

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 26th October

CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR AT 2am TODAY

Greetings

When I was 8 or 9 yrs old I attended the Kings Own bible class at our church in South London. In time, and in recognition of good attendance and memorisation of scripture I was presented with a bible that still sits on my shelf, complete with hard earned 'Jesus stickers' on the cover. I remember how proud I was to own my own bible and how I genuinely treated it as 'The Holy Bible'. This Sunday in the church calendar is 'Bible Sunday' when we celebrate the gift of holy scripture, the treasured record of God's relationship with his people through 1500 yrs of history, waxing and waning between prosperity and disaster, and how they understood his steadfast mercy and judgement. If you have a family bible at home, or your first bible, can I invite you to bring it along to the 8 or 10am services, as part of our thanksgiving.

The annual memorial service is on Sunday afternoon, do come along and invite others if you've lost loved ones in recent years. The service will include an opportunity to light a candle in memory and people will be offered a spring bulb to signify hope. Please pray that St Mary's will be a place of peace and comfort. *Fr. Stephen*

This Week

Today **8am** Said Holy Communion
 10.00am Sung Holy Communion
 3pm St Mary's Annual Memorial Service with Refreshments after the service. *All welcome*

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

Tuesday No Alpha Course this week

Wednesday 9 - 3pm Parish office closed

10am-3pm 'Open church'
11am Said Holy Communion
 Server: Kim Stangroom Warden: Jenny Bright
 11.30-12.30 Wednesday Friendship Group at St Mary's *Refreshments for all*

No Art Class this week

Thursday No Noah's Ark this week . Half term fun at DOJO 10am-noon Thorpe Green
 Office open 9am—3pm

Friday *Father Stephen's day off*

Sunday 2 November 10 am service is at All Saints' Church, Woodham. **NO 10am SERVICE AT ST MARY'S.**

Forthcoming Services and Events:

All Saints' Church, Woodham Patronal Festival

Sign-up sheets for transport and lunch are at the back of church and in the R Room. **Deadline TODAY 26/10.**

9th November 10am Remembrance Sunday service followed by the Exhortation 11am at the village War Memorial.

11th November 9am School Remembrance Service at St Mary's

12th November 2.30-4pm Deanery Leadership Team meeting in the Rutherwyke Room

12th November 7.30pm Family Club review meeting

29th November 8am-12noon Grand church and Rutherwyke Room winter clean up. **HELP needed!** Jobs to suit everyone. Please spare an hour/or two/or more for a major clean-up before Christmas

29th November Hythe Singers concert 7.30pm (details below)

6th December St Mary's Winter Fair. Help needed before, during and after the event

Notices

Understanding the Bible

The Bible is a holy and often complex and confusing 'library' of 66 books. If you haven't got an accessible translation do look in the Canaan bookshop in Staines, there is a great choice there. You can compare different translations on the Bible Gateway website and the Lectio 365 website (or App) provides short daily services in which there are bible reflections. Fr. Stephen will be speaking on the question 'Why should I trust the bible?' as part of the Alpha course, let him know if you'd like a copy of his talk (written or audio).

Open the Book (*Learning from all generations, with the Bible*) Find out more here <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book/> and if you're interested in participating, please let Fr. Stephen know. Training is provided.

The Hythe Singers' winter concert 29th November 7.30pm at St Mary's The Hythe Singers are offering you a chance to retreat from the hubbub of Christmas busyness. Perfect music in the setting of St. Mary's Mediaeval Church. TW20 8TQ Tickets from thehythesingers.com 07544 789272 or Thorpe Parish Office.

Canaan Bookshop private booking for St Mary's

Fr Stephen has arranged a Christmas Open Evening for St Mary's on Monday, 24th November, 5.15 - 6.30pm (121 High Street TW18 4PD)

Saturday 6th December St Mary's Winter Fair

Preparations have started for our Christmas Fair. Watch this space for full details but please begin to set aside unwanted gifts, bottles.

SUNDAY WORSHIP 26th October

Last Sunday after Trinity

Proper 25

Bible Sunday

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 Holy Communion

Server: Kim Stangroom *Reader/Welcomer:* Bev Germany

10am Sung Holy Communion:

Server: Susi Thornton *Warden:* Deborah Kidd *Welcome:* Phil Alder *Reader:* Marianne Herne *Chalice:* Susi/Helen

Collect (*prayer for the week*)

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymns Today we use the **GREEN** Hymn book

Introit: Thy hand O God has guided (omit vs2, 4) 485

Gospel: O for a closer walk with God 414

Offertory: Lord, thy word abideth 407

Communion: O thou, who at thy eucharist 302

Recessional: Glorious things of thee are spoken 362

Organist: Lionel Pike

The readings and prayers for this week are below

Psalm: 119 : 129-136

Response: **When your word goes forth it gives light**

Reading: Isaiah 45: 22-end

Gospel: Luke 4: 16-24

Then Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath he went as usual to the synagogue. He stood up to read the Scriptures and was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it is written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has chosen me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind; to set free the oppressed and announce that the time has come when the Lord will save his people."

Jesus rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. All the people in the synagogue had their eyes fixed on him, as he said to them, "This passage of scripture has come true today, as you heard it being read."

They were all well impressed with him and marvelled at the eloquent words that he spoke. They said, "Isn't he the son of Joseph?" He said to them, "I am sure that you

will quote this proverb to me, 'Doctor, heal yourself.' You will also tell me to do here in my home town the same things you heard were done in Capernaum. I tell you this," Jesus added, "prophets are never welcomed in their home town."

We pray to the Lord

- ◆ For the peace agreement between Palestine and Israel to hold.
- ◆ For Ukraine and all other warring countries
- ◆ For those who have been abused
- ◆ For Local Authority leaders, our PCC, Warden, and Deputy Wardens, Servers and Welcomers
- ◆ From the Guildford Diocesan Calendar of Prayer - The Church in Wales, and Epsom Deanery

For those named on our October prayer list: Gwen, Andy, Alison, Stephen S, Alvin, Patricia, Simon, Justine, Helen, Christopher, Lesley, Sue, Pat & Mike, Ben, R, James, Heather, John, Kenny. We also pray for the continued recovery of Freya.

For those whose anniversary of death falls at

this time: Charles Remnant, Victor Whitfield, Auriel Bailey, Sheila Goudime, Paul Goudime

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

Copies of Fr Stephen's sermon is available

Email: vicar@stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk

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'

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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