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Worshipping Jesus
Growing Together
Reaching Others

JAN 2019

Weekly Service Times

Sundays

Sunday	9:00am	Traditional Service
	10:30am	Informal Worship
	6:30pm	Open to God or Evening Prayer

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

Happy New Year!



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

Traidcraft Stall

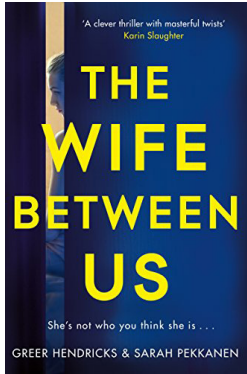
The stall will be open every first Sunday. Come and see our selection and support Fairtrade and Traidcraft.

First Tuesday Prayers at 8pm



Our Jan prayer meeting will be on **Tuesday 8th**. Join us for just one hour to pray for this church and its mission.

St Stephen's Book Club



The next meeting will be on **Wed 9th Jan at 8pm** in Church. We will be discussing *The Wife Between Us* by Greer Hendricks & Sarah Pekkanen. Info from Morgen Edwards in the Church office admin@ststephens-ealing.org or 8991 0164.

St David's Home

Singers required for Epiphany Hymns of Praise on **Sunday 13th January**. Starts at 3pm contact Sally Horattides 8840 6047 or Pete Devereux 8579 7884.



Churches Together Visit

The next visit will be to Ealing Abbey on **Sat Jan 19** at 2.30pm. Father Dominic speak about the workings and history of the Abbey, centred around the Benedictine community. Contact Noreen Barnes-Hoggett, on 020 8997 4935 or noreen29@googlemail.com.

It all adds up to

Livability

Dementia Awareness

Livability, will be running a half-day workshop at St Stephen's on **Sat Jan 19th** 10am – 1pm on dementia awareness. Free and open to anyone in the congregation. Places are limited.

Contact Rosemary Beardow

rosemary@ststephens-ealing.org

Women's Breakfast

9.30-11.00 Saturday 26 January 2019

Start the New Year as you mean to go on by meeting up with friends and hearing a great message. This January we are blessed to have The Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin (Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons) coming to speak to us about her life and faith. This is a great opportunity to bring your friends along to St Stephens. We shall be asking for a donation of £4 each towards the breakfast and there will be a retiring collection which will go towards the Charities that Rose Supports. If you wish to come along, please fill in the sign-up sheet or phone Caroline Jamieson on 02088401971

amos trust

justice and hope for the forgotten

Guest Speaker, 27th January

Chris Rose, Director of Amos Trust (one of our Mission Partners) will preach at both morning services, telling us how our regular donations support Nicaraguan farmers battling Climate Change, projects for Street Children in Africa and India and justice for Palestinians.

People & Planet Gathering

Meets on **Sunday 27th January** at 12.30, when we welcome Chris Rose of Amos Trust, telling us of the work of Amos as we provide a cookery demonstration. Sign up to let us know you can come, or speak to Sue Charlton. Borrow simple recipes to add to the feast!

Children's New Year's party

Children's New Year party with magician entertainer, for children aged 3 - 11 is on **Sat 9th 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 - speak to Celia Manwaring or Martyn Verity. Parents please sign up on the list.



Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter

We host Night Shelter on Fridays from **15 February - 29th March**.

Up to 14 homeless adults will be hosted, given food and beds, providing respite and support in the worst of the weather. Please give any time you have to help. All volunteers need to re-register with <http://www.ecwns.org.uk> even if you've helped in past years. On 10th February there will be a short training session after the 10.30 service. See the sign up sheet, or speak with Sue Charlton, Jen or Andrew Whadcoat, Venue Coordinators.

2019 Flower Rota

The flower rota is in the folder in the foyer. Please consider signing up to provide flowers for a Sunday this year. For more information please speak to Caroline Jamieson.

Future Date



On **Sunday 10th March** we will welcome the Bishop of London, Dame Sarah Mullally, to our 10.30am service. Please mark the date in your diary now so that we can all be here for our Diocesan Bishop.



