

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 22nd March

Greetings

As we pray about the conflict in the Middle East, I imagine many of us feel conflicted and fearful of how and where it will all end up. Violence begets violence and loss creates a breeding ground for revenge, masked from view, striking back when opportunity arises. This however is the way of Jesus articulated by Paul his disciple: *'Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men'*. Whether it be in our prayers, in the playground, the staff room or the battlefield, let's seek always to repay evil with good and leave all thoughts of vengeance with God.

Do join us on Sunday at 11.30am for our Annual Meeting at which we celebrate this past year, give thanks to our wonderful volunteers and elect members of our church council. I'll also be distributing more detailed information about our services between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday (Holy Week). Can I encourage you to prioritise as many services as you are able, joining together on a spiritual pilgrimage in the footsteps of Christ, through disappointment, betrayal, death, life and unto glory.

Fr. Stephen

This week

TODAY 8am Said Holy Communion

10am Sung Holy Communion

11.30am APCM IN THE RUTHERWYKE ROOM FOR ALL ON THE ELECTORAL ROLL. The link for online reports is

stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk/about

Monday from 11am

Friendship Group at the Red Lion for anyone who would like to meet other people

Tuesday 5.25-6.45 Young Life Club - Rutherwyke Room

Wednesday

8-8.45am Campaigners group—R Room

9am –3pm Parish Office Open

11am Holy Communion *Server: Kim Warden: Jill*

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 Father Stephen's day off

Saturday 28th March 7.30pm The Hythe Singers—concert at St. Mary's Church.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Saturday 21st March St Matthew's Church, Ashford

7.30pm David Howard is conducting Feltham Choral Society in singing Stainer's Crucifixion, Wesley's Ascribe Unto the

Lord;; and Bruckner Motets.

Monday 23rd March 12noon - The funeral of the late Stephen Watson, Bishop of Guildford, is being shown through a livestream from the Cathedral to **St John's Egham on Monday 23rd March at 12 noon**. All Welcome.

Tuesday 24th March 7.30pm Book Launch event featuring the authors of 'Belonging without Barriers'. Christ Church, Staines TW18 1DR

Saturday 28th March 7.30pm The Hythe Singers' Spring Concert at St Mary's Church: **'Make a Joyful Noise'** - pieces by Tallis, Poulenc, Bach, Britten, to name a few. Tickets available from Eventbrite, thehythesingers.com/07544789272 and on the door.

Monday 30th March 4pm Alpha follow up group

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Monday 30 March - Wednesday 1 April 7pm - Compline.

Thursday 2nd April 7pm Maundy Thursday Holy Communion and washing of feet; followed by the

Maundy Watch until midnight. Please sign the WATCH sheet to ensure there will be more than one person in church throughout the WATCH.

Good Friday, 3rd April - 11am The Way of the Cross

Good Friday 2pm Meditations on the Cross

Saturday 4th April 7pm Easter Eve—Service of Light followed by cheese and wine in the Rutherwyke Room

Sunday 5th April 10am EASTER DAY Family Service and children's EASTER EGG HUNT.

Notices

Riding Lights Theatre Group — Passion play in Chiswick on 28th March. <https://www.ridinglights.org>

Lost property—TODAY 22nd March Last chance for lost property to be reclaimed.

Stewardship Responses If you haven't already done so, please complete and return yours to the Church or the Church Office.

Hot Cross Buns Donations of Hot Cross buns (within sell-by date) needed for Good Friday after the 11am service.

Young Life Runnymede Club held in the Rutherwyke Room Tuesday 24 March 5.25-6.45pm, and **Campaigners Club** 25th March 8am-8.45am.

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

13th April—Dr Lionel Pike 'The view from the organ bench'.

Conversations about Death & Dying

As a society we are not very good at talking about death, dying and assisted dying, and how to be better prepared with powers of attorney, funeral planning, wills, and advance end-of-life directives. Having had recent experience with my own parents, talking with others, and reading 'Being Mortal' by Atul Gawande, I'm offering to host an open conversation about death and dying. If you are interested, please let me know. Fr Stephen on vicar@stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk

11.30am Service of Holy Communion from the reserved sacrament.

SUNDAY WORSHIP 22nd March Year A
Fifth Sunday of Lent **THEME: Resurrection**

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: Diana

10am Sung Holy Communion *Server: Susi Warden:
Deborah Welcome: Sharina Readers: OT/Psalm:
Diane NT: Jill*

Collect (*prayer for the week*)

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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/SONGS from the **GREEN** hymn book

Introit: Praise to the holiest omit * 439

Gradual: It is a thing most wonderful 84

Offertory: O sacred head sore wounded omit* 90

Communion: Drop, drop slow tears 82

Recessional: There is a green hill far away 92

Organist: David Howard

The readings and prayers for this week are below.

OT reading: Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Psalm: Ps: 130

Response: With the Lord there is mercy and plenteous redemption

NT Reading Romans 8: 6-11

Gospel: John 11: 1-45

Printed copies of the Gospel reading are available at the back of church

We pray to the Lord

- ◆ For a peaceful resolution to the war with Iram and all countries in the Middle East
- ◆ For Ukraine
- ◆ For young people and the vulnerable in Kent
- ◆ For the Rt Rev'd and Rt Hon. Dame Sarah Mullally, being installed at Canterbury Cathedral on 25th March.
- ◆ For the teachers and children at Thorpe Primary School
- ◆ For those on our Diocesan Calendar of Prayer: the Anglican Church of Korea: and in our own diocese: Dean Bob and Guildford Cathedral staff

For those named on our monthly prayer list:

Jane, Andrea, Katie, Belinda, Mae, Pat, Jenny, Bev Watson and family, Lucas, Graham.

For the recently departed:

Mike Joseph, Bishop Andrew Watson, RiP.

For those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Kenneth Roberts, Henry Dean, Guiseppe.

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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