

Contact Details

Personal Reflections

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Welcome

4th December 2016

Second Sunday of Advent

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 after
any service.

Sunday Services

9:00am Traditional Service
10:30am All Age Worship
6:30pm Evening Prayer
7:30pm Open to God

Weekday Services

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

9.00am Traditional Service

Service Leader: Enid Barron
Speaker: Andrew Dand

Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10 Page 696
Matthew 3:1-12 Page 967

Theme: Prepare the way

Hymns:
Hark the glad sound the saviour 210
On Jordon's bank 538
Guide me O thou great redeemer 201

Café between
the services



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**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.**

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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and Saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen.

6.30pm Evening Prayer Readings

Psalms 80	Page	592
Amos 7	Page	921
Luke 1:5-20	Page	1025

WELCOME

A warm welcome to the family and friends of Raiden Cload who is being baptised today during the 10:30am service.

BOOKSTALL

The Advent Bookstall has a lovely selection of books for adults and children, preparing us for the wonder of Christmas.

OPEN TO GOD

Tonight at 7.30pm - 8.30pm. Extended sung worship, teaching and ministry with an Advent flavour.

PRAYER MEETING

Next Wednesday, 7th December at 8pm. Come and pray for St Stephen's and its ministry.

150TH CELEBRATIONS

We are starting the countdown to our 150th anniversary year. Take a leaflet today telling you the shape of the year. Queries to Jane Maffett.

BECKY YOUNG

Becky will be back with us next Sunday (11th) to share something at both morning services about her time with YWAM.

GET INVOLVED IN CHRISTMAS

Help required with:

- Seniors Christmas Tea (15th)
- Carol Services (18th)
- Christingle Preparation (23rd)
- Carols and Christingles (24th)
- Making mince pies

Please sign up at the Welcome Desk. Speak to Rosemary Beardow for more information.

Also, can you help deliver Christmas Invitations to all parish streets - please take a bundle today.

Please invite your neighbours & friends especially to our Carol Services. For many, this season is a first step into church and a personal touch

BIBLE CHALLENGE

150TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

The bookstall has recommended options for our challenge to get to know the Bible better during 2017. Suggested challenges for all ages - and different time commitments. Chat to any of the bookstall team - place your order by Sunday 11th December for delivery in time for January start.

CAFE EXTRA!

TODAY 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.

ST DAVID'S

Come and bring your voice please to the St David's Carol Service on Sunday 11th December at 3pm. Contact Sally Horattides on 8840 6047 or Pete Devereux on 8579 7884.

EALING SOUP KITCHEN

St Stephen's traditionally serves lunch to Soup Kitchen guests on Boxing Day. Offers of either main courses or puddings to serve around 12 would be much appreciated. Foil trays can be provided, further details from Andrew or Jen Whadcoat 0208 8248 2258.

ECO BAZAAR

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Christmas Bazaar - about £4,000 was raised to help refurbish the Foodbank Warehouse.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

From next Sunday (11th December) 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.

MEN'S GROUP CURRY NIGHT

Our Men's Group annual Christmas Curry is next Sunday 11th December at 8pm. If you would like to come please let Jonathan Jones (jonjones64@hotmail.com) know by Wednesday 7th December.

BUDGET 2017

Thank you to everyone who has revised their financial giving to St Stephen's or made a new pledge for 2017. Our collective giving will increase by 5.6% and the Church Council have now agreed a budget for 2017. If you need to alter your standing order with your bank please remember to do so asap. Thank you.



Our mid week Groups for worship, prayer, Bible Study and Fellowship. Contact the leaders for more information..

Daytimers

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

Tuesday Group

Details from Steve Newbold (8810 4929).

20's and 30's Group

Details from Susy or Andrew Dand (8991 0933).

P&P small group

From Monday we meet weekly during Advent. Call Dinos Horattides (8840 6047) or Peter Charlton (8997 8236).

Film Group

Film Connect Social Thursday 8th December. For more information please contact Rosemary or Philip on 07733441431.

DECEMBER ECO TIP

Recycling can be confusing. LB of Ealing suggests the 'paper' test. Scrunch it. If it stays put, recycle. If it springs back to original shape, put it in black sacks.

Leaflets by welcome desk for more information on recycling or visit www.recyclemystuff.org.uk.