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Worshipping Jesus
Growing Together
Reaching Others

FEB 2018

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.



St Stephen's has existed as a Christian community for over 150 years. 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.

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Steve Newbold

Notices

Faith in the Questions

12th February

7pm-9pm. A new one-act play from Riding Lights, followed by an audience discussion with scientific thinkers and practitioners. See poster on noticeboard.

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Children's New Year party

Children's New Year party with magician entertainer, for children aged 3 - 11 is on Saturday 3rd February, 3-6pm. Please also pick up a flyer and invite children of friends and neighbours. Helpers needed to assist with the tea and chat to visiting families - please speak to Celia Manwaring or Martyn Verity. Parents please sign up on the list

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Lent Quiet Morning Saturday 3rd March

Time to reflect and be quiet with God between 10.30 – 12.30 – coffee/tea and biscuits available. For more information speak to Rosemary Beardow or Enid Barron

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Ealing Churches

Winter Night Shelter

In church on Friday nights/Saturday mornings from 16th Feb - 31st March. If you can help, please let Sue know (8997 8236).

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Open to God

11th February at 6.30pm

Revd John Ryeland, Director of the Christian Healing Mission

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People & Planet Gathering

The next meeting is on Sunday 25th Feb, starting with lunch at 12.30. John and Sally Anniss will be talking about the work of Compassion, whose mission is to release children from poverty through child sponsorship. They will tell us of their recent trip to Haiti to meet the children they sponsor. Sign up sheet will be available from 11th Feb.

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Green Sunday 4th February

We will again be celebrating God's Creation at services and committing our work with Eco Church on 4th. Wear a green heart to show your love of our environment on 11th - or come and be given one!

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Traidcraft Stall

Will be open on Sunday 4th February. Please browse Fairtrade and ethical goods as Fairtrade Fortnight approaches. Make a diary note for the 25th March meeting of P&P, when we'll invite you to 'Come on In' with food, fun and all-age activities to learn more about Fairtrade. Buy Fairtrade and change lives!

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LENT 2018 AT STEPHENS

14th February to 31st March

Ash Wednesday 14th February – the first day of Lent

Start Lent together as we gather for Communion Services with ashing at 9.30am or 8pm.

Join the Lent Course

On the Third Day – a course to help us think how we can re-capture the explosive power of the resurrection that ricocheted around the world.

Particularly suitable for those not in a Connect Group.

Thursdays, 22nd Feb, 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd March. 7.30pm – 9.15pm at Church

Join a Connect Group

Connect Groups are places of individual and church growth, where we can have fun and can bring our friends. Most meet weekly or fortnightly - why not try one of them out during Lent – details on the separate leaflet available.

Read the Bible

The Bible is the active word of God and regular reading of Scripture helps to nourish and sustain us in our walk with God. Commit to daily reading of a part of the Bible.

Take up prayer

Commit yourself to praying with others on weekdays (not Weds) at 8am and on the first Tuesday of each month at 8pm. Also mid-week Communion on Wednesday at 9.30am.

Fast

Giving something up or fasting is helpful and enables us to grow closer to God. As we learn to say no to human pleasures we consciously seek to put God above our own needs, even if only for a short while. There are lots of different ways to fast – ask the clergy for ideas.

Give to help others

During Lent we are supporting the Bishop of London's appeal for work for the homeless and collecting Fairtrade Easter Eggs for the women at the Marylebone Project.

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

Meets fortnightly on Monday's. 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 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

Our February film will be Manchester by the Sea with viewing on Thursday 1st January and discussion on 15th January. Rosemary Beardow (07733 441 431).

Chinese Group

Meets Fridays - contact Weihua Zhang or Youwen Yang for more information



Fairtrade Fortnight runs from 26th February - 11th March. The Fairtrade logo identifies goods produced by worker co-operatives who are given a guaranteed minimum price, plus a premium to spend on community projects which helps to lift them from extreme poverty. Fairtrade means no child labour, and the possibility of decent houses, education and health services for providing our luxuries - coffee, tea, chocolate and bananas.



