

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

Sunday 21st June 10am Father's Day Family Service

Monday 22nd June 2pm - Talk on Cyber Security: Daniel Sykes will be back to give us another talk on cyber crime. This time he will guide us through AI and Cyber Crime.

Saturday 4th July— Wedding—Karen and Jim

Sunday 5th July 4-5.15pm Family Club— Celebrating Creation

Sunday 12th July Baptisms

Sunday 19th July 10am Family/Pet Service (in the churchyard. Bring your pet)

Tea and Talk Second Mondays of each month 2-4pm. If anyone would like to come and share an interesting topic, please contact Susi or the parish office:
stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com

Notices

Church Family WhatsApp

This group is helpful for communicating what's going on, sharing encouragements and asking others for recommendations of things. If you'd like to join please send your mobile number by email to the church office.

Pastoral Care

If you or a loved one or friend are unwell or in hospital and would like to be on the prayer list or to have a visit (or phone call), please do let Mary know in the church office or let Fr Stephen know. We can't assume people will 'hear on the grapevine' so please, please let us know, because we do care. *Fr. Stephen*

Thinking about confirmation? Would you like to find out more about being Confirmed? Contact Fr Stephen, who is considering meeting with folk who are interested, for a few weeks on a Wednesday late morning.

Calling all aspiring book lovers

Join us for a relaxed gathering where you can browse our library books, chat with friends about your favourite reads and enjoy tea and cake. We propose Saturday 27th June, 10:30 -11:30 am. Please let Katerina or Diana know if you would like to attend. If another date/time would suit you better, feel free to suggest an alternative.

Two new arrivals in our book library:

Jesus, the Son of Man by Kahlil Gibran (a poetic, fresh and thought-provoking retelling of New Testament stories through the voices of 'those who knew Jesus' as imagined by the author), and

Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World by Joanna Weaver (a warm, gently humorous book that opens a path to stillness and prayer for all of us who find ourselves too busy.) Both are free to borrow — simply add your name and date to the records book and return them when you're done. No time limit.

Church Family News, week of 7th June

Greetings

I remember the first time I visited a monastery in my 20s and joined the monks for Morning Prayer. I was nervous because I wasn't sure where to sit, when to stand and when to join in. Nor was I sure who the person was who was leading, what was going on and why. In time I realised that new monks are slowly introduced to forms of worship and taught the reasons for the traditions and how do join in in such a way that it was worship from the heart and not simply copying others. At St Mary's Holy Communion is central to our worship and I've come to realise that many of us don't come from a CofE background, some have no background in church and some have come from CofE churches where Holy Communion is more peripheral. So this Sunday and on two other Sundays I'm going to be preaching on why we do what we do in Holy Communion, explaining some of the traditions, gestures and reasoning behind it all. Do let me know if there are aspects you remain unsure about. At the end of the day we won't understand it all but the important thing is that our worship is from the heart, even if it's not all clear in our head. I'll be recording the sermons and posting them on the Church WhatsApp group. *Fr. Stephen*

Thank You Can I say in advance a huge thank you to the Social Committee for all the hard work they have put into working with the school to get ready for the Summer Fair. I look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday, it should be a great day and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate St Mary's at the heart of our village. *Fr. Stephen*

This week

TODAY 8am Said Holy Communion
10am Sung Holy Communion
4-5.15pm Family Club—games and picnic in the vicarage garden (bring and share)

Monday from 11am

Friendship Group at the Red Lion for anyone who would like to meet other people
2-4pm Tea & Talk A Trip Away - with Phil Ballard
4.15pm Contemplative Prayer - Rutherwyke Room
7.30-10pm TWRA in the Rutherwyke Room

Wednesday

9am –3pm Parish Office Open
11am Holy Communion
Server: Grace : Warden Jill Welcome: Joy
Refreshments available from 11.30-12.30am
10am-4pm : St Mary's Church open to all
7.15 –9.15pm Art Class in the Rutherwyke Room

Thursday 9-11am NOAH'S ARK

Friday: Father Stephen's day off

SUNDAY WORSHIP 7th June
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Year A

Banns of marriage to be read for the first time for Megan and Daniel, who are to be married at St Mary's on 15th August, and Joshua and Chalise, who are to be married at St. James' Church Weybridge on 8th August.

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/Welcome: Diana

10am sung Holy Communion

Server: Susi Warden: Jenny Welcome: Jean

Reader: Marianne Chalice: Server/Allison

Collect (*prayer for the week*)

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 We use the **GREEN** hymn book

Introit: Morning has broken 237

Gradual: O thou who camest from above 431

Offertory: Lord of all hopefulness 239

Communion: Lead us heavenly Father, lead us 393

Recessional: Love divine 408

Organist: David Howard

Readings:

Psalm: 116: 10-end

Response to the psalm: *I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

Reading: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

Gospel: John 6: 51-58

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.' The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This

is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

We pray to the Lord

- ◆ All countries at war , particularly the Middle East
- ◆ For the lonely and isolated
- ◆ For all those who give so generously in all sorts of ways towards fundraising for St Mary's
- ◆ For the natural world and the resources of the earth
- ◆ For TESIS and RHUL
- ◆ For those on our Diocesan Calendar of Prayer: The Scottish Episcopal Church; and in our own diocese: Frensham Parish Church; clergy and congregations in Runnymede Deanery

For those on our June prayer list:

Ann, Nicola, Marilyn, Madge.

For those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

James O'Kane, Phyllis Hrawood, Florence Martin, Howard Cramphorn

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

Large print services booklets are available at the back of church. If necessary, please ask the warden on duty.

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.

Safeguarding is an essential part of our pastoral care. We all have a part to play in helping to keep our community safe. We strive to ensure that safeguarding is a top priority in our church .

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