

St Mary's Thorpe

A House of Prayer for All



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Church Family News, week of 16th August

Greetings

This Sunday is our Patronal Festival when we welcome our brothers and sisters from All Saints Woodham at our 10am service. Our patronal festival, as we remember the obedience of Mary to the will of our Father, is an opportunity for us to renew our obedience to our Father. At St Mary's He wills us to be a House of Prayer for All - living by a rule of prayer, learning from all generations and loving the diversity of people welcomed. As Mary gave the whole of herself over to our Father's will, so may we give all of ourselves, most particularly as we seek in the year ahead to grow younger and more diverse, imagining new ways of what it means to be the church. We thank God for the example and inspiration of Mary.

Fr. Stephen

This week

TODAY 8am Said Holy Communion
10am Sung Holy Communion Patronal Festival
Patronal lunch at 12 noon

6-6.30pm Compline

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

Wednesday 9am – 3pm Parish Office Open
11am Holy Communion
Server: Grace Warden: Deborah
Welcome: Joy Refreshments and
Friendship Group 11.30 -12.30

Friday: Father Stephen's day off

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Wednesday 26 August Day of Pilgrimage
9am-c3.30pm Morning prayer at St Peter's, Chertsey - walk to St Mary's Church Thorpe for 11am Holy Communion and refreshments. Continue to Penton Park Community Centre for a picnic lunch and return to St Peter's Church. Details and registration: office@stpeterschertsey.org.uk

Wednesday 2nd September 7.30pm Deanery Prayer Meeting at St Mary's.

Tuesday 29th September 'Quiet Day' at St Columba's House

On Tuesday 29th September Fr. Stephen will be leading a 'Quiet Day' at St Columba's House, Woking, from 10am to 3.30pm. He will be giving three talks on how we can encounter God and the soul of another person through their face, whether that be in person or in a portrait. There will be periods of time for personal reflection and experimentation. All Welcome, see <https://www.stcolumbashouse.org.uk> for booking details.

Notices

COME AND SING— A new choir

If you want to come to the exploratory rehearsal on 3rd September at 7.45pm (or if you are interested but unable to come on the 3rd) *please reply to* stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com

Summer Compline On Sunday evenings in August we'll be holding a service of Compline from 6-6.30pm in St Mary's, a lovely quiet way to end a summer's evening and lead us into the week ahead - do join us.

Sunday 20th September St Mary's Harvest Festival Family Service and bring and share communal lunch

Chertsey's Harvest Barn Dance on Friday, 25th September 7.30-10.30pm Join the people of St Peter's, Chertsey for an evening of fun, food and dancing! Full details on posters in the Rutherwyke Room.

Confirmation On Tuesday 1st December (*note change of date*) there will be a 7pm Confirmation service with Bishop Paul at Christchurch, Virginia Water, for all local churches. If you would like to consider being confirmed, please speak to Fr Stephen. He will be hosting some Confirmation preparation meetings on Wednesdays at noon from 23rd September.

Tea and Talk second Mondays of each month

On September 14th We are very fortunate to have an interesting speaker from TASIS with lots to share with us.

On October 12th David Howard will be sharing the process of the organ he is building. You will be pleased to know we have contributions up to March 2027 at the moment.

SUNDAY WORSHIP 16th August

Year A

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Today we are joined by Father Roland and friends from All Saints Church, Woodham, for our Patronal Festival.

We gather for worship, welcoming everyone as Christ would, learning from him through the Bible and being spiritually nourished by him through Holy Communion.

BANNS of MARRIAGE to be read for the second time for Zachary Thomas Thornton-Hayes and Kayleigh Emily Jade Bifield, who are to be married on 26th October

Those serving us today are:

8am said Holy Communion

Server: Andy Warden/Reader: Kim

10am Sung Holy Communion

Server: Susi Warden: Maragaret H Welcome: Karen

Reader: Susi Intercessions: Bridgett Chalice: Server/
Fr Roland

Collect (*prayer for the week*)

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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 *Today we use the GREEN hymn book*

Introit: Ye who own the faith of Jesus (omit v 4,5,6) 188

Gradual: For Mary mother of the Lord (omit v 4) 161

Offertory: Sing we of the blessed Mother 185

Communion: Sweet sacrament divine (omit v 3) 307

ANTHEM: *Shall we not love thee, mother dear*

Recessional: Tell out my soul 186

Organist: David Howard

Reading: Isaiah 61: 10-end

Psalm: 45: 10-end

Response: Sing praises to God, sing praises

Gospel: Luke 1:46-55

And Mary said:

“My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me — holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors.”

We pray to the Lord

- ◆ For conflict throughout the world to cease
- ◆ For the Anglican Communion throughout the world
- ◆ For our Royal Family
- ◆ For our Archbishops and Bishops
- ◆ For those struggling in the heat
- ◆ For those on our Diocesan Calendar of Prayer: The Episcopal Church of South Sudan, the Anglican Church in Wales, and in our own diocese: Dean Bob and all staff at Guildford Cathedral

For those on our August prayer list: Sandra, Graham, Rueben, Katie, Patricia, Mike, Freda, Lucas, Phil.

For all recently departed.

For those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Eva Chidsey, Eric Freeman, Amy Parrot.

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 steward 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. We all have a part to play in helping to keep our community safe. We strive to ensure that safeguarding is a top priority in our church.

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