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Worshipping Jesus
Growing Together
Reaching Others

OCT 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.

Steve Newbold

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Notices

Traidcraft Stall

The stall will be open on Sunday 1st October during cafe times. Kitchen cupboard basics, cleaning products and treats. Come and have a look at the catalogue for other items we can order.

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150 mins for 150

Saturday 7th October

An event for families with children under 11. Come as a family, settle the children into the children's, then the parents will enjoy some 'grown up' time together whilst a team entertain and feed the children. Let Martyn Verity or Jane Maffett know you are coming.

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St David's Care Home

Please come and sing with us for the St David's 'Harvest' Hymns of Praise on Sunday 8th October at 3pm. Contact Peter Devereux 8579 7884.

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Deanery Synod

The next Synod meeting is on Tuesday 17th Oct at 7:30pm at William Perkin School. This is an opportunity to hear from the Head and tour the school. This is an open meeting for all Church members.

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Church Big Clean

Sat 21st Oct 10:30-2:00pm

If you can spare half an hour or more then please come along. We need people to clean, do odd jobs and some painting. Please contact Geoff Thomas for more info

geoff@ststephens-ealing.org

People & Planet Gathering

The next meeting is on 22nd October at 12:30pm for shared lunch. Topic - Fairtrade, more than nice chocolate! Speak to Sue Charlton for more info.

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Stir-Up Christmas Puddings

..for sale at the Bazaar. If you are free and able to help (all ingredients provided) please join us on the Church Centre 22nd Oct at 3pm. Speak to Sue Charlton, 8997 8236, or just turn up.

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Bring and Share

Church Family Lunch

Sunday 29th October 12:30pm-2:30pm
Sign up sheets in church for Mains, Sides, Desserts and Numbers. More info from Rosemary Beardow.

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Light Party

Tuesday 31st October 5:30-7:30pm

A fun and free Christian celebration of Halloween with light, apple bobbing, amazing science, crafty, story and singing, food and sweets. Tell your neighbours (take a flier) and just come.

Volunteers needed, please speak to Jane Maffett or Celia Manwaring.

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Sweet Making

Interested in developing your home-made sweet making skills? Speak to Jane Maffett who is planning a workshop to make sweets for the Bazaar and own gifts.

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Alpha 2017

Alpha has now started but it's not too late to join in. We are continuing on the following dates. If you would like to come speak to Caroline Newbold or Ajay More.

- 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?

Christmas Bazaar

This year's Christmas Bazaar is on Saturday 25th November. Profits to Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter. Please see the 'Can you help?' boards to see what will be needed to make it a great success. These will be up by 22nd Oct.

Drainage Works

The first stage of our building works is to replace the external drainage. This is planned to start on 9th Oct and there should be minimal disruption. We plan to complete the internal toilet refurbishment next summer.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES

Do you like to sing? The autumn term has started and the Carol Service on 17th December is in our sights. We will have six rehearsals starting on the 2nd November in Church from 7.30pm to 9pm. Interested - just speak to James Harvey JHarvey@jamesharveyassociates.co.uk

Parenting Course

St Paul's Church

For parents of younger children, to have a chance to learn from others and share experiences. It runs for six Thursday evenings from 5th Oct to 23rd November (two week break over half term). Please contact Polly in the St Paul's office if you are interested 8579 9444 or polly@stpaulsealing.com

Christian Resources Exhibition

Sandown Park 17-19 October.

An amazing range of all things Christian. Tickets cheapest in advance online. Let Jane Maffett know if you are planning to go and can offer/want a lift.

Izzy Cole

We are delighted to have welcomed Izzy Cole as our Intern for the coming year. Izzy will be involved in many areas of Church life including Youth, Alpha and working on the Gurnell Grove Estate. In addition she will spend a day a week studying with other interns in the West London area. Please pray for Izzy and welcome her to St Stephen's.

Time for Reflection

Saturday 4th November

An opportunity for space to be quiet in God's presence using prayer 'stations' - places set aside in church with something to look at or do, which will stimulate meditation and prayer. Drop in **any time** between 10:00am-12:30pm. Tea and coffee available

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

We meet on 2nd, 16th and 30th this month 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. Meetings will take place on Tuesday evenings. 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 5th Oct to view The Viceroy's House. Discussion will be Thursday 19th Oct. Rosemary Beardow (07733 441 431).

