

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 12th July

Greetings

We enjoyed hosting Bishop Paul last Wednesday at Thorpe CofE school and St Mary's, this was an opportunity for him to see what's going on here and to help us see ourselves within the greater work of the whole Diocese of Guildford. This Sunday we welcome Lily and Frankie and their families as they are Baptised into the family of the church - we pray that together as parents, Godparents and the church family we will be able to encourage them in the way of Jesus Christ, and when older to welcome him as their friend and saviour.

This Sunday I'm beginning a summer sermon series called 'On earth as in heaven' - looking at the weekly Gospel reading to understand what it means to be citizens on earth as well as in heaven, for God is living and active through Christ in both spheres, inviting us to notice him and work with him.

On Sunday 19th at 10am we are holding a 'You & your Pet Service' in the Churchyard in the shade of the walnut tree (indoors if wet!). Well behaved pets are welcome, of whatever size, and we shall pray for God's blessing upon owners and their pets. *Fr. Stephen*

This week

TODAY 8am Said Holy Communion

10am Sung Holy Communion and Baptisms

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

2-4pm Tea & Talk - Jill Williams Worldwide tales of rabbits and hares. From Creation spirits, magical beasts, practical jokers and devious characters, these creatures feature in a myriad of cultures.

Wednesday

9am - 3pm Parish Office Open

11am Holy Communion

Server: Kim Warden: Deborah Welcome: Sharina
Refreshments 11.30 - 12.30

2pm Welcomers meeting in the Rutherwyke Rm

10am-4pm : St Mary's Church open to all

7.30pm TWRA meeting in the Rutherwyke Room

Thursday 9-11am NOAH'S ARK - All welcome to the last gathering of the Summer term

Friday: Father Stephen's day off

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Sunday 19th July 10am Family/Pet Service in the church grounds. (Bring your pet).

Monday 20th July 7.30pm PCC meeting following a 7pm Holy Communion service

Tuesday 4th August 3.30pm

Afternoon Tea for seniors in the Red Lion—see notices

Saturday 15th August 3pm Wedding

Sunday 16th August - Patronal Festival service, when we will be joined by the congregation from All Saints', Woodham. Lunch afterwards.

Notices

Seniors Afternoon Tea On Tuesday 4th August Fr. Stephen is hosting an Afternoon Tea for seniors at the Red Lion, from 3.30-5pm. All seniors are welcome, please book with Mary stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com and let us know any dietary needs. There is no charge - the tea is kindly paid for with a grant raised by TISIS students.

Bishop of Guildford—consultation

Do take part in the consultation on the appointment: <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about-us/governance/vacancyinsee-committee-members/vacancyinsee>

Open Day on Saturday, 1st August 11am-3pm at St Columba's House, Woking

Explore the house and gardens/enjoy a guided tour of the building/walk the garden labyrinth/visit the art exhibition/spend a quiet moment in the Oratory. 01483 766498/ admin@stcolumbashouse.org.uk

Pilgrimage Walk There will be a pilgrimage walk between St Peter's Chertsey and St Mary's on Wed 26th August, to include the 11am Holy Communion and coffee afterwards. The half-day walk is ~2miles, the full-day ~4.5 miles. All welcome.

Runnymede Foodbank

Donation boxes are in the Rutherwyke Room and by the door outside the Rutherwyke Room behind the church (emptied regularly). Financial donations also accepted. <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/13202>

Westminster Abbey Pass

Fr Stephen has a Church Pass for visitors to Westminster Abbey that entitles up to four people (adults, students or children) to enter free of charge. It can be used by different groups, on up to six occasions during a twelve month period. If you wish to borrow the Pass please contact Mary in the church office.

SUNDAY WORSHIP with Baptisms 12th July Year A

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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: Katerina Warden/Reader: John Ridge

Readings:

Psalm: 119: 105-112

Response to the psalm:

Reading: Romans 8: 1-11

Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23 (words on sheet)

Collect (prayer for the week)

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

10am Sung Holy Communion with Baptisms

Server: Susi Warden: Pete Welcome: Joan/Jill

Reader: Marianne Chalice: Server/Allison

Readings

Psalm: 119: 105-112

Response to the psalm: Lord, how I love your law

Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23 (words on sheet)

HYMNS Today we use the **ORANGE** hymn book

Introit: Praise my soul the King of heaven 565

Gradual: Be still for the presence of the Lord 67

Offertory: Seek ye first the kingdom of God 590

Communion: Lord thy word abideth 420

Recessional: Lord the light of your love 419

Organist: David Howard

Words on sheet.

We pray to the Lord

- ◆ For international unrest to cease
- ◆ Families who are struggling financially
- ◆ For the elderly and infirm, and those struggling in the hot weather
- ◆ For those on our Diocesan Calendar of Prayer: The Episcopal church of South Sudan. In our own diocese: Clergy and staff of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Farnborough and Runnymede Borough Council members and Staff

For those on our July prayer list: Sandra, Graham, Katie, Lucas, Jennie and Jamie, Ashley, Andy.

For the recently departed: Frank, Pat.

For those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Joseph Thornton, Patrick Colthurst, John Rabjohns, John Rollason, Gillian King

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

LARGE PRINT SERVICE BOOKLETS are available at the back of church. If needed, please ask the warden on duty.

Colouring sheets are available for the children

Copies of Fr Stephen's sermons 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.

Safeguarding is an essential part of our pastoral care. Everyone has a role in recognising safeguarding concerns and reporting them appropriately.

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