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Worshipping Jesus
Growing Together
Reaching Others

SEPT 2017

Weekly Service Times

Sundays

Sunday	9:00am	Traditional Service
	10:30am	Informal Worship
	6:30pm	Evening Service

Weekdays

Monday	8:00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	8:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	9:30am	Communion
Thursday	8:00am	Morning Prayer
Friday	8:00am	Morning Prayer

For more information on items mentioned in
this bulletin please go to our website

www.ststephens-ealing.org

A Welcome Note from the Vicar



Welcome to St Stephens – we are delighted that you are here today.

This year St Stephen's is celebrating the 150th anniversary of existence as a Christian Community on this site. We may have been around for a long time but we strive to ensure that we are a fresh and welcoming community where everyone is made welcome and everyone knows that they matter, both to us and to God.

You will find St Stephen's alive with vibrant worship, intimate prayer and growing friendships. We value both the traditional and contemporary and you will find that our different services reflect a variety of ways of worship. Our desire however is that whatever the style, as people meet together they encounter the presence of our living God.

As a Christian community we are committed to following and trying to live like Jesus. We look for ways to love and serve each other and our wider community and seek to provide for those who are often forgotten by society at large.

We hope you will find a spiritual home at St Stephen's and find your place in this community as we seek together to discover more of God's love for his people.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Newbold". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

Steve Newbold

Notices

Picnic in Cleveland Park

Sunday 3rd September - approx 12-2pm
Bring a rug and a picnic. A chance for the whole Church family to eat together, enjoy each other's company and play a few games.

Traidcraft Stall

Will be trading Sunday 3rd Sept during Cafe times. Do consider regular purchases of staples - rice, pasta, peanut butter, cleaning products etc. from us.

Visiting Preachers

On Sunday 10th September we look forward to welcoming back Revd Ron Swan, former Vicar of St Stephen's (1981 - 1988).

On Sunday 8th October we welcome Linda Ward, Leader of Bless Community Church and one of the co-founders of the West London Church Leaders Network.

St David's Care Home

Please come and sing with us for the St David's 'Last Sunday of the Proms' Hymns of Praise on Sunday 10th September at 3pm. Contact Peter Devereux 8579 7884.

People & Planet Gathering

The next meeting is on 17th Sept at 12:30pm for shared lunch. Topic - The Big Shift and how fossil fuel can reduce climate change. See sign up sheet.

Ealing Half Marathon Sunday 24th September

9am - 11am - Community Cafe

(No services at 9am or 10:30am)

4:30pm - Cafe Church with Children's activities - Refreshments from 4:15pm

Cakes wanted, please sign up if you can provide some, queries to Chris Nicholson. Ninanet@btinternet.com

Interested in helping out at the St Stephen's Water Station or as a local Road Marshall on Sunday 24th September? Register on line now: <http://www.ealinghalfmarathon.com/volunteer/>.

Saturday Quiet Mornings

Sat 4th Nov and Sat 2nd Dec 10am-12:30pm at Church. Please speak to Rosemary Beardow or Enid Barron for more information.

Cool Christians and Youth Group

Please note that Cool Christians and Youth Group will be back after the Summer break on Sunday 10th September during the 10:30am service.

Save the dates

Sat 7th Oct pm - 150 mins family event
Sat 21st Oct am - Church Big Clean
Tues 31st pm - Light Party

Alpha 2017



Maybe Sunday services leave you with more questions than answers? Perhaps you want to understand more about what Christians believe but don't know where to start – Alpha is for you!

Alpha has been running at St Stephen's for several years and it's a wonderful opportunity to ask questions, learn from others and get to know new people. It doesn't matter whether you are just exploring or are a committed Christian, it's good for everyone.

We will meet together at church on 8 Wednesday evenings, plus 1 Saturday (date to be confirmed). Each session starts at 8pm, finishes around 9.30 and includes a film or a live talk and a discussion in small groups, not forgetting coffee and the legendary Alpha home-made cake! The sessions are

- 20 September Is there more to life than this?
- 27 September Who is Jesus?
- 04 October Why did Jesus die?
- 11 October How can I have faith?
- 18 October Why and How do I pray?
- 25 October Why and How should I read the Bible/How does God guide us?
- 01 November How can I resist Evil?
- 08 November Does God Heal Today?

Alpha is a successful formula running all over the country and the world – check out the website www.alpha.org for some inspiring stories of people who have seen their lives changed through taking part. Speak to Steve or Caroline Newbold for more information.

Come, and bring a friend, you won't regret it.

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 25th November

If you can help on a stall, serving food, running activities for children or offering gifts and goodies for sale please keep the Bazaar in mind. Look out for details of what is needed through the coming weeks. Our profits will go to one of our Mission Partners serving Ealing residents - to be announced.

