



# ST MARY'S THORPE

A warm welcome for everyone

## Church Family News

Week of 25th May

### Thank You

On behalf of the PCC I'd like to express our sincere thanks to those who responded to the Stewardship letter in February by joining our planned giving scheme, increasing their giving or giving a one off gift. St Mary's is able to continue in its life and ministry because of your generosity and the generosity of many others. Thank you.  
Fr. Stephen

### Greetings

Next week the midweek Holy Communion moves to Thursday at 11am, when we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord back to heaven.

Do join us, and for refreshments afterwards. The Ascension often slips off people's radar (perhaps because it's always days after Easter rather than a Sunday) but it's an important day on which to celebrate Christ returning to the right hand of God our Father where he intercedes for us. From this Sunday and through Ascensiontide to Pentecost, we shall be taking a fresh look at the Lord's prayer. When we say 'thy will be done on earth as in heaven' we are bending our ear to listen into what the Son hears from the Father and communicates to us through the Holy Spirit - what a privilege and joy.

Do also join us for Compline at 6pm on Monday to Friday the following week, when we shall continue on the same theme.

Lord's Prayer and 'Thy Kingdom Come' booklets are available to accompany this season - do pick one up from the church or Rutherwyke Room.

*Father Stephen*

### This Week

**Today 8am** Said Holy Communion

**10am** Sung Holy Communion

**11.30am** Choir practice

### Monday from 11am

Friendship group at the Red Lion for anyone who would like to meet others from the village  
*all welcome*

**Wednesday 9am - 3 pm** Parish office open

**11.00am NO** Holy Communion

**7.15-9.15pm** Art Class

**Thursday** No Noah's Ark

**11am Holy Communion**

**Server:** Susi Thornton **Warden:**

Jill Collinson

**Friday** Fr Stephen's day off

**Sunday 4-5.15pm** in the Rutherwyke Room. Today is launch of our Family Club, with children coming together for us to learn from one another around a bible story, craft, singing and prayer. Ends with tea for the children.

### Forthcoming Services and Events:

**Mon-Fri. 2nd-6th June 6-6.30pm**

Compline for Thy Kingdom Come (Archbishop's national prayer initiative)

**Thursday 22nd May 6-7.30pm** Invitation to 2025 Electoral Roll members

**Future Tea & Talk dates 2-4pm** in the Rutherwyke Room

**9 June** Member sharing conversations

**14 July** Fr Stephen

If anyone would like to come and share an interesting topic, please contact the parish office — [stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com](mailto:stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com)

**Sunday 13th July 10am** Pet service — further details to follow.

**Saturday 26th July** Summer Fair - further details to follow

### Notices

#### **Thy Kingdom Come**

2025 is the 10th anniversary of 'Thy Kingdom Come', the Archbishop's call to prayer between Ascension Day and Pentecost Sunday. There will be a sermon series on the Lord's prayer in support and booklets will be distributed from Sun 25th May. We are encouraged to pray for 5 people to come to know Christ.

#### **Family Club First Sunday of the month June-December**

Flyers are available in church, please encourage families you know to come, and to RSVP for catering. Please pray for this initiative and for the team leading it.

**Contemplative Prayer meetings** held on Monday afternoons.

#### **Runnymede Foodbank is running a four week course**

**EAT WELL—Spend LESS** held 10am- 12:45pm, commencing on Tuesday 10th June. at The Beacon, Chertsey KT16 9AS. The course is free. Please see further details on the posters in the Rutherwyke Room and in church.

**Choir Practice**—second and fourth Sundays unless otherwise advised. New members welcome. See Jill Collinson.

**Pilgrimage Walk** : Saturday, 27th September

**Sunday Worship 25th May**

5th Sunday after Easter

Today we welcome Father Daniel, who will be presiding and preaching at our services today.

We gather for worship welcoming everyone as Christ would, learning from him through the Bible and being spiritually nourished by him through Holy Communion.

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

**8am Holy Communion**

*Server:* Andy West *Welcomer/Reader:* Kim Stangroom

**10am Sung Holy Communion**

*Warden:* Pete Gruncell *Welcome:* Joan Gruncell

*Server:* Susi Thorndon *Chalice:* Susi/Pete

*Reader:* Susi Thornton

*Organist:* David Howard

**Hymns** from the **ORANGE** hymn book

**Introit:** Jesus lives, thy terrors now 354

**Gradual:** God is love, let heaven adore him 217

**Offertory:** We have a gospel to proclaim 716

**Communion:** Thine forever God of love 673

**Recessional:** Come ye faithful raise the anthem  
*omit v 3. 4* 131

**Collect** (a special prayer for the Easter season)

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**NT Reading:** Ezekiel 37: 1-14

**Psalm:** 67

**Response:** Let the peoples praise you, O God,  
let all the peoples praise you

**Gospel reading:** John: 14: 23-29

Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you

everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you."

If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

**We pray to the Lord**

- ◆ For peace talks to resume between Ukraine and Russia
- ◆ The for atrocious situation n Gaza
- ◆ For Helen Southgate, retiring Head of Thorpe School and for those interviewing candidates for her replacement.
- ◆ From our Diocesan Calendar of Prayer—the Anglican Church of Kenya, and St Peter's Church, Woking
- ◆ For those named on our May prayer list: Freya , Jane, Patricia, Ellie, Eleanor, Sarah Jayne, Yvonne, Ciera, Pat, Masa, John, Joy, Sue, James, Heather, John, Kenny, RM, Fiona, Lesley, Max, Andy, Margaret

For those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Alan Levett.

For the recently departed: Louise, and for the those who lost their lives in the recent fire in Bicester.

*All are welcome to stay for refreshments  
in the Rutherwyke Room*

Stephen and others are available to talk or pray with anyone; please just ask. d bless you this week.

Copies of Fr Stephen's sermon is available

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