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 25th October

GREETINGS

Our Sunset Cafe got off to a good start, it's a safe place in which to have those conversations many of us put off to another day; conversations about how we would like to age well, end well, funeral wishes, managing our financial and health affairs and much more. There are no experts in the room, it's somewhere we can share our experience and voice our questions and concerns. Last week we looked at how to have a 'difficult conversation' with our loved ones and next week we'll be looking at who we might want to look after our financial and health affairs when our capacity is reduced - you are welcome to join us. On Monday 2nd November (2-4pm) we have an 'expert' from Age UK Surrey giving a presentation on these matters and signposting us to professionals who can help, all are welcome. Every day of our life is a gift of God, let's help each other live well and end well, all within the love of God, who is eternal.

Fr.Stephen

This Week

TODAY: 8am Said Holy Communion
10am Sung Holy Communion
3pm Memorial Service followed by refreshments

Monday from 11am Friendship Group at the Red Lion for anyone who would like to meet other people.

Tuesday 2-4pm Sunset Café in the Rutherwyke Rm

Wednesday 9am-3pm Parish Office Open
11am Holy Communion
Server: Kim *Warden*: Deborah
Refreshments for all 11.30 -12.30
2-4pm Deanery Leadership Team meeting – Rutherwyke Room

Thursday NO Noah's Ark during half term

NO Alpha (Conversation about Faith) during half term
3-5pm Church 'LIGHT' Party in the Rutherwyke Room. See notices

Friday Fr Stephen's day off

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

DON'T FORGET TO PUT YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR

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

Monday 26th October 2pm Wedding

Wednesday 28th October 2-4pm Deanery Leadership Team meeting – Rutherwyke Room

Sunday 1 November 10am Service is at All Saints Church, Woodham. **No service at St Mary's**.

Please sign attendance sheets for lunch (DEADLINE TODAY)

Monday 2 November 2-4pm AGE UK presentation in the Rutherwyke Room. Tel Martin will be talking about the work of Age UK.

Sunday 15th November 8.45-9.45am Joint 8am and 10am family breakfast.

Saturday 21st November St Mary's Quiz in Church. **Doors open from 6pm for 6.30pm**. Tickets and more details to follow.

Saturday 5th December: Christmas Fair. More information to follow.

NOTICES

Thursday 29th October 3-5pm - There will be a 'LIGHT' party in the Rutherwyke Room for the church family. There will be Hot Chocolate, Hot Dogs, Pumpkin Carving, and a Quiz. We will also need a couple of volunteers to help with refreshments. Please let Brad at bradleymesrep@stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk if you are interested.

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.

HELP NEEDED – We **urgently** need more help with serving and clearing refreshments after the 10am Sunday services. Please fill in the gaps on the rota.

The Hythe Singers – Winter Concert at St Mary's. Do join us on Saturday 28th November 7.30pm when we will be performing works by Hungarian, Czech and English composers and accompanied by harp, organ, piano. Tickets available soon.

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 25th OCTOBER **Year A**
Twenty First Sunday after Trinity Bible Sunday

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)*
Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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.Those serving us today are:

8am said Holy Communion
Server: Andy *Reader/Welcome:* Bev

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

HYMNS: *Today we use the **GREEN** hymn book*

Introit:	O praise ye the Lord	427
Gradual:	Awake my soul and with the son	232
Offertory:	Jesus, lover of my soul (omit *)	383
Communion:	The Lord's my shepherd	459
Recessional:	All people that on earth do dwell	334

Organist: David

Psalm: Psalm 90.1-6,13-17*
Response: Satisfy us by your loving kindness: so shall we rejoice and be glad
Reading: Deuteronomy 34.1-12
Gospel: Matthew 22.34-46

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, '"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.' Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet'"? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

WE PRAY TO THE LORD FOR -

- Ukraine, for Middle East and for world leaders to work towards peace, not war.
- Our diocesan links with the Church of Nigeria, the Lutheran Church of Viborg in Denmark, and the Diocese of Sialcot in the United Church of Pakistan
- The Vacancy in See Committee.
- Those on our Diocesan Calendar of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Central Africa, and in our own Diocese, chaplains in our local prisons, hospices and schools, the Rev'd Ellen Turtle, being licensed House for Duty Priest at Holy Trinity, Lyne & Longcross, on 29th October.
- For those on our October prayer list: Pope Leo, Amy, Hope, Joanna, Simon, Jean, Dylan, David, Graham, Hannah, John B, Jean, Reuben, John R, Michael, Jo, Lucas, Stan, Patricia, Nicky.

For the recently departed.

For those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Reginal Ottaway, Charles Remnant, Victor Whitfield, Geoff Winkley, Aurel Bailey, Diane Girling (Senior).

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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.
Emotional Harm can be a significant safeguarding concern and should be taken seriously.
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