NewWine

Local churches changing nations

New Wine

Bookings are open for New Wine next summer. St Stephen's will be going in **Week 1 (28th July – 3rd August 2018)** – we always have a great time so why not consider coming along next year. Book by the end of November to attract the biggest discount.

Flowers in Church for January

6th - Lynn Vogel
13th - available
20th - available
27th - Mary Stratton

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

Next meeting on Monday 14th January than fortnightly until Easter. 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)

Jigsaw

Meeting alternate Tuesdays 7pm (for food), 7:30-9:30pm (meeting). Call Caroline or Ian Jamieson 8840 1971.

Rooted

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

Meet to watch Darkest Hour on Thurs 3rd Jan and to discuss on Thurs 17th Jan. Rosemary Beardow (07733 441 431).

Chinese Group

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



New phone for Christmas? Please recycle your old one. Recovering gold, silver, palladium etc from recycled handsets reduces demand and lessens incentive to mine in gorilla habitats. Use the Recycle for Charity envelopes in Church - we are registered with Christian Aid, which will also benefit!

Feed the birds through winter. Take part in the Big Garden Birdwatch, 26 - 28 January. Information on the Eco Church board.



Shining Stars

A group for pre-school children and their parents or carers. Returns on Tuesday 8th January 10am-11:30am

For more info please email

shiningstars@ststephens-ealing.org



Tea Timers drop in cafe

Runs most Fridays 2.30-4.00pm at church.

Contact Jane -

events@ststephens-ealing.org

Jan 4th - Christmas reflections

Jan 11th - Book chat

Jan 18th - Laughter is the best medicine

Jan 25th - Tales of the Big Five

People's Stories

Enid Barron



I sometimes feel rather envious of people who can pinpoint a moment when they felt called to Christ. My faith journey has been undramatic on a long and winding road. I was brought up in a Christian household. I was baptised as an infant and throughout my childhood attended church with my father. I was fascinated by the wording of the Book of Common Prayer and the King James Bible and still recall their memorable phrases. My time at university was very influential in my exploration of faith, living in a house run by a community of nuns and becoming close friends with a number of Christian students, including some rather attractive Benedictine monks!

Thence my faith journey wandered on with some key points in its development: the life-changing support and guidance of a priest at a time of crisis, the miracle of the birth of my first child ('can this really be mine, thank you God'); the strong sense of my mother at peace in heaven after she was killed in a car accident, coming through the hell that is clinical depression and the huge impact of my first pilgrimage to the Holy Land. This made me strongly aware of the reality of Jesus and all that he was up against in his earthly ministry.

Moving to The Avenue some 40 years ago St Stephen's became my parish church but it took me a while to leave my previous church and start attending services here. I came to love and treasure the warmth and support that is such a feature of the St Stephen's community. I gradually got more involved and was churchwarden for six years after which our previous vicar suggested I should continue to serve the church as a lay minister. Training for this and engaging with a theology degree led to further development of my faith.

My latest venture has been becoming a member of the General Synod. I stood for election partly out of frustration with the national church's apparent obsession with matters of gender and sexuality and because I wanted to push its environmental agenda forward as a key response to the call to love God and love our neighbour. It's proving challenging (but Christ never said things wouldn't be difficult!) and like the rest of my faith journey it's also fulfilling.

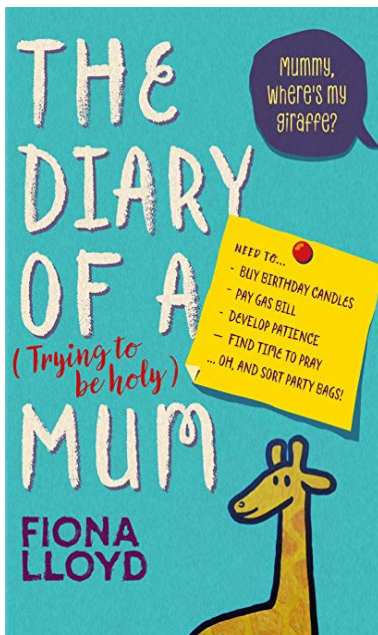
Bookstall

The Bookstall has a range of books for all ages

The following two items may be of particular interest.



