



St Mary's Thorpe

A House of Prayer for All

- * Live by a rule and rhythm of prayer
- * Learn from all generations
- * Love the diversity of people welcomed

Church Family News Week of 3rd August

Greetings

Firstly, a huge thank you to the St Mary's (and wider family) team that were behind what was a very successful Summer Fair. The weather was fine, the attendance was good and varied in ages, the food and drink were excellent as were the band, stalls and tractor - wow, what a memorable day, and to top it all it was a real community affair and takings were up £500 on last year. Thank you everyone for your support.

On a Sunday we have the 2nd in our series on the Nicene Creed (what Christians believe). I'm recording these in case you miss one ... and then in the afternoon our family club will celebrate 'Jesus the Good Shepherd' making good use of church & churchyard. Do put our 10am 17th August Patronal Festival in your diary; we shall welcome Bishop Peter and folk from All Saints Woodham as we thank God for the obedience and humility of Mary, making herself available to God. And finally, well done Lionesses, we may have shattered nerves but goodness, what an achievement. *Fr. Stephen*

This Week

Today **8am** Said Holy Communion
 10am Sung Holy Communion
 4-5.15pm Family Club in the Rutherwyke Room

Monday from 11am Friendship group at the Red Lion for anyone who would like to meet others from the village *all welcome*

Tuesday 9.30am Trip to Spencer Gallery at Cookham

Wednesday 9am - 3 pm Parish office open
 11am Said Holy Communion The Transfiguration *Server: Susi Thornton*
 Warden: Jane Lowe

Thursday 10.30 Memorial service for Laura Lomas RîP
 Warden/Welcomes: Joan and Pete Gruncell

Friday Fr Stephen's day off

Forthcoming Services and Events:

Monday 11 August Tea and Talk 2pm-4pm Whistle Stop Tour in Peru - with Phil Ballard
 September 8th - Baz
 October 13th John - Judo.
 November 10th Tommy ...the dogs
 December 8th Different ways of celebrating Christmas.

If anyone would like to come and share an interesting topic, please contact the parish office —
stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com

Tuesday 12th August 1.30pm Funeral—The late Denise O'Connell. (*Warden/Welcomes Pete and Joan Gruncell*)

Sunday August 17th—Patronal Festival Bishop Peter Hancock, former Bishop of Bath and Wells will be presiding and preaching at our Patronal Festival. We will also be joined by choir and congregation from All Saints' Woodham.

Details for lunch to follow shortly.

Saturday, 27th September Pilgrimage Walk: Walk in the footsteps of the monks of Chertsey Abbey. Meet at St Mary's at 10am. See posters in the Rutherwyke Room.

Notices

Empty boxes post Fair are ready for collection in the R Rm.

The Social Committee is having a post mortem meeting on 6 August. Please would stallholders bring a note on Sunday (or email if not at church) anything that could be improved with your stall or activity. Clearly mark the stall please
susithornton38@gmail.com or text/phone 07989 646 433

We have two major functions coming up: August 17th Patronal Festival lunch for St Mary's and All Saints' Church Woodham; and 17th October afternoon tea after the service for the Knights Templar. If anyone enjoys catering and would like to be part of a catering team with the Social Committee, stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com

We urgently need more offers of help to serve coffee on Sunday mornings.

Retreat House—You might want to explore the House of Prayer in Molesey <https://www.christian-retreat.org/our-programme/open-house-1> A retreat house offering a breathing space to escape the 'busyness' of life.

Pilgrimage to Turkey

I've been invited to lead a 7 day, 6 night pilgrimage to Turkey, to visit the site of 7 of the earliest churches after Christ, mentioned in the book of Revelation. The cost is approx. £2200 (based upon a twin room), staying half-board in 4* hotels, with some lunches included. We would have a professional guide and I would be responsible for leading the group and times of bible reflection and prayer. If you are provisionally interested please let me know vicar@stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk For the trip to be viable we need at least 15 people, however if you are interested in a pilgrimage holiday but not to Turkey or not at that price, please let me know, as other opportunities do arise. *Fr. Stephen*

Autumn Alpha Course

A good number of people have shown interest in doing the Alpha course in the Autumn so we shall run the course from 7-9pm on Tuesdays from 30/9 to 2/12 (excluding 28/10). Each evening will start with a meal and be followed by a talk on some aspect of Christian belief, before time for comments and questions in groups. If you are curious about Christianity or want a refresher course, do enquire or sign up with *Fr Stephen*:
vicar@maryschurchthorpe.co.uk

St Mary's WhatsApp

You are welcome to join the church WhatsApp group where announcements are posted and church family news is shared. Just email Mary:
stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com with your mobile number and you'll be invited to join.

Facebook—We're keen to livestream from St Mary's occasionally, through Facebook, but we need at least 100 followers. To follow us please go to
www.facebook.com/stmaryschurchthorpesurrey

SUNDAY WORSHIP 3rd August 7th Sunday after Trinity
Theme: Nicene Creed Part 2, Jesus Christ

Banns of marriage to be read for the first time today for
Katy Harris and Thomas Kelly

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 readings and prayers for this week are below.

Those serving us today are:

8am Holy Communion

Server: Andy West/Reader/Welcomer: Bev Germany

10am Sung Holy Communion

*Server: Susi Thornton Warden: Jane Lowe Welcome: Jim
Lowe Reader: Susi Thornton Chalice: Susi Thornton/
Claire Cobbold*

Hymns (from the ORANGE hymn book)

Opening hymn:	Let all the world	382
Gospel hymn:	Jesus good above all other	350
Offertory :	Be still for the presence of the Lord	67
Communion hymn:	Just as I am	374
Recessional :	Blessed assurance	74

Organist: David Howard

Collect (prayer for the week):

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to
your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm: 107: 1-9

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for his mercy

NT Reading: Philippians 2: 1-13

Gospel: John 1: 1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.
All things came into being through him, and without him not
one thing came into being. What has come into being in him
was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light
shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He
came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might
believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he
came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens
everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through
him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was
his own and his own people did not accept him. But to all
who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power
to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or

of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.
Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen
his glory, the glory as of a father's only son full of grace
and truth.'

We pray to the Lord

- ◆ For peace in this war torn world, especially for
inhumane treatment to cease and for food to
reach the starving community in Gaza
- ◆ For countries affected by extremes of weather
- ◆ For those who have been abused
- ◆ From the Guildford Diocesan Calendar of
Prayer– for the Church of Nigeria
- ◆ For our local community and those who supported
St Mary's Church Fair.
- ◆ For the sick and dying; and, and for those named
on our August prayer list: Margaret, Halit,
Yvonne, Miles, Freya, Ellie, Masa, Bee & George,
Tessa & Nigel, Pat, Lesley, Freya, Sue, Pat & Mike,
Ben, James, Jane, Heather, John, Kenny.
- ◆ For all those whose anniversary of death falls at
this time.
For the recently departed: Laura Lomas, Denise
O'Connell, RiP

*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

Copies of Fr Stephen's sermon are available —
email: vicar@stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk

Safeguarding: See it. Hear it. Report it'

The Diocese-wide communications campaign has been
launched to boost the levels of awareness of
safeguarding risks . It is fresh and accessible and will
continue to drive improvement in both our churches
and the communities we serve. There is never a place
for complacency, given the appalling damage that can
be perpetrated where we slacken off'

[Read more information about the campaign here](#)

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