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# Welcome

**30th November 2014**  
**Advent Sunday**

A warm welcome to everyone  
at St Stephen's today.

If this is your first visit we are  
delighted to welcome you  
and would love to talk after any  
service.

## Sunday Services

9.00am Traditional Service  
10.30am Informal Service  
6.30pm Evening Advent Worship

## Weekday Services

Mon 8.00am Morning Prayer  
Tues 8.00am Morning Prayer  
Weds 9.30am Communion  
Thurs 8.00am Morning Prayer  
Fri 8.00am Morning Prayer

## 9.00am Traditional Service

*Service Leader: Andrew Dand*  
*Preacher: Susy Dand*

**Readings:** Isaiah 64:1-9 Page 750  
Mark 13:24-end Page 1019

**Theme:** Endings & Beginnings

**Hymns:**  
O Come, O Come Emmanuel 493  
The King is among us 650  
There is a redeemer 673

**Café between  
the services**



## 10.30am Informal Service

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*Preacher: Susy Dand*

**Reading:** Mark 13:24-end Page 1019

**Theme:** Endings & Beginnings

**Songs and hymns:**  
O Come, O Come Emmanuel 493  
I stand amazed in the presence  
From heaven you came (the Servant King)  
All Glory (How Great Is Your love).  
Into the darkness  
Let our praise be your welcome  
My Jesus, my Saviour  
Light of the world  
There is a redeemer 673

**Prayer Ministry is available at both  
services. If you have come with any need  
or concern or you have felt challenged  
during the service, do seek prayer this  
morning.**

**Our Vision is to share God's love in Jesus  
and to be transformed by His Spirit**



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## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin to the  
light of holiness,  
that we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

### ADVENT SUNDAY

**This evening** we have a special Evening Service for Advent Sunday at **6.30pm**. All welcome as we begin the Advent season.

### ADVENT BOOKSTALL

Lots of books, cards and calendars for Advent and Christmas, including FREE samples of Bible reading notes. A wide range of children's Christmas story books

### SALE OF CARD & CALENDARS

by the Rev. Canon Murray Haig between and after morning services today. All proceeds go to help some of the poorest people in the world living in the shanty town of Korrogocho

### LIGHT UP THE LANE

**This afternoon 4pm - 6.30pm** in Pitshanger Lane - St Stephen's, together with other Christians and churches, are running a children's activity and a prayer tree, and handing out invitations to come to our Christmas services. Can you spare a half hour to help? Talk to Jane Maffett.

### CHURCH COUNCIL

The PCC meet **Tomorrow 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7.45pm** in the Small Hall.

### 1ST TUESDAY PRAYERS

**This Tuesday 8pm-9pm** — come along and join us.



### POPPY APPEAL

Thank you to all who gave to Poppy Appeal at St Stephen's - £106 was donated in our collecting box.

### PARENTS & CARERS

Please make use of the Family Corner during Cafe time. Refreshments &

activities for children with a member of the Welcome Team on hand to help out so you can drink your coffee & chat. Find us in the far corner of the hall.

### LIGHT UP THE AVENUE

Come and join us on **Thursday** evening for an hour at **6pm** to sing carols outside the shops and in the Drayton Court Pub in The Avenue. The Christmas Tree lights will be switched on and we will join local traders in a celebration evening.

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

**Saturday 6th December 10.30 -2.30pm.**

All profits from the Bazaar will go to CAP this year. Please take fliers to invite friends and put up a poster to advertise. We have a splendid adult sized bike to auction and new stalls to entice. Our Tombola prizes are PEACE inspired (our theme this year). Please donate calming soaps, hand creams, incense sticks etc. If you have time to help set up on Friday or serve on Saturday, please see us at the stall after the services today.



### CHRISTMAS CARDS

As in previous years, we will display a large Christmas greetings board where members of the congregation can post a single Christmas card/message to the church family as a whole and donate the money they have saved to a charity. Watch out for the Christmas greetings board in the Church from **next Sunday**.

### CALLING DESIGNERS!

If you have skills in designing and making things – either leaflets and posters or curtains and upholstery please speak to Caroline Newbold.

### FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Please remember the Food Bank when doing your weekly shop. Tinned meat meals, vegetables & fruit, dried mash, long life milk and juice always welcome.

### CHURCH FINANCES 2015

Thank you to everyone who have revised their giving pledges. We were seeking an increase in giving for 2015 of £8,000 but thanks to your generosity and sacrificial giving have had additional pledges totalling £13,600 (inc gift aid). This will enable us to do more than we had hoped and we are incredibly grateful to you all. If you are yet to make your pledge there is still time and for those who have changed their giving, please remember to advise your bank in good time.

### GET INVOLVED THIS CHRISTMAS

1. There is a leaflet asking for help with Christmas services. This is a chance to serve in an extra or different way, or possibly the first time. Please consider how you can help and fill in the card, then drop it into the marked box asap.
2. From 7th Dec we are asking everyone to help deliver Christmas Invitations to all parish streets.
3. Invite your neighbours & friends. For many, this season is a first step into church and a personal touch can make a big difference
4. Pray for our services – come to the Prayer Meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec at 8pm.

### A PILGRIM TOUR OF WESTMINSTER ABBEY

**Churches Together Ecumenical visit on Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> December 6.15pm** will take the form of a prayerful Abbey tour, led by a Canon. If you would like to join the visit, contact Noreen Barnes-Hoggett on 8997 4935 or [noreen29@googlemail.com](mailto:noreen29@googlemail.com)

### NEW WINE

Dates for next summer: Sat 25<sup>th</sup> July–Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Aug 2015. Book now for best prices.

### CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY

Christmas hamper boxes are available for collection by connect Group leaders from Simon Beards

## CONNECT GROUPS

Our mid week Groups for worship, prayer, Bible Study and Fellowship

### Daytimers

Meet every Wednesday at 11.00am for cake, coffee, fellowship, Bible reflection and prayer.

### Tuesday Group

Meets fortnightly on a Tuesday at 8pm— next meeting on 9th December. All welcome—speak to Steve Newbold for more information.

### p&p Small Group

Next meetings at 8pm on Monday 1st & 15th December, at the Charlton's home. 8997 8236

### 20's and 30's Group

Speak to Andrew or Susy Dand for more information.

### Film Group

Next meet in January to watch and discuss *The Possibilities are Endless* directed by the son of members, Ruth and Keith Hall. Highly acclaimed new film telling the story of Edwyn Collins the singer/songwriter and his rehabilitation after a stroke. Contact Rosemary or Philip for more information on 020 8997 6762 . New members very welcome.

## THE MARRIAGE COURSE

Starting on **28th January 2015** we will be running the Marriage Course for all couples - a seven session course set in a fantastic atmosphere. You will be served with a candlelit meal and dessert at a romantic table for two while listening to practical talks that are informative and fun. There is never any group work and you will never be asked to share anything about your relationship with anyone other than your partner. More details will follow but mark the dates now.