Shining Stars

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



TEA-TIMERS

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

Feb 2nd - Candles and cake plus swaps and loans table (1st Friday)

Feb 9th - Pancakes

Feb 16th - Learn about Chinese New Year

Feb 23rd - Fun and Games

People's Stories

Mary Ann Auckland - Reflections from the Holy Land



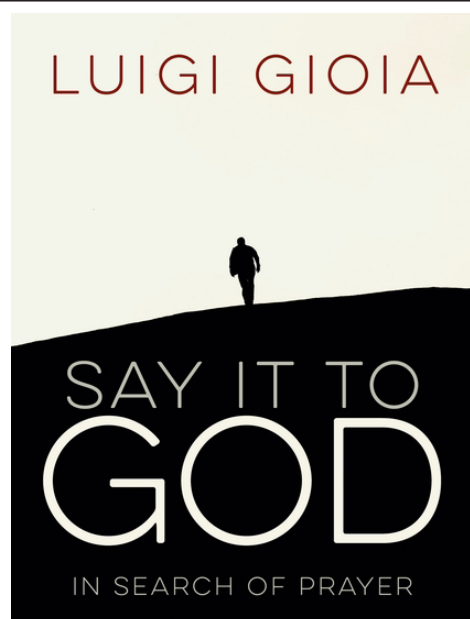
Long before dawn on a November morning I set off for a 10-day trip and the journey of a lifetime. Along with over 20 friends from St Stephen's, four from St John's and a couple of friends of friends we gathered at Heathrow to catch our flight to the Holy Land. There can be no other destination where you feel so familiar with the names, places and long-ago events without ever having been there. But virtually all my well-developed preconceptions and images turned out to be wrong.

Jerusalem, our first stop, is a complex and fascinating city. Over the valley from the walls is the Mount of Olives, our first stop. We made our way from top to bottom, down the very steep Palm Sunday road (poor donkey!) to the Garden of Gethsemane where gnarled old olive trees, possibly contemporary with Jesus, continue to grow. Next day we walked along the Via Dolorosa, believed to be the path walked by Jesus to his crucifixion. The space to reflect and pray at some of the 'stations' combined with the cobblestones and asymmetrical arches in the narrow crowded street gave a real sense of walking with Jesus at his darkest hour. Other highlights for me were singing How Great Thou Art with the amazing acoustics of St Anne's church (for a precious moment I actually believed I could sing!), the peace of the Garden Tomb (which might or might not have been where Jesus was buried and next to Golgotha) and the service at St George's Cathedral on Sunday as well as just wandering around the old city.

From Jerusalem we visited deeply divided Bethlehem with its ugly walls, lawless Bethany (and Lazarus' tomb), the extraordinary mountain stronghold of Masada and some of us floated on the Dead Sea (nothing else is possible). Another moment of tranquillity and spirituality was the service run by Caroline in the shepherds' fields just outside Bethlehem. Across the hills we could see a small group of buildings that should have been the 'little town' but was distant in every sense. Then we headed off to Galilee ... but that is a story for next month!

Bookstall Suggestions

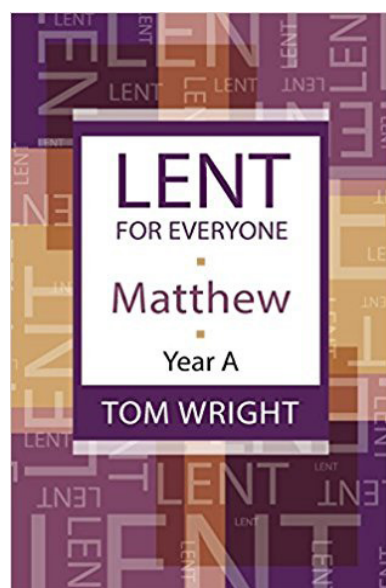
Two new books that will be available from the Bookstall. They deal with different aspects of our Christian journey.



Say it to God - Luigi Gioia **(£9 on the bookstall)**

This is the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book for 2018.

