



ST MARY'S THORPE

A warm welcome for everyone

Church Family News

Week of the 9th February

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' or he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Praise to you O Christ

We pray to the Lord

- ◆ For hostages, prisoners and those in captivity throughout the world
- ◆ For those who mourn the loss of loved ones in Sweden
- ◆ For the Anglican Church in Australia
- ◆ For the General Synod, that they make their decisions wisely
- ◆ For our own parish, and all those who work so hard to provide hospitality and fund raising
- ◆ For mission and ministry
- ◆ For Jane and Jim, as they return to America
- ◆ For those named on our February prayer list: Joy, Sue, Margot, Sam and Jo, Eleanor, Maureen, James, Heather, John, Kenny, Baby Theo
- ◆ For those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:
Elizabeth Reavley, Tim Dunne.

All welcome to stay for refreshments in the Rutherwyke Room

Father Stephen and others are available to talk or pray with anyone; please just ask. God bless you this week

Copies of Fr Stephen's sermon available email : vicar@stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk

Greetings

At last the mornings are visibly lighter and the first daffodils have bloomed in the churchyard - the winter sleep is nearly over. Thanks be to God for his mercies, new every morning. This month is our stewardship month when we are asking people connected with St Mary's to consider how they express their support. This could be joining the Electoral Roll (membership list), volunteering or getting involved with our activities. It might also be by supporting the church financially or increasing current financial support. Our income from existing givers, new givers, collections and fundraising needs to increase by 10-15% this year, in order to meet a greater proportion of our costs. Further details are available in addressed envelopes (*at St Mary's, or by post*) for those on the current Roll and in spares marked 'Welcome'. Please collect one to find out more. On the morning of 23rd February we shall be receiving responses and giving thanks to God for his life and work among us. The long history of St Mary's demonstrates how, through us, he is faithful to his Church in every generation. Our stewardship of time, money and talents is a response to his generosity, thanks be to him.

Fr Stephen

This Week:

- Today** 8am Said and 10am Sung Holy Communion
Refreshments and informal meetings after each service today, and an opportunity to provide feedback on the new service and newsletter formats.
- Monday** 2pm-4pm Tea and Talk in the Rutherwyke Room.
David and Naomi - 'A modern approach to training electronic engineers.'
(all welcome)
- 7.30-9.30pm TWRA meeting in the Rutherwyke Room
- Wednesday** 9am-3pm Parish office open
11am Holy Communion followed by refreshments *(all welcome)*
Server: Kim Stangroom Warden: Jill Collinson
7.15pm -9.15pm Art Class
- Thursday** 9.00-11.30am Noah's Ark parent and toddler group *(all welcome)*
- Friday** Father Stephen's day off

Contact Us:

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Office open: Wednesday 9.30am - 3.00pm

Vicar: Fr Stephen Girling Churchwardens: Peter Gruncell, Diana Lees

Treasurer: Andrew West

Future Services and Events:

Sunday 16th February—PCC MEMBERS:

There will be a brief (5minutes) PCC meeting after the 10am service.

20th February 2-3.30pm in the Rutherwyke Room

Workshop ‘**Beyond the Face**’ - *Seeing the soul in a portrait*

Fr. Stephen will be leading a workshop on the theme of his 2024 book, ‘Beyond the Face’. Inspired by portraits of ordinary people by Vincent van Gogh, and by religious Icons, Stephen will introduce a simple method with which we can approach a portrait with the intention to see the soul of the subject. All welcome, no prior experience necessary. Copies of Stephen’s book will be on sale. Sign up attendance via St Mary’s office stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com or on the sign-up sheets in church and in the Rutherwyke Room.

23 February from 8.35am -9.30am Communal Continental breakfast in the Rutherwyke Room. Please sign-up for a sumptuous breakfast- £5.

Sunday 2nd March Baptism of Grace Attreed

Wednesday 5th March

11 am Service of Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday

Wednesdays 12th March—9 April - LENT COURSE led by Fr Stephen
(Services start at 11.30am)

‘**The Way to Easter**’ A Pilgrimage in film. **12-2pm** in the Rutherwyke Room (with a soup and roll Lenten Lunch) **OR** 7-8.30pm with light refreshments in the vicarage. Sign up via St Mary’s office stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com or on the sign-up sheets in church and in the Rutherwyke Room. See poster for full details.

On 10th March at Tea & Talk we will hear from a pilgrim about his journey to Santiago, and on 14 April we will be screening ‘The Way’.

Saturday 15th March Quiz night in the Community Hall, Tenacre Lane.

Tickets available from Jenny Bright ascotladiesday@btinternet.com

Sunday 23rd March

St Mary’s Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 11.15am.

Notices

Electoral roll forms

Please remember to return your completed forms to Diana or drop it in the basket provided in the Rutherwyke Room

27th February 7.30pm

Egham-By-Runnymede Historical Society ‘Trouble & Strife c1910’ talk at the United Church of Egham, High Street, Egham TW20 9EX

Sunday Worship 9th February

We gather for worship, welcoming everyone as Christ would, learning from him through the Bible and being spiritually nourished by him through Holy Communion. The Gospel reading and prayers for this week are below.

Those serving us today are:

8am Holy Communion

Server/Reader: Andy West Welcome: Kim Stangroom

10am Holy Communion

Warden: Jane Lowe Welcome: Jim Lowe Server: Susi Thornton

Chalice: Susi Thornton/Jane Lowe

Organist: David Howard

Hymns (from the GREEN hymn book)

Introit:	God is working his purpose out	495
Gradual:	Blest are the pure in heart	341
Offertory:	O worship the king	433
Communion:	The Lord’s my shepherd	459
Recessional:	Be thou my vision	339

Collect (prayer for the week)

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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. **Amen**

Psalm 138

Response:

ALL Great is the glory of the Lord

NT Reading 1 Corinthians 15 vs 1-11

Gospel Reading: Luke 5 vs 1-11

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you O Lord