Foodbank

Welcomes our regular donations. The new service to families in food crisis with children normally receiving free school meals has been taken up well during the summer holidays - revealing a real need. Your good gifts have helped ensure these children haven't gone hungry through this difficult time.

connect groups

Our mid week Groups for worship, prayer, Bible Study and Fellowship resume this month. Further details from group leaders below.

p&p small group

Autumn meetings start fortnightly from Monday 4th Sept at 8pm. More info from Dinos Horattides (8840 6047) or Peter Charlton (8997 8236)

Tuesday Group

This takes place at 8pm at the Vicarage. For more info call Steve Newbold (8810 4929)

Rooted

A group desiring to root themselves in Gods's word and prayer. The first meeting will take place on Tuesday 12th September. For more information please call Tina and Jon Yarrall 07403 756 539

Daytimers

Meets every Wednesday at 11:00am in the Church Centre for cake, coffee, fellowship, Bible reflection and prayer.

Film Group

Next meeting, Thursday 7th Sept to view Hidden Figures. Discussion will be Thursday 21st Sept. Rosemary Beardow (07733 441 431).

Bible Challenge Group

The next meetings are at 2:30pm on Fridays 8th Sept and 29th Sept. Rosemary Beardow (07733 441 431).



Fresh water is vital for people and wildlife, but despite the wet summer, less than a fifth of our UK rivers are healthy. We are using more water than can be replaced. But there is much we can do to help. Take a shower rather than a bath; install a water butt for the garden; use full loads in dish washers & washing machines; boil only enough water for your needs rather than a full kettle; fix dripping taps and if you're thinking of updating your bathroom, ensure your toilet is dual flush. Visit the wonderful London Wetlands Centre, Barnes <http://www.wwt.org.uk> for a lovely day out.



Shining Stars

Will return on 12th September. For more information please email shiningstars@ststephens-ealing.org



Tea-Timers

Is starting again on Friday 15th September. For more information contact events@ststephens-ealing.org

People's Stories

Ben Harding-Anderson



Being a Christian was important to me from an early age. As a baby I was christened at St. James Church in Hampton Hill. My parents raised me a Christian and I attended St. John the Baptist C of E School.

I have happy memories throughout childhood of singing hymns, reading from the Good News Bible and attending regular church services. I always enjoyed Easter and in particular the Harvest festival. At secondary school, one of my favourite subjects was Religious Studies. As well as studying about my own faith, I learned tolerance and about the diversity of other faiths and respect for people's choice.

When I began college at 16, I lost touch with my faith and while it was never forgotten, it took a back seat whilst I found my place in the world. I knew in my heart that one day there would be a time where God would give me a sign and call me back to continue my journey.

Life went on and I finished college and went onto university before starting my career in the Civil Service.

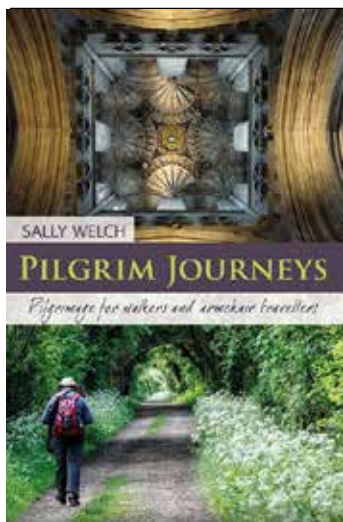
In recent years I met my beautiful wife Lucy and through her began attending church again in Hampton.

During Holy Communion I would receive blessings and whenever a wonderful lady called Pat blessed me I felt a presence flowing within me which always ignited deeper conversation afterwards. In April last year whilst receiving my blessing from Pat, I felt God's special presence as the Holy Spirit came to me and lifted me. The words from my blessing were being spoken directly from Jesus. Jesus was telling me my time had come to reaffirm my relationship with God. His presence was strong and I knew with certainty it to be true.

My wife Lucy and our lovely family moved to Ealing last autumn and were warmly welcomed into this Parish and so earlier this year I was able to go through confirmation and make a fresh commitment to Jesus at St Stephen's. Lucy, the boys & I have recently been blessed with the latest addition to our family, baby Thea was born on the 11th June which coincided with the 150th year of St Stephen's celebration Sunday. We look forward to having her baptised here in the future.

Bookstall Suggestions

Two new books that will be available from the Bookstall. They deal with different aspects of our Christian journey.



Why do pilgrims walk so much? What do they learn? What lasting good does it do? In *Pilgrim Journeys*, experienced pilgrim and writer Sally Welch explores the less-travelled pilgrim routes of the UK and beyond, through the eyes of the pilgrims who walk them.

