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Worshipping Jesus
Growing Together
Reaching Others

FEB 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



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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Newbold". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font. A horizontal line is drawn underneath the signature.

Steve Newbold

Notices

Traidcraft Stall

The stall will be open on **3rd Feb** and during Fairtrade Fortnight on **3rd March**. Come and see what we've got.

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First Tuesday Prayers at 8pm



Our February prayer meeting will be on **Tuesday 5th**. Join us for just one hour to pray for this church and its mission.

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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 take 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.

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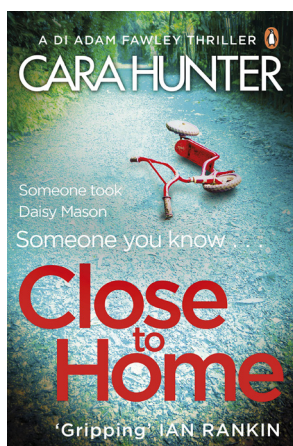
St David's Home

Singers required for 'Love' Hymns of Praise on **Sunday 10th February**. Starts at 3pm contact Sally Horattides 8840 6047 or Pete Devereux 8579 7884.

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St Stephen's Book Club

The next meeting will be on **Wed 13th February at 8pm** in Church. We will be discussing *Close to Home* by Cara Hunter. Info from Morgen Edwards in the Church office admin@ststephens-ealing.org or 8991 0164.



Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter

Please pray for our clients and volunteers who will be hosting the Night Shelter this month. Contact Sue, Jen or Andrew Whadcoat if you'd like to help. Contact the church office for contact details.

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Show the Love Day

On **14th February**, we invite you to Show the Love of our natural environment by wearing a green heart.

We shall give out green heart badges on Sunday 10th February, and offer heart-shaped biscuits at Cafe. We'll have a special activity for kids young and old. Make your own hearts - for inspiration see <http://www.theclimatecoalition.org/show-the-love>

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People & Planet

Our meeting on **Sunday 24th February** from 12.30 pm will celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight (25 Feb - 10 March), the focus this year on the chocolate industry. Come for a quiz and to see film clips showing the advantage to growers in the Fairtrade movement. All chocoholics welcome in valuing the work of those in the industry as we indulge in cocoa flavoured food.

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Ealing Deanery Synod

On **Thursday 7th February** there is an open meeting at St Gabriel's Church, North Acton. The meeting will focus on Young People in our Churches and Levi Phillips will be speaking. Doors open at 7:30pm for refreshments and the meeting will begin at 8pm. All are welcome especially those working with youth in our churches. Details are on a poster in the church foyer.



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



Ash Wednesday

6th March— the first day of Lent
Start Lent together as we gather for said Communion Services with ashing at 9.30am or 8pm.

Lent Quiet Morning

Saturday 16th March 10.00am -12.30pm
at St Stephen's Church. Look out for further details in weekly Updates

Flowers in Church for February

3rd - available
10th - available
17th - available
24th - Sally Lamond

Church Electoral Roll

2019 is the year in which all Church Electoral Rolls are renewed.
This means that **everyone comes off and must re-apply** if they wish to be on the Electoral Roll.

Between 17th Feb and 31st March you will have the opportunity to complete a new Electoral Roll form (regardless if you have completed one in the last few months).

Church Electoral Roll

Only those on the Electoral Roll can vote at the Annual Meeting or apply to be on the PCC. If you are not on the Roll please consider joining (you need to be over 16, baptised and either live in the parish or have worshipped here regularly for at least 6 months). Application forms are available in the church entrance area. Completed forms must be returned to the Church Office no later than 13th April.

Annual Church Meeting 6:30pm in Church

Come along to our annual meeting where we will elect new members of the PCC and hear about plans for the year ahead.

At this meeting on **28th April** we need to elect 2 Churchwardens for a one year term, 3 members of the Church Council for a three year term & 1 Deanery Synod Representative for a one year term year.

Please see the website for the annual reports, and the information stand for details about standing for election.

Anyone wishing to stand as Churchwarden is asked to speak to Steve Newbold in advance of submitting a nomination.

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.

Alpha Plus

Starts on Thursday 7th February at 8pm in Church. Contact Sam Sanya for more information 0203 844 0387

Daytimers

Meets every Wednesday at 11:00am in the Church Centre for cake, coffee, fellowship, Bible reflection and prayer.

Film Group

The February film will be Finding your Feet. Viewing on Thurs 7th Feb and discussion on Thurs 21st March. Rosemary Beardow (07733 441 431).

Chinese Group

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



Days are beginning to lengthen. Get outside, whatever the weather, and let nature soothe your soul. Look/listen out for our Greater Spotted Woodpecker in front of church and for signs of spring to come in budding trees and flowers, birds looking to nest or early awakening bees and butterflies. And before you eat, take a moment to consider the people who have grown your food, often in difficult circumstances with few rewards, processed it and sent it over land and sea to get to our shops.



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

Feb 1st Getting to know you
Feb 8th Stories from the census
Feb 15th Quiz time
Feb 22nd Anniversary of scouting

People's Stories

Jonathan Jones



I have been attending St Stephen's for 30 years and during that time have been active in many areas of Church life. I currently lead the Gardening Team and serve as a Trustee for St Luke's. For the last two years I have been suffering from a debilitating condition requiring me to attend hospital frequently and stopping me working and travelling as I attempt to heal. But the illness has its spiritual gifts and I have learned much.

Even as I prepared to write this article I was suddenly overtaken by a medical emergency which took me off to Accident and Emergency. I was treated there by a young doctor whose name was Gift who skilfully and competently solved my problem and sent me home in better shape. Gift was her name and her care was a real gift to me from God to go with the other gifts that I have been given alongside the travails of illness.

