

## 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 8th February

#### Greetings

By the end of this week everyone we are aware of who is part of St Mary's or is interested in supporting the church, will have had a stewardship letter from me. If you've not had yours yet - please ask. In the information we are all asked to consider how we support St Mary's financially and whether, either through planned regular giving or in a legacy in our will, we might support the life and work of St Mary's. God has entrusted the resources of his good creation to our care and through our work and stewardship of those resources at our disposal we can choose to act in ways that honour his generosity to us and seek the welfare of others. Jesus taught us that it is in giving that we receive - when we give with generous hearts we know the joy of blessing others even if that means we might have less to spend on ourselves. It costs over £2000 a week to run the church, so just as we benefit from the generosity of those who have given before us, let us each consider how, through our generosity, we can benefit this and future generations - and be blessed ourselves in our giving. Thanks be to God.

*Fr Stephen*

#### This week

**Today 8am** Said Holy Communion  
**10am** Sung Holy Communion  
**11.30-12noon** Rhythm of Prayer in the Wallace Rm  
Session 4 **Title:** Imploring Christ—in prayer

**Monday from 11am** Friendship Group at the Red Lion for anyone who would like to meet Other people  
**2-4pm Tea and Talk** Fr Roland Olliff on Chaplaincy - Prisons/Army/Bishops.

**7.30-10pm TWRA** meeting in the Rutherwyke Room

**Tuesday 2pm** Cremation Woking Crematorium—Norman Bartlett RiP. All welcome to refreshments afterwards at the Red Lion, Thorpe

**Wednesday 9am-3pm** Parish Office Open

**11am** Said Holy Communion *Server:* Susi *Warden:* Margaret H

**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:

**Tuesday 17th February - Shrove Tuesday 5pm PANCAKES** in the Rutherwyke Room (Please sign the sheet in church or the Rutherwyke Room if you wish to come) followed by **COMPLINE** at 6.30pm

**Wednesday 18th February 8-8.45am — Campaigners Group** in the Rutherwyke Room.

**11am** Holy Communion Service for Ash Wednesday.

**5.15pm St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle** The Hythe Singers are singing Choral Evenson for Ash Wednesday.

**5.15 Monday 23rd February** Alpha follow up group

**Tuesday 24th February Noon-2pm** Vigil of Prayer for Ukraine—see notices.

#### Notices

##### **Half-Term Family Fun**

Fr Stephen has booked the soft play area and cafe at the Thorpe Green Dojo for Thursday 19th February, 10-Noon. If you know of a family with primary school age children, or even younger, who would like to come along, contact Fr. Stephen to book places.

##### **Prayer Vigil for Ukraine**

24th February is the 4th anniversary of the war between Russia and Ukraine.

From Noon to 2pm on the 24th we are holding a '**Vigil for Peace**' at St Mary's, with space for shared prayers, silent prayer and lighting of candles. Every half hour there will be prayers led from the front. Please join us for some or all of the time as we pray for our brothers and sisters in this conflict.

##### **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 Susi or 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** Final session Sunday 8th February 11.30am in the Wallace Room . **Title:** Imploring Christ—in prayer

**On Ash Wednesday (18th 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/atreed-rowalong?utm\\_medium=FA&utm\\_source=WA](https://www.justgiving.com/page/atreed-rowalong?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=WA) Church, and **Campaigners Group** on Wednesday 18th February 8-8.45am.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP 8th February

Second Sunday before Lent

Year A

Banns of Marriage are to be read for the second time today for Sagoon Paudel and Freddie Gough, 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/Reader: Andy West: Welcome: Diana Lees

### 10am Sung Holy Communion

Server: Susi Warden: Jenny Welcome: Phil Reader: Jenny Chalice: Susi/Allison

### Collect (prayer for the week)

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### HYMNS We use the GREEN hymn book

<b>Introit:</b>	For the beauty of the earth omit*	285
<b>Gradual:</b>	Breathe on me breath of God	342
<b>Offertory:</b>	Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us	297
<b>Communion:</b>	Just as I am	294
<b>Recessional:</b>	Christ whose Glory fills the skies	234

**ORGANIST:** David Howard

### The readings and prayers for this week are below.

#### Readings:

**Psalm:** Ps 136: 1-9, 23-end

**Response:** For his mercy endures for ever

**Reading:** Romans 8: 18-25

**Gospel:** Matthew 6: 25-end

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? and why do you worry about clothing?

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?

Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

### We pray to the Lord

- ◆ For world leaders to strive for peace, not war
- ◆ For all suffering from abuse of any kind
- ◆ For those struggling with depression
- ◆ For those who work so hard to encourage and maintain the growth of St Mary's in all sorts of ways.
- ◆ For those on our Diocesan Calendar of Prayer: The Anglican Church in Hong Kong; and in our own diocese, St Peter's Shared Church, Guildford, Guildford Street Angels, Diocesan House staff.
- ◆ **For those named on our prayer list:** Jane and Andy Reeves, Jojo Kidd, Andrea, Marcus, Simon, Justine, Jacqueline, Nicky, Hilary, Ebe, Katie, Belinda, Mae, Sue. For those waiting for, or having undergone operations recently,
- ◆ **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:** Brian Osbourne, June Brain, Elizabeth Reavley.

*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](mailto:safeguarding@cofeguildford.org.uk)

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