

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

Tea and Talk 2-4pm on second Mondays of each month.

TWRA meetings 7.30-10pm on second Mondays.

Ends 12th April - Ukrainian Icons - Art Exhibition at Guildford Cathedral

An Exhibition of Icons on Ammunition Boxes; extraordinary works by Ukrainian artists who paint traditional religious icons on reclaimed ammunition boxes from active war zones.

Wednesday 22nd April—Mary Abrahams' funeral at 2pm at St Mary's. All welcome. The family has requested those attending to *NOT* wear black.

Sunday 26th April Baptism at the 10am service

Tuesdays in April 5.25-6.45pm Young Life Club in the Rutherwyke Room.

Wednesdays in April 8am-8.45am Campaigners Group in the Rutherwyke Room.

Greetings

I find it encouraging that the gospel writers record people doubting that Jesus had risen from the dead. In fact '*doubting Thomas*' is a name that stuck for Thomas, one of the disciples, even though he went on to be an amazing evangelist and missionary, eventually planting the first church in India.

Thomas believed once he'd seen the scars on the body of the risen Jesus, then Jesus said '*Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe*'.

That includes us - who have not seen the risen Jesus but nevertheless believe because of the testimony of others and the instinctive sense that he is alive and with us now.

As we pray ardently for peace to prevail in the Middle East, a lasting peace, we pray with Christ that the same power that raised him from the dead might break through any stone-cold hearts and minds (fastened on war, hatred and fear) and move them towards a just and lasting peace.

Fr Stephen

This week

TODAY 8am Said Holy Communion

10am Sung Holy Communion

Monday from 11am

Friendship Group at the Red Lion for anyone who would like to meet other people

2-4pm Tea & Talk -Professor Lionel Pike 'The view from the organ bench'.

7.30-10pm TWRA meeting

Tuesday 5.25-6.45pm]

Young Life Group in the Rutherwyke Room

Wednesday

9am –3pm Parish Office Open

11am Holy Communion *Server: Kim Warden: Jenny*

11.30-12.30 Friendship Group at St Mary's.

Thursday 9-11am Noah's Ark in the Rutherwyke Room

Friday 2pm Marriage of Freddie Gough and Sagoon Paudel

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.

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

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

School term starts on Monday 13th April.

Parking in TESIS (for those available on the electoral roll)

The Parking Permit list needs to be updated. For those currently holding a parking permit, please re-enter your name and car registration number on the list at the back of church; or in the Rutherwyke Room; or send your details to the parish office stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com

Runnymede Foodbank

Current needs—Instant mash and noodles, tinned spaghetti, tinned fish, rice pudding, coffee, sponge pudding, antibacterial spray, toothbrush, deodorant, reusable bags.

Donation baskets are in the Rutherwyke Room and outside the Rutherwyke Room door. Financial donations are also accepted: <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/13203>

Westminster Abbey Pass

Fr Stephen has a Church Pass for visitors to Westminster Abbey that entitles up to four people (adults, students or children) to enter free of charge. It can be used by different groups, on up to six occasions during a twelve month period. If you wish to borrow the Pass please contact Mary in the church office.

SUNDAY WORSHIP 12th April
Easter 2

Year A

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: Diana

10am Sung Holy Communion Server: Susi Warden:

Margaret H Welcome: Grace Reader: John Chalice: Server/ Allison

Collect (prayer for the week)

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

HYMNS from the **GREEN** hymn book

Introit: The Lord is risen indeed 118

Gloria: *Words at the bottom of p4* (tune - Cwm Rhonda)

Offertory: Love's redeeming work is done 113

Gradual: Jesus Lives 112

Communion: Praise to the holiest 439

Recessional: Good Christian men rejoice and sing 107

Organist: David Howard

The readings and prayers for this week are below.

Psalm: 16

Response: **O Lord, you are my portion and my cup**

NT Reading: Acts 2: 14a, 22-32

Gospel: John 20: 19-end

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'

After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here

and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

We pray to the Lord

- ◆ For peace in the Middle East
- ◆ For Ukraine and countries at war
- ◆ For pupils and staff as the new school term approaches
- ◆ For those struggling financially
- ◆ For tharmony between all religions
- ◆ For those on our Diocesan Calendar of Prayer: Anglican churches throughout the world: And in our own diocese: all churches in vacancy in the Diocese.

For those named on our monthly prayer list:

Jacquie, Sue, Belinda, Lucas, Mae, Pat, Jamie, Jenny, Nic, Patricia, Katie, Emily.

For the recently departed. Eileen (Mary) Abrahams RIP.

For those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Lisa Roberts.

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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