

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 19th April

Greetings

On Sunday morning we'll be recalling the time when Jesus, having risen from the dead, came alongside a couple of disillusioned and confused disciples walking back home from Jerusalem to Emmaus after witnessing the extraordinary events of the previous few days. They didn't recognise him, he was a stranger to them, but he quickly drew them into a conversation about how their ancient scriptures (what we know as the Old Testament) alluded to the coming of a messiah who would suffer and die before 'entering into glory'. It was only when Jesus blessed and broke bread during dinner later that evening, that their eyes were opened and they realised the stranger was Jesus. I would love to have and to hear about others having '**curious conversations**' (even with strangers) about faith and religion, including our disillusionments and doubts. There's always more to learn and for others to learn from us - take courage, go beyond talking about the weather and see where curiosity takes you.

Fr. Stephen

This week

TODAY 8am Said Holy Communion

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 in the Rutherwyke Room

9am -3pm Parish Office Open

11am Holy Communion *Server: Kim Warden: Jill Welcome: Joy/Sharina*

11.30-12.30 Friendship Group at St Mary's.

Wednesday 2pm Funeral of Mary Abrahams. All welcome.

The family has requested those attending to *NOT* wear black.

7.15-9.15pm Art Class in the Rutherwyke Room

Thursday 9-11am Noah's Ark in the Rutherwyke Room

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Tea and Talk 2-4pm on second Mondays of each month.

Monday 11th May: Please come and support Mayor Margaret's two charities - the local Foodbank, and 'Egham Constellations'. Talks about both these charities.

TWRA meetings 7.30-10pm on second Mondays.

Sunday 26th April Baptism at the 10am service

Tuesdays in April 5.25-6.45pm Young Life Club in the Rutherwyke Room.

Wednesdays in April 8am-8.45am Campaigners Group in the Rutherwyke Room.

Notices

Keble College Annual Corporate Communion Service on 10th May 5.30pm. If enough people want to attend, we will make enquiries about hiring a coach. Please add your name(s) to the sign up lists in church or in the Rutherwyke Room, or contact the church office.
Mayor's afternoon Tea and Talk

Saturday 25th April 2-4pm — Mayor's afternoon Tea and Talk

Join local historian Richard Williams for a fascinating talk about Runnymede and its history, and enjoy afternoon tea at St Mary's. Proceeds in aid of the Mayor of Runnymede's Charities—Runnymede Foodbank and Egham Constellations.

£20 it include a complementary illustrated book on Runnymede—while stocks last!

To book, phone 07532 319342 or email mtharrnden@aol.com

First Sunday of each month: Family Club 4pm- 5.15pm

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

Volunteers needed to welcome our visitors. Two hour slots. Please contact Fr Stephen or the parish office.

Sunday 24 May Put the date in your diary for the combined 8am and 10am continental breakfast in the Rutherwyke Room.

Saturday 6th June: Please reserve the date in your diaries for our Summer Fair, which will be combined with the school on the Frank Muir Field. Help needed in all sorts of ways, before, during and after the event. More details coming soon.

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 WORSHIP 19th April
Easter3**

Year A

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/Reader: Andy Welcomer: Kim

10am Sung Holy Communion Server: Andy Warden:
Deborah Welcome: Jean Reader: Jill Chalice: Server/
Allison

Collect (prayer for the week)

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of
his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and
sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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.

HYMNS from the **ORANGE** book

Introit: All people that on earth do dwell 21
Gloria: *Words at bottom of page 4* (tune Cwm Rhonda)
Gradual: All my hope in God is founded (omit v3) 19
Offertory: This joyful Eastertide 680
Communion: Let all mortal flesh 381
Recessional: Thine be the Glory 672
Organist: Naomi

The readings and prayers for this week are below.

Psalm: 116 : 1-3, 10-17

Response: **Gracious is the Lord and righteous**

NT Reading: Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

Gospel: Luke 24: 13-25

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer

these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

We pray to the Lord

- ◆ For an end to the blockade of the Strait of Hormuz
- ◆ For the people of Ukraine, Russia and all countries in the Middle East
- ◆ For our Government to be guided by prayer
- ◆ For those on our Diocesan Calendar of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma): And in our own diocese: Bishop Paul and Archdeacon Martin
For those appointed to the Vacancy in See Committee

For those on our April prayer list: Jacquie, Sue, Belinda, Lucas, Mae, Pat, Jamie, Jenny, Nic, Patricia, Katie, Emily, Rominy, Graham, Linda, Simon, Justine, Pete, Sandra, Andrea.

For the recently departed. Eileen (Mary) Abrahams RIP.

For those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Reginald Ellis, Peter Dawson, Ronald Nobbs, Leila Cammiade, Martin Fernley, Frank Matthews.

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

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.

It's the duty of us all to remain vigilant and proactive to any safeguarding concerns. The Vicar, Parish Safeguarding Officer and the Diocesan Safeguarding Team are always ready to listen.

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