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Welcome

Christmas and New Year Bulletin

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 to you over refreshments after the 10am service

The Staff and Leadership Team would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and God's blessing throughout 2015



*Prayer Ministry
is available at the back of the
church during Sunday
morning services*

Christmas Celebrations at St Stephen's

Sunday 21st December

(usual 9am and 10.30am services)

4.00pm Carol Service

6.30pm Carol Service

Christmas Eve

4.00pm Carols, Nativity and
Christingles

11.30pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

10.30am All Age Celebration

*(children of all ages are
encouraged to bring one of their
new presents to show to us all)*

Week after Christmas



No normal weekday services
(Morning Prayer and
Communion) between
Christmas Eve and New Year.
Weekday services will resume at
8am on Monday 5th January 2015

Sunday December 28th

10.30am Whole Church Communion
(no or 9am or 6.30pm services)

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



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SUNDAY 21st DECEMBER

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your
Son, so we wait for his coming in
glory; bring us through the birth pangs
of this present age to see, with her,
our great salvation in
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

CHRISTINGLE MAKING

Please join us in making
Christingles, on Tuesday
morning in the Church Centre
between 10-11.30



HOME MADE MINCE PIES

Donations of home Made mince pies for
this afternoons Carol services and
Cakes for the Nativity and Christingle
services on Christmas Eve would be
most welcome. Speak to or contact
Jane Maffet jane@maffet.co.uk

THANK YOU

To everyone who has helped in our
preparations for Christmas. To those
who have already sorted and delivered
invitations and decorated the church,
and to those who will welcome our
many visitors, sing in the choir, play in
the band, read, pray, make cakes and
mince pies, serve refreshments, wash
up, move furniture and many more
unseen roles. We are so grateful to
you all—thank you.

POST

Please will everyone
remember to check their
pigeon holes today
(outside the office)
regularly for mail and
Christmas cards? Thank you.



SUNDAY 28th DECEMBER

God in Trinity,
eternal unity of perfect love:
gather the nations to be one family,
and draw us into your holy life
through the birth of Emmanuel,
our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH 2015

Please consider providing
flowers for church for a
Sunday in the New Year,
perhaps to celebrate an
anniversary or in
remembrance of someone
who has died. The flowers do not need to
be complicated—supermarket flowers in a
vase are fine. Ken Taylor or Jane Maffett
can help advise you if needed. The 2015
list is in the folder by the pigeon holes, do
sign up to a date that you would like.



CONGRATULATIONS

To Steve Morris (former Curate of St
Stephen's) who has been appointed Vicar
of St Cuthbert's Church, North Wembley.
Steve and family will move in the New
Year and he hopes to be licensed in
March.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS

Over Christmas we will be having exit
collections to help those in need. After the
Carol Service, Midnight Communion and
on Christmas Day the collections will be
divided between the work of the Ealing
Churches Winter Night Shelter and
Tearfund. After the Carols with Nativity
and Christingles on Christmas Eve the
collection will be for the Children's
Society. Please come ready to give.

First Tuesday Prayers

Will meet on
Tuesday **6th January 2015**
from 8.00pm—9.00pm.



ST DAVIDS

Come and join the St. David's team for
their Epiphany Service on 11th January at
3pm, with pre-service prayers at 2.45pm
in the Front Entrance Lobby, Contact
Sally Horattides 8840 6047 or Pete
Devereux 8579 7884

CHRISTMAS JUMPERS

Do you have a Christmas Jumper? We'd
love to see you wear it to Church on
Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

GIVING

Did you adjust your giving for 2015 – have
you remembered to alter your Standing
Order with your bank?

CAP

A massive thanks to all who helped in any
way with the Bazaar where over £4,000
was raised for Ealing Christians Against
Poverty (CAP). Thank you too to all those
who contributed to the Christmas
Hampers which have now been
distributed to families helped by Ealing
CAP.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

The Warehouse will be closed from 24th
December and over Christmas, so please
don't bring donations in this period until
Sunday 4th January, when service will
resume as normal. Currently clients are
being given extra food allowances as well
as festive treats to help them celebrate
Christmas.

The Church Office will be closed
between Christmas and New Year
and the next Bulletin will be
published on 4th January 2015.
Items for inclusion should be
emailed to the office by 31st
December 2014.

GOOD FRIDAY 2015

In place of our usual Churches Together
Walk of Witness, a dramatic presentation
of the crucifixion has been written, which
will start on Haven Green and proceeding
through Ealing Broadway to Christ the
Saviour. If you are interested in
participating as an actor in this
dramatization of the crucifixion then please
come along to a vision and planning
evening on the **14th January 2015 at 8pm**
in St. Stephen's Church, W13 8HB. **We
need actors, singers and helpers
please.**

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.

CONNECT GROUPS

All Connect Groups will be taking a break
over Christmas and New Year and start
meeting again in January. If you are not
yet in a Connect Group, why not consider
joining for the new Year.