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 1st November

GREETINGS

We're looking forward to having our 10am service on Sunday with the congregation of All Saints Woodham, joining them for their Patronal Festival and lunch. If you're not able to get to Woodham there is an 8am service at St Mary's do join us then (there is NO 10am service at St Mary's).

On Monday 2nd Nov we look forward to welcoming Tel Martin from Age UK who will be giving a presentation in the Rutherwyke Room, do join us - see details in the notice below.

We've heard a lot from the Government in recent weeks about 'stockpiling' three days' worth of food and water and having access to an FM radio and some cash, to provide some resilience in the event of a regional or national emergency. Let's also have a mind for neighbours and friends who may not be as able as we are to respond to this advice and see if they might need any help. We learned a lot about neighbourhood care during Covid - let's draw upon that experience. Good community relationships are a gift of God, and this includes loving our neighbour and accepting the help of our neighbour - let's all pull together as we seek to 'be prepared' and never forget the most vulnerable.
Fr Stephen

This Week

TODAY: 8am Said Holy Communion
10am SERVICE AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH, WOODHAM (no 10am service at St Mary's)
4-5.30pm Family Club in the Rutherwyke Rm

Monday11am Friendship Group at the Red Lion for anyone who would like to meet other people people
2-4pm AGE UK presentation in the R Room Tel Martin from Age UK will be talking about how to live well and age well, giving advice and signposting organisations who are able to help us. He will cover matters like how to stay longer in our own home, through adaptions and the support of others, where to seek financial help and much more. *All Welcome.*

Tuesday 2-4pm Sunset Café in the Rutherwyke Room

Wednesday 9am-3pm Parish Office Open
11am Holy Communion
Server: Brad *Warden*: Jenny
Refreshments for all 11.30 -12.30
2pm Standing Committee

Thursday 9-11am Noah's Ark
4.30-6pm Alpha Discussion Group. The subject on 5th November is 'Does God guide us'? All welcome.

Friday Fr Stephen's day off

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

8th November Next Sunday is Remembrance Sunday. Our 10am service will be in church followed by the Exhortation at the War Memorial at 11am. Because of expected road works, the walking route to the War Memorial will be advised nearer the time. Refreshments will be served in church after the Exhortation followed by a short service of Holy Communion from the reserved sacrament.
11th November 11am Holy Communion for Remembrance Day in church.

Tea and Talk Monday 9th November 2-4pm
Father Daniel, Chaplain at the University, will be our speaker at Tea and Talk, speaking on 'A Journey to Priesthood'.
The last meeting this year is on Monday December 14th, 2-4pm in the Rutherwyke Room.

Sunday 15th November 8.45-9.45am Joint 8am and 10am family breakfast.
Saturday 21st November St Mary's Quiz in Church. **Doors open from 6pm for 6.30pm**. Tickets £20 to include two course meal. BYO drinks and glasses.

Saturday 5th December: Christmas Fair. More information to follow soon.

NOTICES

The Hythe Singers – Winter Concert at St Mary's. Do join us on Saturday 28th November 7.30pm when we will be performing works by Hungarian, Czech and English composers and accompanied by harp, organ, piano. Tickets available shortly.

Westminster Abbey Pass
Fr Stephen has a church pass for visitors to Westminster Abbey that entitles up to four people (adults, students or children) to enter free of charge. It can be used by different groups, on up to six occasions during a twelve month period. If you wish to borrow the pass, please contact Mary in the church office.

Runnymede Foodbank—Donation boxes are in the Rutherwyke Room and by the door outside the Rutherwyke Room behind the church. Financial donations also accepted.
https://cafdonate. Cafonline.org/13202

SUNDAY WORSHIP 1st November **Year A**

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Activity packs for children, large print Service Booklets and Hymn books are available at the back, please ask a steward.

A basket will be passed around during the service for donations towards the work of St Mary's, or there are contactless machines at the back. Tokens for other donations are available on the backs of aisle seats.

Collect *(prayer for the week)*

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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: Katerina *Reader/Welcome:* Diana

Reading: Revelation 7: 9-end

Psalm: 34: 1-10

Response: **Those who trust in him will understand truth**

Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

WE PRAY TO THE LORD -

- For Ukraine, for the Middle East and all warring countries to strive for peace
- For the riots in France to cease
- For those on our Diocesan Calendar of Prayer: The Church in the Province of the West Indies, and in our own Diocese, Fr Roland and all at All Saints Church, Woodham, for Runnymede Deanery Synod members and for the Diocesan Synod being held on 7th November.
- For those on our prayer list:
  Pope Leo, Amy, Hope, Joanna, Simon, Jean, Dylan, David, Graham, Jo, Lucas, Stan, Patricia, Nicky, Michael and Denise.

  For the recently departed: Jonathan and for his family.

  For those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Charles Remnant, Victor Whitfield, Geoff Winkley, Aurel Bailey Shiela Goudime, Paul Goudime, Cicely Baker. Fanny Goodman, David Finch. Winifred Awcock, Wyn Williams

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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.

Safeguarding: See it. Hear it. Report it.

"I might be wrong, so I shouldn't say anything." You don't need to be certain – just *willing* to share a concern.

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