

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.

Church Family News, week of 1st February

Greetings

Stewardship is not a word in regular use, but it means the manner in which we use the resources for which we are responsible. The human race is responsible for the stewardship of the planet, a business owner for the stewardship of their staff and tangible assets and householders for their property and land. For people of faith that for which we are responsible is entrusted to us by God and he invites us to steward it with him, to seek his wisdom for its use, especially in times of leanness and plenty. St Mary's has benefitted greatly from previous generations who have looked after and developed the worship, pastoral care, buildings and churchyard, who have stewarded their resources for the benefit of others. Sunday 15th Feb is Stewardship Sunday, we're all invited between now and then to consider how we can deploy the resources entrusted to us by God, our gifts, time and money, for the work of St Mary's. Please pray with me, for wisdom as to how we respond to the needs and opportunities in our generation. If you'd like to talk more about the life of the church and our stewardship of resources, I'd love to meet up and have a chat.

Fr. Stephen

This week

Today CANDLEMAS 8am Said Holy Communion

10am Sung Holy Communion

11.30-12noon Rhythm of Prayer in the Wallace Room

Session 3 **Title:** Formed by the Church of Christ—in prayer
Ps 24: 1-10 Hebrews 2: 14-end Luke 2: 22-40 Simeon and Anna

4-5.15pm Family Club

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

6pm Candlemas for Compline at St Mary's

7pm Group meal at the Red Lion. All welcome—book at the back of church or via the parish office

Tuesday 5.25--6.6.45pm Young Life Club— R Room

Wednesday 8-8.45am Campaigners Club—R Room

9am-3pm Parish Office Open

11am Said Holy Communion *Server:* Susi *Warden:* Jenny

11.30-12.30 Friendship Group at St Mary's Refreshments for all.

7.15-9.15pm Art Class

Thursday 9-11am Noah's Ark

Friday Fr Stephen's day off

Forthcoming Services and Events:

TEA AND TALK 2pm on the second Monday of each month in the Rutherwyke Room.

Monday 9th February 2pm Fr Roland Olliff on Chaplaincy - Prisons/Army/Bishops.

7.30-10pm TWRA Meeting in the Rutherwyke Room

Tuesday 10th February 2pm Cremation of Norman Bartlett at Woking Crematorium. Service led by Fr. Stephen, followed by gathering the Red Lion, Thorpe. All welcome.

Tuesday 17th February - Shrove Tuesday 5pm
PANCAKES in the Rutherwyke Room followed by **COMPLINE** at 6.30pm

Wednesday 18th February 8-8.45am Young Life—
Campaigners in the Rutherwyke Room.

11am Holy Communion Service for Ash Wednesday.

Notices

ANNUAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER for NIGERIA

St Mary's is hosting a Deanery Service at 2pm on Friday, 6th March. All welcome. Help needed to welcome and provide cakes/serve refreshments. Please contact the parish office.

National Trust outing: Tue 10th March, 9am-4pm

A group visit to Stanley Spencer's Sandham memorial chapel

Following our successful visit to the Stanley Spencer museum in Cookham, Fr. Stephen will be leading an outing to the (NT) memorial chapel that Spencer decorated with vast murals on Christian themes using images from his time in the army medical corps. We will travel by minibus to Newbury, and the day will include an exhibition, guided tour, Holy Communion and travel (Cost approx £25, pub lunch extra). To find out more or book your place (spaces limited) contact Fr.Stephen. See here to find out more about the chapel: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/hampshire/sandham-memorial-chapel>

Teaching Series - A House of Prayer for All

RHYTHMS OF PRAYER Session 3

Sunday 1 February (Candlemas)

Sunday 8 February Session 4

Title: Imploring Christ—in prayer

Ps 136: 1-9. 23-end Romans 8: 18-25 Matthew 6: 25-end

Alpha follow up group – Monday 23rd February.

On Ash Wednesday (16th February) The Hythe Singers are singing the Ash Wednesday Service at St George's Chapel, Windsor at 5.15pm. All welcome.

Freya Attreed Freya's father, Rob Attreed has set up a 'Just Giving' page to raise funds St George's Hospital Charity. St George's https://www.justgiving.com/page/attreed-rowalong?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=WA

Young Life Runnymede—February meetings are on Tuesday 3rd and 17th 5.25-6.45pm in the Rutherwyke Room, St Mary's Church, and Campaigners Group on Wednesday 4th and 18th 8-8.45am.

SUNDAY WORSHIP 1st February

for the FEAST OF CANDLEMAS

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Year A

Banns of Marriage are to be read for the first time today for Sagoon and Freddie, who are to be married at St Mary's on 17th April

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 Ridge: Welcome/Reader: John Ridge

10am Sung Holy Communion

Server: Susi Warden: Helen Welcome: Sharina Reader:

Helen Chalice: Susi/Helen

Collect (prayer for the week)

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God.

HYMNS We use the GREEN hymn book

Introit:	Awake my soul	232
Gradual:	Blest are the pure in heart	341
Offertory:	O worship the King	omit* 433
Communion:	Praise to the holiest	omit* 439
Recessional:	Be thou my vision	339

ORGANIST: David Howard

The readings and prayers for this week are below.

Readings:

Psalm: Ps 24: 1-10

Response: The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory

Reading: Hebrews 2: 14-end

Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in

Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too. 'There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

We pray to the Lord

- ◆ For peace and safety amid unrest throughout this troubled world
- ◆ For those living in poverty or under oppression
- ◆ For our Royal Family and Government leaders
- ◆ For those on our Diocesan Calendar of Prayer: The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia: and in our own diocese, Diocesan House staff
- ◆ **For those named on our prayer list:** Jane and Andy Reeves Laura, Ebe
- ◆ **For the recently departed:** Norman Bartlett. RiP Cremation at Woking Crematorium 2pm on 10th February. Refreshments at the Red Lion, Thorpe. All welcome.
- ◆ **For those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:** Charles Murray, Alice Boswell, Betsy Thornton, Daphne Matthews, Alan Brittain.

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'

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING - Domestic Abuse online training gives an interesting insight into all sorts of abuse. E-learning training is available to all on safeguarding@cofeguildford.org.uk

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