It is not a formula for praying, but an exercise in trusting in God, leading to a deeper, more spiritual prayer life. It is written by a Benedictine monk who has spoken at Holy Trinity Brompton about the importance of prayer in his own life. He guides the reader to



Lent for Everyone - Tom Wright **£3.99**

For each day of Lent, there is a reading from Matthew's Gospel plus a reflection by Tom Wright, helping us to grow in our faith. A reviewer says that through this book, we find out what it's like to hear the words of Jesus and see His actions for the first time. The result is that we see what an amazing life Jesus lived and what an astonishing sacrifice he made for us on the cross.

Monthly Diary



February		
Saturday 3rd	3-6pm	Children's New Year Party with Magician
Sunday 4th	11.45am	Cafe Extra hosted by Tuesday Group
Tuesday 6th	8pm	First Tuesday
Friday 9th	7pm	Quiz Supper
Sunday 11th	6:30pm	Open to God with John Ryeland
Monday 12th	8pm	Connect group leaders meeting
Ash Wednesday 14th	9.30am & 8pm	Communion services
Saturday 17th	TBC	Youth Quiz Night
Sunday 25th	12.30pm 6pm	People and Planet Shared Lunch Open to God

March		
Tuesday 6th	8pm	First Tuesday Prayers
Sunday 11th	10.30	Mothering Sunday All Age Worship
Monday 12th	7.45pm	Church Council Meeting

Prayer Requests

Give thanks for:

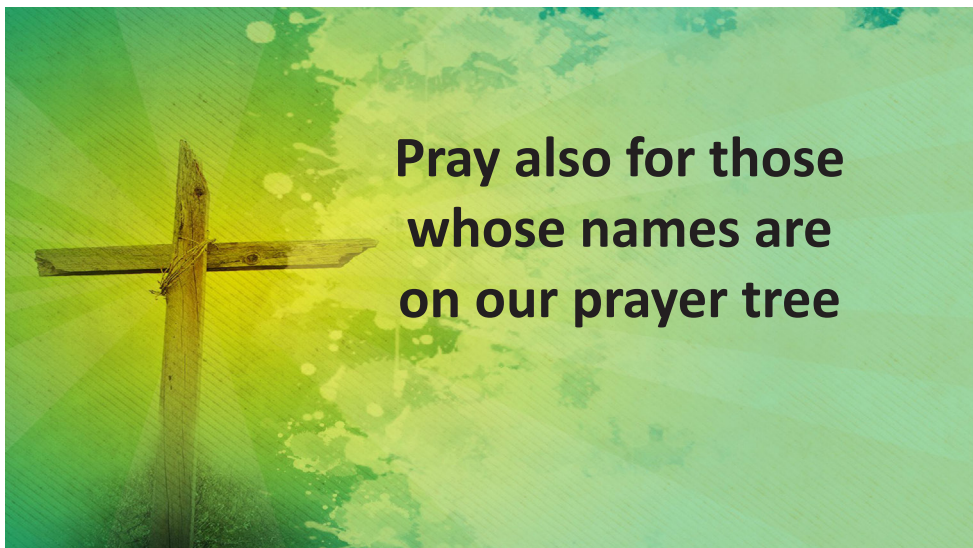
- The appointment of Bishop Sarah Mullally as our new Bishop (of London)
- The Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter and the Ealing Soup Kitchen providing safe spaces and hospitality during the winter months
- The many from our church who give of their time, gifts and resources to support God's work in this place.

During this month please pray especially for:

- Our children's party on 4th February
- Our journey through Lent towards Easter
- The St Stephen's Leadership Team
- The Grove – Missional Community on Gurnell Grove
- Those who are homeless or living in poverty
- The Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter as it continues its work for the winter months.

Those who are sick and in special need:

Margaret K Ainsworth, Pauline Craven, George Dunkley, Alan and Jane Hanley, George Hore, Mary Lazarus, , Jane Morris, Maisie Poulton, Ken Taylor.



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

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