Bible Challenge Group

Next meetings Friday 13th Oct and Nov 10th at 2:30 pm at Church. Rosemary Beardow (07733 441 431).



Now's the time to think about reducing your clutter and giving others an opportunity to re-use what you no longer need! We will happily take second hand books, toys, jewellery, crockery, cutlery and bric-a-brac as well as new gifts for sale at the Bazaar. We cannot take clothes, shoes, electrical goods, damaged or broken things. Please don't bring to church until Monday 20th Nov. Speak to Sue Charlton (8997 8236) to discuss or arrange for collection.



Shining Stars

For pre-school children and their parents or carers. Runs most Tuesday's during Term time from 10:00am - 11:30am. For more info please email shiningstars@ststephens-ealing.org



Tea-Timers

Runs most Friday's during term time 2:30-4:00pm at Church. For more information contact events@ststephens-ealing.org

6 Oct - Music Time

13 Oct - Quiz

20 Oct - Making Life Easier

27 Oct - Movie Time

People's Stories

Chris Willis (our new Youth Worker)



Growing up in a Christian home had its plusses; learning about, and knowing God was a central point of the family. We would always pray together, read the Bible together, and go to Church together. Having a dad who was the minister of the local church, in a small town, did also come with its tremendous challenges. Simply put, amongst the expectations of people at church, and the reactions of people at school, childhood wasn't easy for me.

I decided, age twelve, that I was interested in everything I was learning, and I became a Christian. I was baptised three years later. At that age, I was naive and thought life would get better when I became a Christian, but I was wrong. If anything, it actually got worse being at Secondary School. I believed it was all God's fault, that everything was going wrong because of him. Not long after my baptism, I chose to walk away; I wanted nothing to do with God anymore.

It was at Soul Survivor, shortly before I turned eighteen, that I realised I couldn't live my life without God. I started to believe that he really did care about me, and he wasn't responsible for anything I was going through. I still believed he had abandoned me, however, and it was a long time before I felt I could trust him, or anyone, again. I made a new commitment that week, to love and follow God through everything, no matter what came our way.

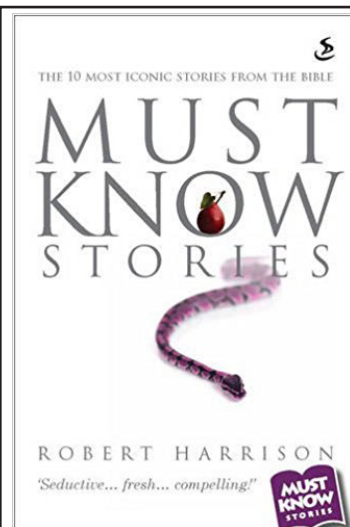
As I got older, left home, and began making a new life, things changed. Old fears, worries and stresses were replaced by new ones, I was no longer able to even try dealing with them on my own; but I didn't need to. By the time I finished my first internship, I was able to believe God had hold of me from the day I was born, and the road to building trust between us had begun.

I felt for a long time that God was calling me to youth work, so I took some steps in that direction. A long time went by with no sign of ever getting the kind of job I was looking for. In the meantime, I was in a job that was draining and stressful, and I was running low on money, energy, and enthusiasm. Eighteen months ago I started to doubt whether I was really hearing God right, but I never stopped trusting him. He never stopped providing for me, exactly what I needed.

Last year I started my first youth work job; the result of a long, uncertain, and often agonising road I had to walk. But it was the perfect job for me to start in. I learnt so much and developed a lot of skills. Now, I am excited about joining you at Stephens, and beginning my next adventure with God.

