

St Mary's Thorpe

A House of Prayer for All

Living by a rule and rhythm of prayer,
Learning from all generations and
Loving the diversity of people welcomed.



Church Family News, week of 18th October

GREETINGS

On Sunday we look forward to welcoming Amelia and her family for her Baptism into the family of the Church. Sunday is St Luke's day when we give thanks for Luke, the disciple of Jesus who was a doctor and who wrote the gospel and book of Acts. With St. Luke in mind we will be praying for our NHS, for doctors and for all who care for us in body, mind and spirit. **Next Wednesday** at the 11am service we will be offering prayer for healing - so if you would like to receive prayer for yourself or someone else you know, please do join us. Each month we pray for healing and comfort for named people. If you would like us to pray for yourself or another (and you know they would approve) do put their name on the list at the back of the church. The list starts from scratch each month.

Fr. Stephen

This Week

TODAY: 8am Said Holy Communion
10am Family Service with Baptism
11.30am Holy Communion from the reserved sacrament
3pm Knights Templar Annual Service.
Monday from 11am Friendship Group at the Red Lion for anyone who would like to meet other people.

Tuesday 2-4pm Sunset Café in the Rutherwyke Rm

Wednesday 9am-3pm Parish Office Open

11am Holy Communion

Server: Brad Warden: Jill

Refreshments for all 11.30 -12.30

Thursday NO Noah's Ark during half term

NO Alpha (Conversation about Faith) during half term

Friday Fr Stephen's day off

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Sunset Café 2-4pm in the Rutherwyke Room on Tuesdays 13th, 20th, 27th October and 10th, 17th and 24th November. Cake donations would be appreciated.

Sunday 25th October 3pm St Mary's Annual Memorial Service followed by refreshments.

Cake makers Offers of cakes very much appreciated for the Memorial Service. Please contact the office or see Susi, Jenny or Mary. Thank you.

Monday 26th October 2pm Wedding

Wednesday 28th October 2-4pm Deanery

Leadership Team meeting – Rutherwyke Room

Sunday 1 November 10am: Joint service for All Saints and St Mary's at All Saints Church, Woodham (no 10am service at St Mary's). **Please sign attendance sheets** at the back of church or Rutherwyke Room for lift share and/or lunch at All Saints.

Monday 2 November 2-4pm AGE UK presentation in the Rutherwyke Room. Tel Martin will be talking about the work of Age UK.

Sunday 15th November 8.45-9.45am Joint 8am and 10am family breakfast.

Saturday 21st November St Mary's Quiz in Church.

Doors open from 6pm for 6.30pm. Tickets and more details to follow.

Saturday 28th November 7.30pm The Hythe Singers Winter Concert at St Mary's Church.

NOTICES

We are encouraged to follow our **FACEBOOK** page. <https://www.facebook.com/stmaryschurchthorpesurrey> To enable St Mary's services to be livestreamed we need to increase the number of our followers. Brad would be happy to help anyone who needs instructions.

HARVEST GIFTS – Donations were shared between White Lodge and our local foodbank. Jill delivered the goods to the foodbank and Kevin delivered to White Lodge.

THANK YOU from White Lodge *"The donations are really appreciated and will support with catering costs. The donations are also enabling the children to participate in a range of cooking activities which will improve their confidence and independence skills."*

HELP NEEDED – We **urgently** need more help with serving and clearing refreshments after the 10am Sunday services. Please fill in the gaps on the rota.

The Hythe Singers – Winter Concert at St Mary's. Do join us on Saturday 28th November, 7.30pm when we will be performing works by Hungarian, Czech and English composers and accompanied by harp, organ, piano. Tickets available soon.

Runnymede Foodbank—Donation boxes are in the Rutherwyke Room and by the door outside the Rutherwyke Room behind the church. Financial donations also accepted.

<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/13202>

SUNDAY WORSHIP 18TH OCTOBER **Year A**
Twentieth Sunday after Trinity **St Luke's Day**
(With Thanksgiving and Prayer for the NHS)

Activity packs for children, large print Service Booklets and Hymn books are available at the back, please ask a steward.

A basket will be passed around during the service for donations towards the work of St Mary's, or there are contactless machines at the back. Tokens for other donations are available on the backs of aisle seats.

Collect (prayer for the week)

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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.

Those serving us today are:

8am said Holy Communion

Server Katerina Reader/Welcomes: Kim

Psalm: 147:1-7

Response: The Lord heals the broken hearted

Reading: 2 Timothy 4: 5-17

Gospel: Luke 10: 1-9 (see sheet)

10am Church Family Service with Baptism

Server: Brad Warden: Jenny Welcomes: Sue Bruce

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

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| 1. The King of love | 649 |
| 2. Make me a channel of your peace | 437 |
| 3. Guide me O thou great redeemer | 252 |

Organist: Kevin

Gospel: Luke 2: 41-52

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house? But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Sermon: "We long for the face that will never leave us"

BLACK HISTORY MONTH UK – OCTOBER 2026

Black history is an integral part of Britain's national story. While October provides a focused opportunity for engagement, its work is rooted in a year-round commitment to visibility, education and recognition.

WE PRAY TO THE LORD

- For Ukraine, for stability in the Middle East and for NATO to strive for peaceful solutions.
- For all local charities in Runnymede Deanery
- For those on our Diocesan Calendar of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Canada, for the Roman Catholic Church and Pope Leo, recovering from lung surgery; and in our own diocese – the Rev'd Ellen Turtle, being licensed as House for Duty Priest at Holy Trinity, Lyne & Longcross, on 29th October at 7.30pm.
- For those on our October prayer list: Amy, Hope, Joanna, Simon, Jean, Dylan, David, Graham, Hannah, John B, Jean, Reuben, John R, Michael, Jo, Lucas.

For the recently departed.

For those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Leslie Fogg, Margaret Albon, Iris Carter, Joanne Nash.

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

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.

Bless you this week.

Safeguarding: See it. Hear it. Report it.

It's not your role to investigate or confront, and may need investigating by a statutory authority. Refer it on to those trained to respond.

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