

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 25th January

Greetings

This week is the annual week of prayer for Christian unity. Jesus prayed to his father that we who follow him may be one (united) as he and the father are one - and you can't get more united than Jesus and his father are to each other! Whatever poor examples there are of church unity, let's remember that however much we don't understand or we disagree with other Christians, as long as we confess Jesus Christ as Lord we ARE one. The challenge is showing that. On Sunday in the second in our series on prayer I will look at how Christians have prayed with Icons and with Jesus' mother Mary, to support us in finding a rhythm of prayer.

Fr Stephen

This week

Today 8am Said Holy Communion

10am Sung Holy Communion

11.30-12noon Rhythm of Prayer in the Wallace Room (see notes)

Monday from 11am Friendship Group at the Red Lion for anyone who would like to meet Other people

2pm Daniel Sykes—How to protect ourselves from scams and other types of fraud when we are online, on the phone or using social media. All welcome.

Tuesday 5-7pm Young Life Club— Rutherford Room

Wednesday 8-8.45am Campaigners Club—R Room

9am-3pm Parish Office Open

11am Said Holy Communion

Server: Susi : Warden: Margaret Welcome:

Sharina

11.30-12.30 Friendship Group at St Mary's. Refreshments for all.

7.15-9.15pm Art Class

Thursday 9-11am Noah's Ark

Friday Fr Stephen's day off

Forthcoming Services and Events:

Monday 26th January 2-3.30pm in the Rutherford Room:

Daniel Sykes on online safety. Practical advice on how to protect ourselves from scams and other types of fraud when we are online, on the phone or using social media All Welcome.

Monday 2nd February 6pm Compline for Candlemas followed by a meal at the Red Lion. Sign-up sheets in

Church and the Rutherford Room.

Monday 9th February 2pm Tea and Talk in the Rutherford Room with Fr Roland Olliff on Chaplaincy - Prisons/Army/Bishops.

Tuesday 10th February 2pm at Woking Crematorium: Cremation of Norman Bartlett RIP., Service led by Fr Stephen followed by gathering the Red Lion, Thorpe. All welcome.

Shrove Tuesday 17th February 5pm PANCAKES in the Rutherford Room followed by **COMPLINE** at 6.30pm

Monday 9 March—Rev'd Ed Carter

Saturday 14th March PCC Awayday at St Columba's House Woking . Arrivals from 9am for 9.30, ending with lunch at 1pm.

Notices

19 January-1st February—traffic lights will be at the top of Church Approach in Coldbarbour Lane.

Teaching Series - A House of Prayer for All

with Fr Stephen in the Wallace Room on Sunday mornings 25/1,1/2, 8/2 11.30-noon. Practically focused sessions, they give ideas how we can draw on the rich resources of the Church to build a regular habit of prayer. All Welcome.

RHYTHMS OF PRAYER

Sunday 25 January

Title: United and strengthened in Christ and the saints — in prayer

Ps 27: 1-11 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18 Matthew 4: 12-23

Sunday 1 February (Candlemas)

Title: Formed by the Church of Christ—in prayer

Ps 24: 1-10 Hebrews 2: 14-end Luke 2: 22-40 Simeon and Anna

Sunday 8 February

Title: Imploring Christ—in prayer

Ps 136: 1-9. 23-end Romans 8: 18-25 Matthew 6: 25-end

Alpha follow up group – Monday 23rd February.

Keira Atreed—our prayers have been rewarded by the progress little Keira has made after fighting for her life for so many months. Keira's father, Rob Atreed has set up a 'Just Giving' page to raise funds St George's Hospital Charity. St George's were paramount in saving Keira's life.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/attreed-rowalong?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=WA

TEA AND TALK—Second Monday of each month

Alpha follow up Group 23rd February in the Rutherford Room

Monday 9th February 2pm

'Young Lives and Campaigners Groups': TASIS Group meetings are being held in the Rutherford Room on Tuesdays 5-7pm and Wednesdays 8-8.45am.

SUNDAY WORSHIP 25th January for the

THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

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: Andy: Welcome/Reader: Diana

10am Sung Holy Communion

Server: Susi Warden: Helen Welcome: Phil Reader: Helen Chalice: Susi/Helen

Collect (prayer for the week)

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 We use the GREEN hymn book

Introit: Soldiers of Christ arise	449
Gradual: Christ is our cornerstone	206
Offertory: Come gracious spirit heavenly dove	347
Communion: O thou who at thy eucharist	302
Recessional: Immortal, invisible	377

ORGANIST: David Howard

The readings and prayers for this week are below.

Readings:

Psalm: Ps 27: 1-11

Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation

Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

Gospel: Matthew 4: v 12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.'

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with

their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

We pray to the Lord

- ◆ Remembering the Council of Christians and Jews on International Holocaust Memorial Day on 27th January
- ◆ for those meeting in Davos
- ◆ for Ukraine, Gaza , Iran and all countries in the Middle East
- ◆ for those on the Guildford Diocesan Calendar of Prayer: The Anglican Church in Chile; and in our own diocese Womersley and Blackheath.
- ◆ For all on our Deanery Synod
- ◆ **For those named on our January prayer list:** Jane and Andy Reeves Norman, Priscilla, Patricia, John, James, John, Geoffrey, Jacqueline, Andrea, Nicholas, Laura
- ◆ **For the recently departed:** Norman Bartlett. RiP Cremation at Woking Crematorium 2pm on 10th February. Refreshments at the Red Lion, Thorpe. All welcome.
- ◆ **For those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:** Boardman Amis, Eric Baker, Denis Longridge.

All are welcome to stay for refreshments in the Rutherford 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'

Keeping our children safe online

Thorpe CofE school have circulated an excellent booklet for parents about keeping children safe in a digital world. You can download it here: www.stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk/safeguarding

I encourage us all to read it and share what we learn with others, and pass it on to parents who might find it helpful.

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