

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 21st June

Greetings

Last Sunday our visiting speaker encouraged us to think about what it means to be a church which is welcoming to all generations. I proposed a question that we all ask of those we meet who consider St Mary's to be their church. ***"Is there anything we could do to help you feel more a part of St Mary's?"***. This question puts the onus on us who are very involved to consider how we might address any barriers or opportunities for those who wish to be more involved. Please let me have your answers in writing - it will be fascinating to see what people come up with (please encourage them to be completely honest and reassure them we're not recruiting for more people to come to services, which can be people's perception).

This Sunday we are celebrating Father's Day at 10am, we give thanks to God for our Fathers and all they give to us or have given to us in the past. We welcome Rev'd Sue Phillips (St Peter's Chertsey) who will be celebrating at the 8am service and Revd Bev Hunt (All Saints Woodham) who will be leading the 10am Church family service and celebrating Extended Holy Communion at 11.30am. All Welcome. **Fr. Stephen**

Bishop Paul's Visit, Wednesday 1st July

+Paul will be at Thorpe CofE school first thing in the morning and then will come to St Mary's to Celebrate the 11am Holy Communion with us and to join the Friendship Group afterwards. Do join us, even if you wouldn't normally come on a Wednesday,. It would be lovely to swell the numbers to welcome him warmly, in the usual St Mary's style.

Fr Stephen

This week

TODAY 8am Said Holy Communion
10am Family Service for Father's Day
11.30am Holy Communion by extension

Monday from 11am Friendship Group at the Red Lion for anyone who would like to meet other people
2pm - Talk on Cyber Security in the Rutherwyke Room. Daniel Sykes, from Cyber Protect, is giving a follow-up talk on **AI and Cyber Crime**. Refreshments provided.

Wednesday

9am –3pm Parish Office Open

11am Holy Communion

Server: Kateriina *Warden:* Jenny *Welcome:* Joy
Refreshments available from 11.30 -12.30

10am-4pm : St Mary's Church open to all

2pm Warden and Deputy Wardens' meeting

7.15 –9.15pm Art Class in the Rutherwyke Room

Wednesday 7.30pm Deanery Synod at Englefield Green

Thursday 9-11am NOAH'S ARK

Friday: Father Stephen's day off

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Saturday 4th July— Wedding—Karen and Jim

Sunday 5th July 4-5.15pm Family Club— Celebrating Creation.

Sunday 5th July 6pm Invitation from Bishop Paul

See details in 'Notices'.

Saturday 11th July 7.30pm The Hythe Singers' Summer Concert - The Jurgens Centre, Englefield Green W20 OQR. Bring a picnic if you wish. Tickets - thehythesingers.com or on the door.

Monday 13th July 2-4pm Tea and Talk—Worldwide tales of rabbits and hares with Jill Williams. From Creation spirits, magical beasts, practical jokers and devious characters, these creatures feature in a myriad of cultures.

Sunday 19th July 10am Family/Pet Service in the church grounds. (Bring your pet).

Notices

Lodgings Needed Can you provide lodgings from September 2026 to July 2027 for a young adult who will be working with us at St Mary's (helping with services and all aspects of ministry and mission)? A monthly donation towards accommodation and food costs provided. Please contact Fr. Stephen to find out more.

An invitation from Bishop Paul to clergy and congregations in each deanery - Runnymede Deanery Gathering - St John's Egham on Sunday 5 July from 6pm to 7.30pm (tea and coffee served from 5.30pm) Bishop Paul has extended an invitation to discuss the three key priorities he set for the coming two years: *prayer, pastoral care and a sharper focus on our 'priority of priorities': deepening discipleship (including revitalisation) and investing wholeheartedly in children and young people.*

The gathering will enable him to meet, pray and worship with clergy and congregations as part of his pastoral care for the diocese. I encourage as many as possible from St Mary's to attend by signing the list at the back of church or in the Rutherwyke Room, or letting Mary know stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com Car share available. If you can't make 5th July, there is a meeting in Woking Deanery (Christ Church, Woking) on Wednesday 1st July at 7.30pm or Epsom Deanery (St Paul's, Howell Hill) on Monday 6th July at 7.30pm. **Fr. Stephen.**

Seniors Afternoon Tea On Tuesday 4th August Fr. Stephen is hosting an Afternoon Tea for seniors at the Red Lion, from 3.30-5pm. All seniors are welcome, please book with Mary stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com and let us know any dietary needs. There is no charge—the tea is kindly paid for with a grant raised by TASIS students.

Pilgrimage Walk There will be a pilgrimage walk between St Peter's Chertsey and St Mary's on Wed 26th August, to include the 11am Holy Communion and coffee afterwards. The half-day walk is ~2miles, the full-day ~4.5 miles. All welcome.

Runnymede Foodbank. Please see the posters for this month's urgent needs.

SUNDAY WORSHIP 21st June

Year A

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Father's Day

Today we welcome the Rev'd Sue Phillips, who will be taking the 8am service and the Rev'd Bev Hunt, who will be taking the 10am Family Service and 11.30am said Holy Communion by extension.

Banns of marriage to be read for the third time for Joshua Grant and Chalise Draper.

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 Reader/Welcome: John Ridge

10am Sung Family Service

Warden: Margaret Harnden Welcome: Sharina

Reader: Margaret H

11.30am Server/Chalice : Susi Warden: Margaret H

Collect (prayer for the week)

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

HYMNS Today we use the **Orange** hymn book

Introit: Praise my soul the King of Heaven 565

Gradual: To God be the glory 695

Offertory: Think of the world 900

Recessional: Great is thy faithfulness 249

Organist: Kevin Cobbold

Readings:**8am**

Genesis: 21: 8-21

Psalm: 86: 1-10

Response to the psalm: You, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion

Gospel: Matthew 10: 24-39

10am

Reading: Philippians 4: 4-9

Gospel: Luke 15: 1-7

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

So when he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes

home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost."

Just so, I tell you, there will be no more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

We pray to the Lord

- ◆ For Ukraine. For Lebanon. For a successful resolution between the USA and Iran
- ◆ For children in care, and for Social Workers
- ◆ For ordinands preparing for ordination at the end of June
- ◆ For those on our Diocesan Calendar of Prayer: The United Church of South India, and in our own diocese: Godalming Deanery Clergy and Lay staff

For those on our June prayer list:

Linda, Simon, Sandra, Graham, Ann, Peter, Nicola, Marilyn, Madge, Katie, Andrea, Patricia, Brian

For the recently departed: Frank**For those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:**

Richard Alderson, Popi Kalambaka, Reginald Cornforth, Marjorie Walters, Leslie Pike

All are welcome to stay for refreshments in the Rutherwyke Room after the service.

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

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 is an essential part of our pastoral care. We all have a part to play in helping to keep our community safe. We strive to ensure that safeguarding is a top priority in our church.

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