

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 30th November

Greetings

This Sunday is Advent Sunday the beginning of the lead up to Christmas during which we focus on the theme of 'coming' - Christ who is coming as both saviour child and the judge king. At different times in our history certain Christian groups have fixated on when Jesus is coming again, and when the world would end. This is a pointless exercise, far more important is to think about how Jesus is coming to us today, as saviour and judge - because God is love and he wants the very best for us. A light in the darkness will be the theme of our Advent services and at 10am we will be welcoming Freya, Arlo and Sophia into the church through baptism. They will receive a lighted candle to remind them and all of us that Christ is our saviour, our light in the darkness of sin. At 6-6.30pm on three Wednesdays in Advent I shall be leading a service of Night Prayer, both in the church and online on Zoom (details below) - do join us as we worship the Christ who has come and who is coming. Finally a huge 'shout out' to those who help clean and decorate St Mary's and get ready for our Christmas Fair on the 6th - do take flyers to deliver to your neighbours, thank you.

Fr Stephen

This week

- Today** **8am** Said Holy Communion
 10am Family Service with baptisms
 11.30am Holy Communion from the reserved sacrament
 12noon Choir Practice
- Monday** **from 11am** Friendship group at the Red Lion for anyone who would like to meet other people
 3.30pm Community Carol Service at St Mary's hosted jointly by TASIS England and St Mary's Church, followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Rutherwyke Room. **OPEN TO ALL**
- Tuesday** **7-9pm** Final Alpha Course in the Rutherwyke Rm
- Wednesday** **9 - 3pm** Parish office open 9am-3pm
 Server: Susi Thornton Warden: Margaret Harnden
 11.30-12.30 Wednesday Friendship Group at St Mary's *Refreshments for all*
 3.15-4pm Warden/Deputy Wardens meeting in the Rutherwyke Room followed by
 4-4.45pm Welcomers/Warden/deputy Wardens joint meeting - Rutherwyke Room

7pm Art Class in the Rutherwyke Room

Thursday 9-11am Noah's Ark

Afternoon and Friday Preparations for the Christmas Fair

Friday *Father Stephen's day off*
 Christmas Fair preparations

Saturday 12.30-4pm St Mary's Christmas Fair with Thorpe Brass at 3pm followed by turning on the Christmas lights at 3.45pm

Forthcoming Services and Events:

7th December 4-5.15 Family Club

8th December - Tea & Talk 2-4pm 'A Mars a day keeps the doctor away' but so does 'Work Rest and Play'. An opportunity to be amused and delighted with the tales of Suzette Jones—to ponder on the way we lead our lives and help to balance the excitement and hectic energy of the Christmas period with peace, harmony, quiet.

14th December 6pm Lessons and Carols at St Mary's with St Mary's Choir and The Hythe Singers

15th December 9am Thorpe School Years 5/6 Carol Service

16th December 9am Years 3/4 Christingle

Notices

Night Prayer

Wednesdays in Advent: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 6-6.30pm

Join Father Stephen for a quiet end the day, with a short reflective service either in St Mary's or at home on Zoom:

Zoom Details:

Topic: Advent Night Prayer

Time: 6pm on 3rd, 10th, 17th Dec.

Join with the following link:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/3591011010?pwd=5Vm3n8GpKucMW2qa8lsbr05KgsbygH.1&omn=89601097889>

OR

Join by logging into Zoom with the following:

Zoom Meeting ID: 359 101 1010

Passcode: FnrjS6

Children's activity packs

Volunteer needed to update/refresh the activity packs
Not an onerous task! Please see Fr Stephen, Mary or Diana for further information.

Winter Fair 6th December - appeal:

Offers of help—and goods still needed. See lists in the Rutherwyke Room and in church.

St Mary's Choir Please contact Jill if you are interested in joining St Mary's newly formed choir.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 30th November

Advent Sunday

Year A

We welcome Arlo, Freya and Sophia, who are being baptised today. We also welcome their parents, godparents, sponsors, families and friends.

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: Andy West Welcomer/Reader: Kim Stangroom

The readings and prayers for this week are below:

Collect (prayer for the week)

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Readings for 8am service

OT Reading: Isaiah 2: 1-5

Psalm: 122

Response to the psalm:

I was glad when they said unto me , let us go to God's house.

NT Reading: Romans 13: 11-end

Gospel: Matthew 24: 36-end

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

10am Sung Family Service with baptisms

Colouring packs are available for the children

Warden: Pete Gruncell Welcome: Elaine Gill/Phil Alder

Reader: Elaine Gill

Reading: John 9 vs 1-11

Today we use the ORANGE song book

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| 1. Hymn: O come, O come Emmanuel | 480 |
| | (omit v s2, 4) |
| 2. Song Our God is so great | 547 |
| 3. Song: Lord the light of your love is shining | 478 |

Organist: David Howard

We pray to the Lord for

- ◆ Peace negotiations between Ukraine and Russia
- ◆ Gaza, Palestine, and Israel
- ◆ The hungry and those struggling financially.
- ◆ Those who run the local Foodbanks and those who need to use them.
- ◆ All who are working hard to make the Christmas Fair a success
- ◆ From the Guildford Diocesan Calendar of Prayer - The Anglican Church of Australia; and in our own Diocese: for our Cathedral clergy and staff; St Columba's House and Suzette Jones

For those named on our November prayer list :
Gwen, Lesley, Sue, Patricia, Christopher, Lia, Elvis, Kim, Elsie, Simon, Justine, Andy

For those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Colin Cramphorn, Dorothy Randall, Alan Chidzey, David Johns

For the recently departed: Derek Cotty RiP

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'

We continue to make Safeguarding Awareness a priority in the churches and communities in which we serve. Raising awareness for safeguarding is crucial for preventing abuse and neglect.

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