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## Personal Reflections

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# Welcome

**29th November 2015**  
**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 Prayer

### 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: Steve Newbold*

**Readings:** 1 Thess 3:9-end Page 1187  
Luke 21:25-36 Page 1057

**Theme:** The Coming Kingdom

**Hymns:**  
O Come O Come Emmanuel 493  
Hail to the Lord's anointed 204  
There is a redeemer 673

**Café between the  
services**



### 10.30am Informal Service

*Service Leader: Andrew Dand*  
*Preacher: Steve Newbold*

**Reading:** Luke 21:25-36 Page 1057

**Theme:** The Coming Kingdom

### Songs and hymns:

God So Loved (Saviour of the World)  
I see the King of Glory (Hosanna)  
The Creed  
O Come O Come Emmanuel 493  
Light of the World  
This is Amazing Grace  
The Splendour of the King  
In Christ Alone

**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.

### 6.30pm Evening Prayer Readings

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Psalms 9              | Page 546  |
| Joel 3:9-end          | Page 914  |
| Revelation 14:13-15:4 | Page 1243 |

## BOOKSTALL OPEN TODAY

Come and see our wide range of books on Prayer. Look out too for Advent books for children and adults! **CHURCH ADVENT BOOK**; The One True Light by Tim Chester, available on the bookstall today.

## LIGHT UP THE LANE

**TODAY 4pm-6.30pm** in Pitshanger Lane, together with other Christians & churches we are handing out invitations to come to our Christmas services. Can you spare a half hour to help? Talk to Jane Maffett.

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Many thanks to everyone for yesterday's Bazaar. So many of you did so much it would be impossible to list everyone. A great St. Stephen's Team! The financial result is still being calculated, but it's looking good and we should be able to give a final result by next Sunday.

## POPPY APPEAL

Thank you also to all who gave to The British Legion Poppy Appeal here at St Stephen's.

## CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council (PCC) meet **Tomorrow Monday 30th November at 7.45pm**. A copy of the agenda is on the noticeboard in the Church Centre.

## 1ST TUESDAY PRAYERS



**Tuesday, 1st December**  
8pm-9pm  
Come along and join us.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

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

## GET INVOLVED IN 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 next Sunday we are asking everyone to help deliver Christmas Invitations to all parish streets.
3. Invite your neighbours & friends esp to our Carol Services. 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 1st Dec at 8pm.

## CAFE EXTRA!

**Next Sunday** as well as the usual cafe between services, cafe extra will take place after the 10.30 all age service, to allow a bit more leisurely catch up and get to know each other better. This month run by The Tuesday Group.

## EALING PASSION 2016

The first meeting for all interested in helping with the joint Churches Passion on Good Friday is this **Tuesday 1st December** at 8pm at St Mary's, Ealing. All welcome.

## AMOS CAROL SERVICE

Featuring stories of Justice & Hope from Bethlehem on **Tuesday 1st December** at 7pm, St James Church Piccadilly, W1 Take a card from the Welcome desk, or speak to Gordon Couch or Sue Charlton.

## EALING CHRISTIAN HISTORY

A talk on Churches in Ealing 1114 - 2014 by Piotr Stolarski. **Tuesday 1st December**, Ealing Central Library, 6.15pm. Tickets £3/1.50. To book ring 3700 1052.

## LIGHT UP THE AVENUE

**Thursday 3rd December** 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.

## PANTOMIME 2016

Planning ahead for **30th January 2016**, our Children's Party & Panto. Volunteers are asked to sign up now for Backstage Help, Props & Scenery Making, Costume Making (calling ladies with sewing machines) and also Choreography of our teenage dancers. If you can help, please speak to or call Celia Manwaring.

**NewWine**  
Local churches changing nations

Bookings are now open for next summer. St Stephen's are

going in **Week 1 (23<sup>rd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> July 2016)**. We always have a great time so why not consider coming along next year. Booking before the end of November attracts the biggest discount.

## FLOWERS IN CHURCH 2016

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. Geoff Thomas or Jane Maffett can help advise you if needed. The 2016 list is in the folder by the pigeon holes, do sign up to a date that you would like.

## CONNECT GROUPS

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

### Chinese Group

Meet fortnightly on Friday at 8pm (dinner for those who wish at 7.30pm). Speak to Weihua Zhang or Youwen Yang for more information. Note this is a Chinese speaking meeting.

### Daytimers

Meet every **Wednesday at 11.00am** in the Church Centre for cake, coffee, fellowship, Bible reflection and prayer.

### Tuesday Group

Meets fortnightly. Further information from Steve Newbold.

### 20's and 30's Group

Meets weekly. Contact Susy or Andrew Dand for information.

### p&p small group

Meets next on **7th December**. Speak to Dinos for information 8840 6047

### Film Group

No film meetings in December but **Christmas Social on Wednesday 16th December 6.30pm**. Next film - **Inside Out**—Walt Disney animation - definitely not only a child's film - **Thursday 7th January** and discussion **Thursday 21st January**. Contact Philip or Rosemary on 07733441431 for further details.

## THE MARRIAGE COURSE

Starting on **20th January 2016** 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.