

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 3rd May

Greetings

We're pleased to be opening St Mary's to visitors on Wednesdays, 10-4pm, from May to August. Where we can we will have welcomers in the church, otherwise, people will be welcome to enjoy the prayerful sacred space on their own and to use the history or prayer trails provided. The service at 11am will continue as usual, followed by coffee and the 'Friendship Group' at 11.30am in the Rutherwyke Room. Thank you to those who can assist with the opening and closing of the church and with locking away the valuables. If you are able to volunteer to be a welcomer please contact Mary in the Church office. Do pass the word around to friends and neighbours, flyers and notices have been distributed but there is nothing like word of mouth to encourage people to make use of this wonderful opportunity. For those who wish, they will be able to light a candle in memory of a loved one and the memorial book will be open in the Benedict Chapel to remind us of the anniversary of those who have died. St Mary's is such a prayerful, still space, I pray that we and many others will make the most of this opportunity to be still in God's presence.

Fr. Stephen

This week

TODAY 8am Said Holy Communion
10am Sung Holy Communion
4-5.15pm Family Club

Monday from 11am

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

Tuesday 5.25-6.45pm

Young Life Group in the Rutherwyke Room

Wednesday

8-8.45am Campaigners in the Rutherwyke Room
9am -3pm Parish Office Open
11am Holy Communion *Server: Susi*
Warden: Margaret H Welcome: Joy
11.30-12.30 Friendship Group at St Mary's.
2pm Standing Committee
7.15-9.15pm Art Class in the Rutherwyke Room

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

Friday: Father Stephen's day off

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Tea and Talk 2-4pm

Second Monday of each month.

Monday 11th May: Tea and Talk

Mayor Margaret Harnden and volunteers on the work of

the local Foodbank, and 'Egham Constellations'.

7.30pm TWRA meeting in the Rutherwyke Room

Wednesday 13th May NO service or Friendship Group

Thursday 14th May—11am Ascension Day Service followed by refreshments

Sunday 24th May—Pentecost Sunday and joint family Continental breakfast at 8.40am in the Rutherwyke Room.

Saturday 6th June—St Mary's and FOTSA Community Fair on the Frank Muir field. Details below.

Notices

Exciting Opportunity: Ministry Experience Scheme 'Intern'

We are recruiting for an 'Intern' (age 18-29) to participate in mission and ministry with St Mary's from this July to August '27. As well as being a wonderful opportunity to try new things in the church and community, meet new people and be a valuable extra 'pair of hands', the *Intern* will have training with the Diocese and will be helped to discern what God might have in store for them in the future. This is a voluntary role (with a living allowance), requiring an Enhanced DBS. We hope to provide local accommodation with a church family. If you would like to know more do watch this video <https://youtu.be/Ai-VhI9R8D4?si=6soarZ73WwyKt-u6> and do get in touch. If you know someone who might be interested, please pass on the details. The deadline is 17th July, please pray with us for the right person for this role. Contact: Fr Stephen vicar@stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk

10am Family Service on 17th May—A chance to choose your favourite hymn/song. Please send your request to the parish office stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com or speak to Fr Stephen.

Keble College Annual Corporate Communion Service on 10th May 5.30pm. Transport being arranged from the vicarage car park. Keble Curry and drinks —contributions c£10 per head.

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

Volunteers needed to welcome our visitors. Two hour slots. Please add your name to the list in the Rutherwyke Room or contact Fr Stephen or the parish office.

Saturday 6th June - St Mary's and FOTSA Community Fair

Please put the date in your diary for the Community Fair on the Frank Muir field- St Mary's and FOTSA. Helpers needed! Please email susithornton38@gmail.com **We need bottles, new and nearly new goods, cakes, good quality jewellery, bric a brac** -(unusual goods do well) No books! Please start bringing goods from 24th May.

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

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP 3rd May
Easter 5

Year A

Today we welcome Rev'd Janet Franck, 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.

Those serving us today are:

8am said Holy Communion

Server: Andy Welcomer/Reader: Bev

10am Sung Holy Communion Server: Susi Warden:
Deborah Welcome: Phil Reader: Helen Chalice: Server/
Helen

Collect (*prayer for the week*)

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.

HYMNS from the **GREEN** hymn book

Introit: Now is eternal life	114
Gloria: <i>Words at bottom of page 4</i> (tune Cwm Rhonda)	
Gradual: Bread of heaven	276
Offertory: Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour	296
Communion: Ye choirs of new Jerusalem	124
Recessional: Crown Him with many crowns	352

Organist: David

The readings and prayers for this week are below.

Psalm: Ps 31: 1-5

Response: **Let your face shine on your servants**

NT Reading: Acts 7: 55-end

Gospel: John 14: 1-14

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not

speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.

Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

We pray to the Lord

- ◆ For peace and safety amid war and unrest.
- ◆ For harmony between all religions
- ◆ For our local community, workplaces and homes
- ◆ For the healing of our planet.
- ◆ For all young people looking for employment
- ◆ For those on our Diocesan Calendar of Prayer: The United Church of North India; and in our own diocese: St John's, Egham, its incumbent and clergy.

For those on our May prayer list: Belinda, Lucas, Mae, Pat, Katie, Emily, Graham, Linda, Simon, Sandra, Hannah, Alan, RO.

For those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Richard Lockwood, Elaine Gough, May Rigazzi, Barry Huxley, Arthur Dean, Dorothy Lingard, Jane O'Brien, Barbara Bosworth.

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.

We continue to make Safeguarding Awareness a priority in the churches and communities in which we serve. Raising awareness for safeguarding is crucial for preventing abuse and neglect.

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