



ST MARY'S THORPE

A warm welcome for everyone

Church Family News

Week of 18th May

Greetings

The Mayoral service last Sunday for VE80, when we welcomed children and young people from our schools, and visitors from twin towns in Germany and France, was a lovely example of St Mary's at its best - beautiful music, a warm welcome and fantastic food and drink. Thank you to everyone who helped make it a very special day. This Sunday is the last 11.30am family service before we begin the trial, between June and December, of our monthly Family Club and Service for All the Family. The decision to try these was made after consultation with parents about what would work best for them and their children as we aim to 'grow younger' as a church community and to reach out to those for whom traditional church is not part of the pattern of their week. Please support this initiative in whatever way you can, we're a small congregation and it can't always fall on the same people to do things (contact me to find out more). I'd like to take this opportunity to express my immense appreciation to Susi Thornton and Margaret Harnden for so faithfully leading the 11.30am Family Service, right through and since the vacancy and keeping in touch with families. This trial will build on this work.

Best Wishes, Fr. Stephen

This Week

Today we welcome Father Gerard, who will be presiding at our services today.

Today **8am** Said Holy Communion
 10am Sung Holy Communion
 11.30-12 noon Family Service (Susi)

Monday from 11am

Friendship group at the Red Lion for anyone who would like to meet others from the village
all welcome
7.30pm PCC meeting preceded by 7pm Holy Communion service

Wednesday 9am - 3 pm Parish office open

11.00am Holy Communion led by Father Daniel, followed by refreshments
Server: Kim Warden: Jill

7.15-9.15pm Art Class

Thursday 9-11.30am Noah's Ark *all welcome*
6-7.15pm Reception for Electoral Roll members

Friday Fr Stephen's day off

Forthcoming Services and Events:

Wed. 28th May - there is no Holy Communion

Thursday 29th May, 11am

Ascension Day Holy Communion

Sun 1st June 4-5.15pm

Family Club in Rutherwyke Room (RSVP Church office)

Mon-Fri. 2nd-6th June 6-6.30pm

Compline for Thy Kingdom Come (Archbishop's national prayer initiative)

Thursday 22nd May 6-7.30pm Invitation to 2025 Electoral Roll members

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 10am Pet service — further details to follow.

Saturday 26th July Summer Fair - further details to follow

Pilgrimage Walk : Saturday, 27th September

Notices

Thy Kingdom Come

2025 is the 10th anniversary of 'Thy Kingdom Come', the Archbishop's call to prayer between Ascension Day and Pentecost Sunday. There will be a sermon series on the Lord's prayer in support and booklets will be distributed from Sun 25th May. We are encouraged to pray for 5 people to come to know Christ.

Family Club

1st June 4-5.15pm will be the launch of our Family Club, an event for families with children to come together for us to learn from one another around a bible story, craft, singing and prayer (and the children will be given tea). Flyers are available in church, please encourage families you know to come, and to RSVP for catering. Please pray for this initiative and for the team leading it.

Contemplative Prayer meetings held on Monday afternoons.

Runnymede Foodbank is running a four week course

EAT WELL—Spend LESS held 10am- 12:45pm, commencing on Tuesday 10th June. at The Beacon, Chertsey KT16 9AS. The course is free. Please see further details on the posters in the Rutherwyke Room and in church.

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

Sunday Worship 18th May

4th Sunday after Easter

We welcome Father Gerard, who will be presiding at our services today

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.

8am Holy Communion

Server: Andy West Welcomer/Reader: Diana Lees

10am Sung Holy Communion

Warden: Margaret Harnden Welcome: Helen Cunningham Server: Susi Thorndon Chalice: Susi/Helen Reader: Marianne Herne

11.30-12noon Family Service (Susi Thornton)

Organist: Lionel Pike

Hymns *from the GREEN hymn book*

Introit: Good Christian men rejoice and sing 107

Gradual: I heard the voice of Jesus say 376

Offertory: Praise the Lord we heavens adore 437

Communion: How sweet the name of Jesus 374

Recessional: Lord, enthroned 296

Collect (a special prayer for the Easter season)

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

NT Reading: Acts 11: 1-18

Psalms: 148

Response: Praise, O praise the name of the Lord

Gospel reading: 13: 31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

We pray to the Lord

- ♦ For a lasting ceasefire between Russia and Ukraine
- ♦ For peace in Pakistan and India
- ♦ For an end to turmoil in the Middle East
- ♦ For Runnymede Deanery, the Area Dean and Parish Deanery members
- ♦ For those named on our May prayer list:
For Freya, and for her parents and friends.
For Jane, 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: Walsham Maynard, Brian Periton, Norman Manning, Clara Tucker, Annie Rumbold, Jenny Holmes, Elizabeth Ewart

All are 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.

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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