**SUNDAY WORSHIP 27th September** Year A
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
*We gather for worship, welcoming everyone as Christ would, learning from him through the Bible and being spiritually nourished by him through Holy Communion.*
Today we welcome Tillie and Lucinda, their families and friends. Tillie and Lucinda are being baptised during our 10am Family Service

**Collect** *(prayer for the week)*

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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.

Those serving us today are:

**8am said Holy Communion**
*Server:* Andy *Warden/Reader:* Diana
OT Reading: Exodus 17: 1-7
Psalm: 78: 1-4, 12-16
Response: **We will recount the wonderful works of the Lord**
NT Reading: Philippians 2: 1-13
Gospel: Matthew 21: 23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.
'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed and even after you saw it, you did not change your

**WE PRAY TO THE LORD**

- For the Middle East, the people of Ukraine and Russia
- For all religions to live in harmony with together
- For our Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit and Revd Dr Mike Branscombe, recently installed as Canon Missioner at the Cathedral.
- For those on our Diocesan Calendar of Prayer:
- The Church in Bangladesh, and in our own diocese: Fr Damian and his clergy colleagues in Weybridge parish, Royal Holloway College, TASIS, and our Church school students and staff as the new term begins .

**For those on our September prayer list:** Patricia, John B, David, Graham, Jean, Lucas, Paul, John R, Reuben

**For the recently departed:** Freda, Phil, Charlie.

**For those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:** John Cunningham, Ron Wiliams, Roy.
*All are welcome to stay for refreshments in the Rutherwyke Room after the service.*

**LARGE PRINT SERVICE BOOKLETS** are available at the back of church. If needed, please ask the steward on duty.

**Activity packs are available for the children**

Copies of Fr Stephen's sermons are available
Email: vicar@stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk

Fr Stephen and others are available to talk or pray with anyone; please just ask.

Bless you this week.

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## St Mary's Thorpe

*A House of Prayer for All*

**Living** by a rule and rhythm of prayer,
**Learning** from all generations and
**Loving** the diversity of people welcomed.

**Church Family News, week of 27th September**

**Greetings** On Sunday we are delighted to welcome Tillie and Lucinda for their Baptism and we extend a warm welcome to all their family and friends too. When we Baptise babies and young children we are celebrating the fact that God's saving love extends to them through Jesus, just as it extends to us. We also welcome them into the church family, so that together as church, parents and Godparents we can help them to respond to God' saving love by praying for them, teaching them the Christian faith and bringing them to church. It's an occasion of great celebration for us all and an important spiritual milestone for them both. It's not too late to join our Alpha course. If you f are curious about the Christian faith, you are welcome to join us to explore together on Thursdays at St Mary's at 4.30pm or at St Peter's Chertsey at 7pm. Just come along and try it out to see if it's for you.

***Fr.Stephen***

**This week**

**TODAY 8am** Said Holy Communion
**10am** Family Service with Baptisms
**11.30am** Holy Communion from the reserved Sacrament
**Monday from 11am** Friendship Group at the Red Lion for anyone who would like to meet other people.
**Tuesday 6pm** Evening Prayer (SEE NOTICES)
**7.45pm** Choir practice
**Wednesday 8am MORNING PRAYER** (SEE NOTICES)
**9am – 3pm** Parish Office Open
**11am Holy Communion**
*Server:* Brad *Warden/Welcome:* Jill
Refreshments for all 11.30 -12.30
**12.15-1.30pm** Confirmation class - vicarage
**7.15-9.15** Art Class
**Thursday 9-11am** Noah's Ark
**4.30-6pm** Alpha Class
**Friday** Fr Stephen's day off

**FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS**

**Thursday 8th October 7.30pm at St Peter's Church Chertsey -** Justin Brierly on 'The surprising rebirth of belief in God' ALL WELCOME

**SUNSET CLUB Tuesdays on October 13, 20, 27 and November 10th, 17th, 24th** 2-4pm in the Rutherwyke Room 2-4pm. **Contact Mary if you are interested stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com or 01932 567603.**
***Fr Stephen needs one or two people to provide refreshments for the Sunset Cafe. Please contact the church office.*** *Thank you.*

**Tea and Talk on Monday 12th October 2-4pm**
Our organist, David Howard will be sharing the process of the organ he is building.

**Thursday 15th October -**Trip to Painshill Park for Seniors in and around Thorpe. Seats still available. **To book, please contact stmaryschurchorpe@outlook.com or ring 01932 567603**
**Sunday 25th October** 3pm Annual Memorial Service at St Mary's

**Notices**

**Tuesday 28th September—Evening Prayer at 6pm and Wednesday 29th Morning Prayer at 8am: Join us in church with fifteen pilgrims from Yorkshire walking in the footsteps of St Francis**

**Unfortunately the Quiet Day on 29th September at St Columba's House has been cancelled.**

**SUNSET CLUB in October and November**

**SAVE THE DATES:**
**Sunday 1st November** Joint 10am Service with All Saints' Church, Woodham, at All Saints' Church

**Sunday 4th November 4-5.30pm** - Family Club at St Mary's

**Monday 2nd November at 2pm** In addition to the Tea and Talk Mondays, on Monday, 2nd November 2-4pm Joyce Sharland from Age UK is coming to talk about the work of Age UK and answer questions.

**Sunday 15th November 8.45-9.45am** Church family continental breakfast

**Saturday 27th November 7.30pm**- The Hythe Singers' Winter Concert at St Mary's

**Runnymede Foodbank—**Donation boxes are in the Rutherwyke Room and by the door outside the Rutherwyke Room behind the church (emptied regularly). Financial donations also accepted. https://cafdonate. cafonline.org/13202