

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.



FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Saturday 6th June—St Mary's and FOTSA Community Fair on the Frank Muir field. Please put the date in your diary. Please contact Susi if you are able to help - email susithornton38@gmail.com
We need bottles—alcoholic and non-alcoholic, new and nearly new goods, cakes, good quality jewellery, bric a brac (unusual goods sell well) No books! Please start bringing goods from 24th May.

Sunday 7th June 4pm Family Club bring and share picnic in the Vicarage garden

Cyber Security: On Monday, 22nd June Daniel Sykes will be back to give us another talk on cyber crime. This time he will guide us through AI and Cyber Crime.

Sunday 21st June Fathers' Day Family 10am Service

Sunday 19th July 10am Family and Pet Service

Notices

Pastoral Care

If you or a loved one or friend are unwell or in hospital and would like to be on the prayer list or to have a visit (or phone call), please do let Mary know in the church office or let Fr Stephen know. We can't assume people will 'hear on the grapevine' so please please let us know, because we do care.

Fr. Stephen

Thinking about confirmation?

Would you like to find out more about being Confirmed? Contact Fr Stephen, who is considering meeting with folk who are interested, for a few weeks on a Wednesday late morning.

St Mary's Thorpe: Summer Open Days on Wednesdays May to August 10am-4pm

Volunteers needed to welcome our visitors. Two hour slots. Please add your name to the list in the Rutherwyke Room or contact Fr Stephen, or the parish office.

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>

Tea and Talk

Second Mondays of each month 2-4pm. If anyone would like to come and share an interesting topic, please contact Susi or the parish office:

stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com

Contemplative Prayer Group is held at Susi's house (Ivy Cottage) on Mondays at 2.30pm apart from Tea and Talk Mondays when it's held in the Wallace Room at 4.15pm.

Church Family News, week of 24th May

Greetings

On Sunday, as part of our Pentecost Celebrations we will be receiving the three oils which were blessed by Bishop Paul in our Cathedral, during Holy Week. The use of these oils in the life of the church is based upon their use within scripture; essentially they are 'tokens' of God's promise, to strengthen and protect us through the gift of his Holy Spirit. The Festival of Pentecost celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit to those disciples who had witnessed the risen Jesus and from then on the good news of Jesus went forth to the wider world by word and deed and the church was born. The three oils are for use in baptism, for prayer with those who are sick and dying and for strengthening of those who have been obedient to God's call to follow Christ in a particular way (oil of Chrism). We will be offering the opportunity for people to be anointed with oil for the sick or chrism during the services on Sunday but please, if ever the occasion arises when you or a loved one would like to be anointed with holy oil, do just ask. There is nothing 'magic' about these oils, but in the context of the faith of the church and recipient they become a means by which God's grace is made more present.

Fr. Stephen

This week

TODAY 8am Said Holy Communion
8.45-9.45am Communal breakfast
10am Sung Holy Communion

Monday from 11am

Friendship Group at the Red Lion for anyone who would like to meet other people

Tuesday 5.25-6.45pm

Young Life Group in the Rutherwyke Room

Wednesday

8-8.45am Campaigners Group in the Rutherwyke Room

9am –3pm Parish Office Open

11am Holy Communion

Server: Susi Warden: Margaret Welcome: Joy Refreshments available from 11.30-12.30am

10am-4pm Church open

Thursday 9-11am NO NOAH'S ARK TODAY

Friday: Father Stephen's day off

SUNDAY WORSHIP 24th May
Pentecost

Year A

Banns of marriage to be read for the second time for Karen Atkinson and Peter (Jim) Goodman

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: Katerina Welcome/Reader: John

10am sung Holy Communion

Server: Susi Warden: Helen Welcome: Phil
Reader: Ann (psalm) Chalice: Server/Helen

Collect (prayer for the week)

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

HYMNS We use the **ORANGE** hymn book

Introit: Come down O love divine 114

Gradual: Come Holy Ghost our souls inspire 118

Offertory: Breathe on me breath of God 84

Communion: Bright the vision 86

Recessional: Alleluia sing to Jesus (omit v2) 12

Organist: David Howard

Readings:

Psalm: 104: 26-end

Corinthians 12: 36-end

Gospel: John 7: 37-39

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

We pray to the Lord

- ◆ For an end to war and suffering throughout the world
- ◆ For Bishops, Synods and all who lead the Church
- ◆ For the King, the Royal family and those leading our country
- ◆ For teachers and students taking a well earned half term break.
- ◆ For those on our Diocesan Calendar of Prayer: The Anglican Church of the Philippines; and in our own diocese: St Paul's Church, Woking, its clergy and congregation.

For those on our May prayer list: Belinda, Lucas, Mae, Pat, Katie, Emily, Graham, Linda, Simon, Sandra, Hannah, Ashley, Andrea, Fr Roland, James, Romina, Frank, Ann, Nicola Reed.

For those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Jenny Holmes, Elizabeth Ewart, Alan Levett.

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

Large print services 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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