

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 5th July

Greetings

None of us can imagine what it's like to be in those areas of Venezuela impacted by the recent earthquakes and aftershocks, the scale of devastation, the stories of human tragedy, seeing hope of saving more lives fade as the days roll by - let's continue to cry out to God for his merciful help for all.

In the service of Holy Communion we hold before God, in Christ crucified and risen, both the brokenness of the world and the hope of glory. On Sunday I'll be giving my 3rd and final talk on Holy Communion, exploring why it is so foundational to our faith in Christ, being formed into his likeness, united as one church and made ready to serve him in his hurting world. I'm recording all three talks, let me know if you missed one and want an audio copy or transcript.

And finally do join us on Sunday evening from 5.30pm at St John's Egham when Bishop Paul will be with us, listening to local stories and sharing his vision for the Diocese in this time of transition. Below is a link to a Diocesan survey for the appointment of a new Diocesan Bishop - do share your thoughts.

Fr Stephen

Do take part in the consultation on the appointment:

<https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about-us/governance/vacancyinsee-committee-members/vacancyinsee>

This week

TODAY 8am Said Holy Communion
10am Sung Holy Communion
4-5.15pm Family Club - 'Celebrating Creation'
6-7.30pm (refreshments from 5.30pm)
at St John's Church, Egham

Monday from 11am Friendship Group at the Red Lion
for anyone who would like to meet other people

Wednesday

9am - 3pm Parish Office Open

11am Holy Communion

Server: Susi Warden: Margaret Welcome: Joy
Refreshments 11.30 - 12.30

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

Thursday 9-11am NOAH'S ARK - All welcome

Friday: Father Stephen's day off

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Saturday 11th July 7.30pm The Hythe Singers' Summer Concert at the Jurgens Centre, Englefield Green

TW20 OQR. Music by French composers – including Poulenc, Ravel, Debussy, and finishing with a medley of songs from Les Miserables. Bring a picnic if you wish. Tickets from thehythesingers.com or on the door.

Sunday 12th July 10am Sung Holy Communion with Baptisms

Monday 13th July 2-4pm Tea and Talk— Jill Williams Worldwide tales of rabbits and hares. 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).

Tuesday 14th July Thorpe School leavers service in the Cathedral

Wednesday 15th July 2pm Welcomers meeting in the Rutherwyke Room

Sunday 16th August - Patronal Festival service, when we will be joined by the congregation from All Saints', Woodham. Lunch afterwards.

Notices

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 stmaryschurch-thorpe@outlook.com

and let us know any dietary needs. There is no charge - the tea is kindly paid for with a grant raised by TISIS 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

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>

Church Family WhatsApp

This group is helpful for communicating what's going on, sharing encouragements and asking others for recommendations of things. If you'd like to join please send your mobile number by email to the church office.

SUNDAY WORSHIP 5th July

Year A

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

We welcome Edward Wilmouth, who is playing the organ for us 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.

Those serving us today are:

8am said Holy Communion

Server: Andy Warden/Reader: Bev

10am Sung Holy Communion

Server: Barney Warden: Helen Welcome: Phil

Reader: Helen Intercessions: Susi Chalice: Server/Helen

Collect (prayer for the week)

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in **HYMNS** Today we use the **Green** hymn book

Introit: Awake my soul 234

Gradual: As pants the heart 337

Offertory: The King of love 457

Communion: All for Jesus 272

Recessional: Soldiers of Christ arise (omit vs3/4)449

Organist: Edward Wilmouth

Readings:

Psalm: 45: 10-end

Response to the psalm: Grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you for ever.

Reading: Romans 7: 15-25a

Gospel: Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-end

'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn."

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them

to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

We pray to the Lord

- ◆ For Venezuela
- ◆ For Ukraine
- ◆ For All warring countries
- ◆ For those leading our country
- ◆ For those on our Diocesan Calendar of Prayer: The Anglican church of Southern Africa, and in our own diocese: St Mary's Ash Vale, Vicar and PtO clergy; and for those involved with the appointment of a new Diocesan Bishop.

For those on our July prayer list: Sandra, Graham, Katie, Lucas, Jennie and Jamie.

For the recently departed: Frank, Pat.

For those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Reginald Tucker, Denise O'Connell, June Swain, Joan Baker, Richard Moller.

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 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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