



ST MARY'S THORPE

A warm welcome for everyone

Church Family News

Week of 11th May

Greetings

On the 7th May 1945 there was a radio announcement that hostilities would officially end on 8th May. A local declaration by the Mayor of Guildford ended with the following: *"It is the wish of his majesty the king that the Sunday following VE day be observed as a day of thanksgiving and prayer"*. 80 years on and we're delighted to be celebrating VE80 on Sunday with visitors from two of our borough's twinned cities - Bergisch Gladbach in Germany and Joinville-le-Pont in France, we extend to them a warm welcome. We are hosting the 10am service on behalf of our Mayor, Elaine Gill, with an additional focus on the important place of children in the life and work of our borough. We give thanks to God for the peace that was secured by the sacrifices made by so many; secured for the benefit of our generation and our children's generation and we commit, before God, to continue to live, pray and work in a spirit of peace and reconciliation with all people, however like or unlike us they may be.

Father Stephen

This Week

Today 8am Said Holy Communion
10am Mayor's Children's service/VE Commemoration Day, followed by refreshments in the Rutherwyke Room

Monday from 11am
Friendship group at the Red Lion for anyone who would like to meet others from the village
all welcome
2-4pm Tea & Talk - Talk by local historians Jill and Richard Williams.
7.30-10pm TWRA meeting

Wednesday 9am - 3 pm Parish office open
11.00am Holy Communion followed by refreshments
7.15-9.15pm Art Class

Thursday 9-11.30am Noah's Ark *all welcome*

Friday Fr Stephen's day off

Forthcoming Services and Events:

22nd May 6-7.30pm Evening reception—Invitation to the 2025 church electoral roll members. During the evening there will be a musical recital and a short talk about the history of St Mary's.

Future Tea & Talk dates 2-4pm in the Rutherwyke Room
9 June Member sharing conversations

14 July Fr Stephen

If anyone would like to come and share an interesting topic, please contact the parish office—
stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com

Sunday 13th July 3pm Pet service and family picnic — further details to follow

Saturday 26th July Summer Fair - further details to follow

Notices

We are in urgent need of more help to serve coffee after the Sunday services. Please see a member of the Social Committee—Susi, Jenny, Joan, Jill.

Contemplative Prayer meetings held on Monday afternoons (apart from Tea and Talk Mondays)

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

Family Service 11.30—12 noon 1st and 3rd Sundays in May

Choir practice—second and fourth Sundays unless otherwise advised. New members welcome. See Jill Collinson

Sunday Worship 11th May 3rd Sunday after Easter

Mayor's Children's service/VE Commemoration Day

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 reading and prayers for this week are below.

Those serving us today are:

8am Holy Communion

Server: Andy West *Warden/Reader:* Diana Lees

Collect (a special prayer for the Easter season)
Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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.

NT Reading: Romans 12: 9-18

Psalm: 30

Response: I will exalt you O Lord, because you have lifted me up

Gospel reading: Matthew 5: 2-9

10am Mayoral Children's Service and VE Day Commemoration Service (non eucharistic)

Warden: Deborah Welcome: Jenny

Organist: Lionel Pike

SERVICE BOOKLET PROVIDED

We pray to the Lord

- ◆ For those who sacrificed their lives in war, and those who continue to strive for peace
- ◆ For India and Pakistan, and for calm in Indian and Pakistani communities throughout the UK
- ◆ For our European neighbours
- ◆ For a lasting ceasefire between Russia and Ukraine
- ◆ For Cardinals, in their decision making
- ◆ For schoolchildren and students taking examinations
- ◆ For those named on our April prayer list: We continue to pray for Freya, her parents and family. We pray she may grow stronger each day, and have the strength to continue to fight the infection. For Patricia, Ellie, Eleanor, Louise, Sarah Jayne, Yvonne, Ciera, Pat, Masa, John, Joy, Sue, James, Heather, John, Kenny, RM, Fiona, Lesley, Max, Andy, Margaret

For those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Colin Doran, Stanley Collingwood, Alfred Garney, Dianna Camden, John Camden, Edith Bolds, Daisy Stevens, David Wallace

All welcome to stay for refreshments in the Rutherwyke Room

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 is available

email: vicar@stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk

Safeguarding is an essential part of our pastoral care. It's about keeping people safe and helping people feel safe. We all have a part to play, thank you for playing your part.

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