29th November and *no later* than 12 noon on Friday 4th December. *We also need helpers before, during and after the fair!* Please speak to Susi or contact the parish office - stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com

Santa's Workshop

We need monetary donations for us to buy children's gifts and new toys that will go to Besom Trust for children in need locally. *Children coming to the workshop will help the elves to wrap up the gifts. – please give generously –* (cash, cheque or machine marked 'Besom') or toys to the basket in the Rutherwyke Room.
From Saturday 5th December Christmas Tree Festival, **Wednesdays 10am-3pm**

GRAND DRAW RAFFLE TICKETS – on sale now. See Jenny.

Compline for Advent - There will be a service of Compline from 6-6.30pm on the following Sundays in Advent: 29.11, 6.12 and 20.12. All are welcome as we prepare our hearts to welcome the coming Christ.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT THE RED LION FOR SENIORS
Monday, 7th December 12.30-2.30 pm, Suggested donation for lunch £15 (includes a glass of fizz). *Kindly supported by a TASIS grant.* Book via the church office stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com or 01932 567603 (indicating any special dietary needs). After lunch do make the short walk to St Mary's for the **TASIS England** festive concert at 3.30pm.
Carols by Candlelight 6pm on 13th December - Our organist, David, is putting together a choir for the service with singers from his local choir 'Feltham Choral Society', 'The Hythe Singers' and those from St Mary's who would like to sing. Please contact Jill, Mary or email the parish office if you would like to sing, adding voice part. Soprano/alto/tenor/bass.

SUNDAY WORSHIP 22nd November Year A
Christ the King

Sunday next before Advent
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.

Collect *(prayer for the week)*
Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Those serving us today are:
8am said Holy Communion
Server: Andy *Welcome/Reader:* Bev

10am Sung Holy Communion
Server: Barney *Warden:* Pete *Welcome:* Joan
Reader: Alison E Chalice: Server/Claire

HYMNS: *Today we use the **GREEN** hymn book*
Introit: Jesus shall reign where'er the sun **388**
Gradual: O happy band of pilgrims (omitv3,4,5**) 418**
Offertory: Jesus good above all other **387**
Communion: Jesu lover of my soul **383**
Recessional: Crown him with many crowns **352**
(omit v2,3)

Organist: David

Psalm: 95: 1-7

Response: **The Lord is a great God; and a great king above all gods**

Reading: Ephesians 1: 15-end

Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-end (see sheet)

WE PRAY TO THE LORD

- For Ukraine and all invaded countries
- For the homeless and those in extreme poverty
- Those struggling to find employment
- For Bishops, Synods and all who lead the Church
- For our environment, may we *not* abuse our natural resources
- For those on our Diocesan Calendar of Prayer: The Church of England, and in our own Diocese – Woking Deanery clergy, occupants of our new housing estates, workplaces, and local communities.

For those on our November prayer list: Graham, Stan, Michael and Denise, Hannah, John, Lucas, Jean, Paul, Jimmy, Chris, Luke, Patricia,

For the recently departed:
Baby Eva, Jonathan and for his Family,
Rosemary Mummery, Alan Rolfe

For those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Rene Williams, Mary Gibbs, Maud Pretty, Patrick Harnden.

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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.
Abuse is not always obvious – awareness and understanding indicators help us notice what others might miss
and strengthens community.
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