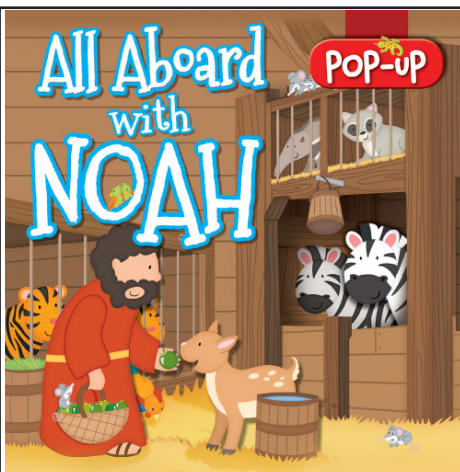
Bookstall Suggestions

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



An understanding of Bible story is essential to so much of our culture, literature, history, language ... Bible references are woven into the fabric of our national, artistic and literary heritage. But increasing Bible illiteracy means we are losing real understanding of such terms.

The must know stories are a way of restoring understanding of the importance of 10 key stories in the Bible - 10 stories that have been voted on as essential to our culture and which teachers and parents feel must not be lost to the next generation.



Watch Noah building his ark. Peep through the windows and see the animals settle down snugly inside, see the ark and the story of Noah come to life with six detailed and spectacular pop-up scenes.

Monthly Diary



October		
Sunday 1st	10:30am 11:45am 6:30pm	All Age Service with Baptism Cafe Extra Open to God
Tuesday 3rd	8:00pm	First Tuesday Monthly Prayers
Wednesday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th	8:00pm	Alpha
Sunday 8th	3:00pm	Hymns of Praise at St David's
Saturday 14th/ Sunday 15th	Afternoon	St Stephen's Team at Ealing Soup Kitchen
Sunday 15th	6:30pm	Open to God
Sunday 22nd	12:30pm	People and Planet Gathering
Wednesday 25th	4:00pm	Communion at St David's
Sunday 29th	6:30pm	Open to God
Tuesday 31st	5:30pm	Light Party

November		
Wednesday 1st, 8th	8:00pm	Alpha
Sunday 5th	11:45am	Cafe Extra
Tuesday 7th	8:00pm	First Tuesday Monthly Prayers
Sunday 12th	9:00am & 10:30am	Remembrance Sunday David Runcorn to preach

Prayer Requests

Give thanks for:

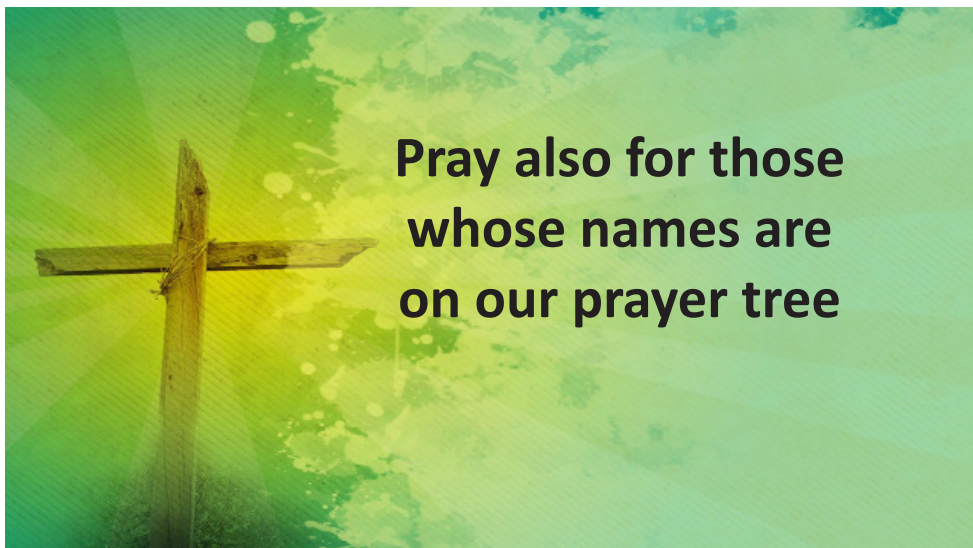
- The start of a new season in our Church life
- Our children and young people who have returned to school/university
- Those who have joined St Stephen's in the last few months

During this month please pray especially for:

- Izzy Cole, our New Wine Intern, who has joined us for the year
- Chris Willis, our Youth Worker, who has joined the Leadership Team
- The start of a new Alpha course
- St Stephen's volunteers helping at the Ealing Soup Kitchen
- Supporters of Amos our Mission Partner, walking the final stages of the Just Walk - London to Jerusalem

Those who are sick and in special need:

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



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

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