Each chapter explores a different aspect of pilgrimage, offering reflections and indicating some of the spiritual lessons to be learned that may be practised at home. This absorbing book shows how insights gained on the journey can be incorporated into everyday life, bringing new ways of relationship with God and with our fellow Christians, offering support and encouragement as we face life's joys and challenges.



In this unique book, established writer on spirituality Wanda Nash reflects on growing old with faith and a positive spirit. This compelling invitation to grow old boldly includes Wanda's reflection on her encounter later in life with terminal cancer, and her thoughts on coping with the daily challenges of living a Christian life in ageing and in illness.

Demonstrating a profound sense of the value and purposefulness of 'old age', the author's indomitable spirit is matched only by her fresh vision of the love of God in Jesus Christ. This posthumous publication of Wanda's final reflections on ageing has been lovingly edited by her daughter, Poppy, and her friend, Debbie Thrower, bringing to life the wisdom, faith and humour of old age for future generations.

The bookstall will reopen mid-September

Monthly Diary



September		
Tuesday 29th - Friday 1st Sept	10:15am - 12:45pm	Summer Holiday Club
Sunday 3rd	6:30pm	Open to God
Tuesday 5th	8:00pm	First Tuesday Monthly Prayers
Sunday 10th	3:00pm	Hymns of Praise at St David's
Friday 15th	2:30pm-4:00pm	Tea Timers resumes
Sunday 17th	12:30pm 6:30pm	People and Planet Gathering Open to God
Wednesday 20th	4:00pm 8:00pm	Communion at St David's Alpha Begins
Sunday 24th	9:00am 4:30pm	Community Cafe - Ealing 1/2 Marathon Cafe Church - Ealing 1/2 Marathon
Saturday 30th	9:30am	Church Council Meeting

October		
Sunday 1st	10:30am	All Age Service with Baptism
Tuesday 3rd	8:00pm	First Tuesday Monthly Prayers
Wednesday 4th	8:00pm	Alpha

Prayer Requests

Give thanks for:

- Those who went to New Wine, Soul Survivor, Green Belt and other summer festivals and encountered God in new and powerful ways
- Those who have been on holiday
- Our clergy and lay leaders

During this month please pray especially for:

- Our Summer Holiday Club - Polar Explorers, for the preparations being made and all who will attend
- Our visiting preachers especially Ron Swan former Vicar of St Stephen's
- Holly Harrigan and Eleanor Coomber starting at University this Autumn and other returning students from St Stephen's

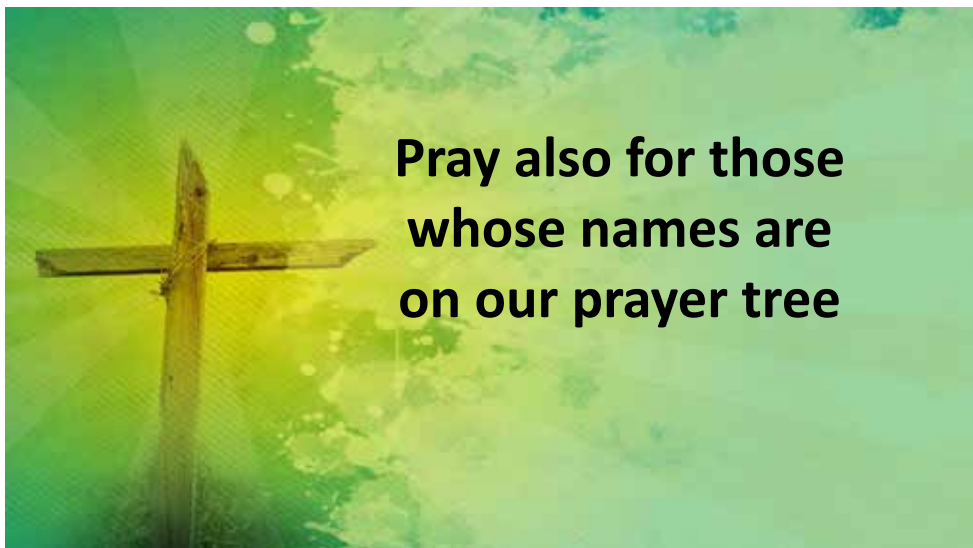
Those who are sick and in special need:

Audrey Ajose, Gordon Couch, Alan and Jane Hanley, George Hoare, John Jackson, Jane Morris, Maisie Poulton, Ken Taylor, Pam and Wayne.

Those who have been bereaved:

Simon and Gill Beards mourning the death of Gill's mother.

Gill and Roy Witcomb mourning the death of Gill's father.



**Pray also for those
whose names are
on our prayer tree**

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