This is a good translation of the Bible and is clear and easy to read. The Bookstall has other translations too, from the New International Version (which we use in Church) to the more contemporary, 'The Message'.



Meet Becky Hudson. Loving wife to Dave, devoted mother to Jennifer (9), Adam (5) and Ellie (2) - and queen of self-doubt. If only she tried harder, Becky reasons, she could be a 'proper' Christian and mother! But is this the way it's meant to be? As Becky's diary records her daily 'fails', it also reveals how God meets and affirms her in the marvellous muddle that motherhood can be as she tries to balance faith, fears and family life!

Monthly Diary



January		
Sunday 6th	11:45am	Cafe Extra
Tuesday 8th	10:00am 8:00pm	Shining Stars Restarts First Tuesday Prayers
Wednesday 9th	8:00pm	Book Club
Sunday 13th	3:00pm	Hymns of Praise at St David's
Saturday 19th	10:00am	Dementia Awareness Course
Monday 21st	7:45pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 26th	9:30am	Women's Breakfast
Sunday 25th	12:30pm	People & Planet Gathering

February		
Sunday 3rd	11:45am	Cafe Extra
Tuesday 5th	8:00pm	First Tuesday Prayers
Saturday 9th	3:00pm	Cool Christians Party
Sunday 10th	3:00pm	Hymns of Praise at St David's

Prayer Requests

Give thanks for:

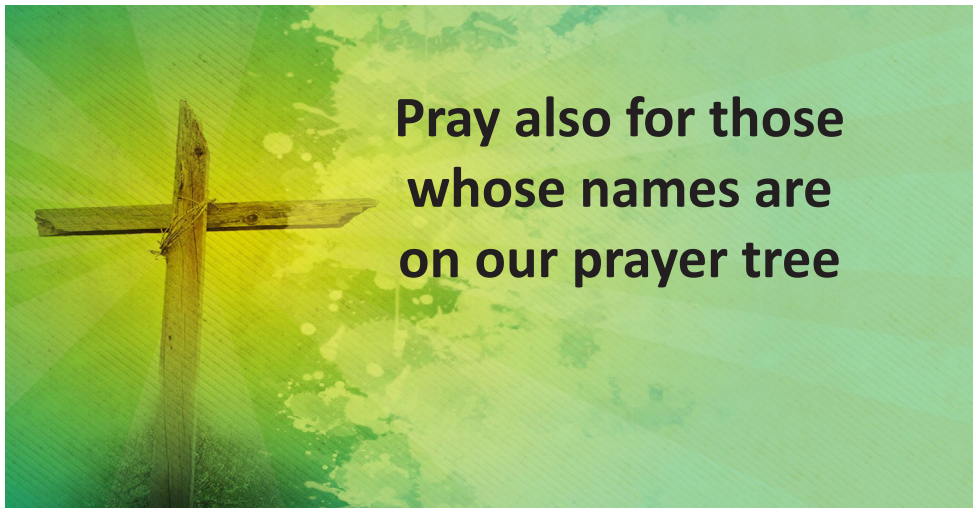
- The birth of Jesus Christ, who continues to be the Light of our world!
- The gift of a new year
- The many people from our local community who joined our Christmas services
- Everyone who contributed to the Christmas services in any way
- Those who have completed the Alpha course and are continuing on their journey with Christ

During this month please pray especially for:

- The year ahead as we all seek to dig deeper in our faith in Jesus Christ
- The Grove Missional Community

Those who are sick and in special need:

Gordon Couch, Alan and Jane Hanley, George Hore, Jane Morris, Maisie Poulton, Ken Taylor, Pam, Bernice and Jamie.



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