Being glib about the challenges of illness is a mistake. However strong your faith extreme pain means that the afflicted person can only really focus on enduring or reducing that pain at the moment in question and can do no more than hold on to God's hand and ask for his help when it is at its worst-but God is there and I have found that the help does come. I have also realised that I need to better understand what I can give to sick friends based on the positive support that I have had that has made a difference to me.

My first great gift was Gratitude. Early on I became grateful for things in my life that I had taken for granted. When you are sick and weary a full night's sleep is a real boon as is a walk in the Sun and the sight and scent of a magnificent bush in bloom—all things that I ignored in my busy working day before I became ill. I have learned to give thanks for something good every morning when I wake up.

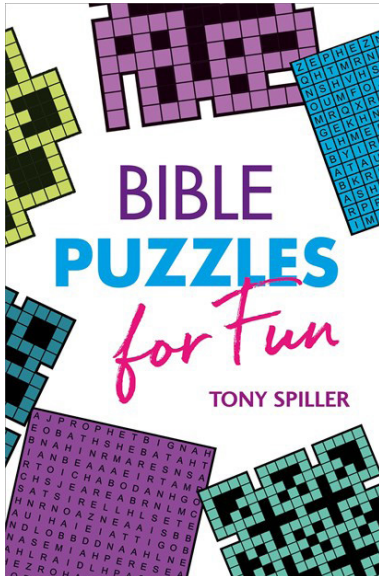
The second is time to work on a Friendship with God. I am trying to simplify my life and have a conversation with God that is more like a friendship than a distant one-way communication and am learning to ask for and appreciate the help and healing that God wants to give to me.

The third is the gift of learning to Listening to God. Cutting out the unnecessary noise, the background chatter and listening in the silence to what He is saying to me.

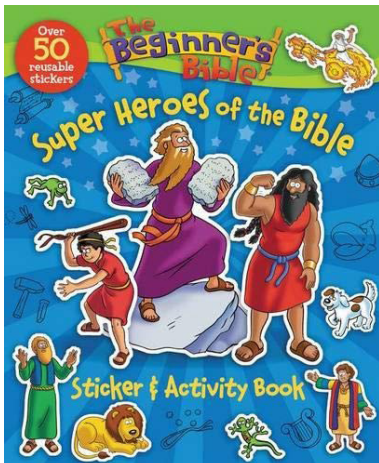
Many gifts from one challenging time.

Bookstall

The Bookstall has a range of books for all ages.
Here is some light material for winter



84 puzzles - crosswords, anagrams, word searches, mazes, spirals and others - will make you puzzle over the Bible, increase your biblical knowledge and give you hours of fun. Be ready for some surprises on the way!



For ages 3-5

This sticker and activity book is perfect for school holidays. Kids will discover amazing stories at their own pace. Bible heroes come to life through age-appropriate puzzles, activity pages, and 50 reusable stickers in this friendly and fun sticker and activity book featuring The Beginner's Bible classic art and simply written content.

Monthly Diary



February		
Sunday 3rd	10:30am 11:45am	Baptism Service Cafe Extra
Sunday 3rd (10th, 17th, 24th)	4:00pm	Youth Alpha
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
Wednesday 13th	8:00pm	Book Club
Wednesday 20th	4:00pm	Communion at St David's
Sunday 24th	12:30pm	People & Planet Gathering

March		
Sunday 3rd	11:45am	Cafe Extra
Sunday 3rd (10th, 17th, 24th)	4:00pm	Youth Alpha
Tuesday 5th	8:00pm	First Tuesday Prayers
Wednesday 6th	9:30am & 8:00pm	Ash Wednesday Services
Sunday 10th	10:30am 3:00pm	Visit of Bishop of London Hymns of Praise at St David's

Prayer Requests

Give thanks for:

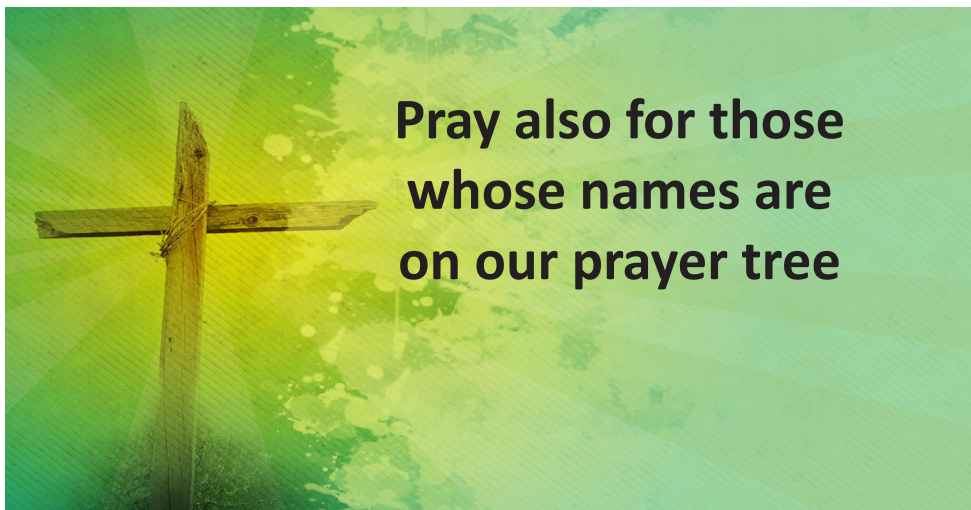
- Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter and the Ealing Soup Kitchen providing safe spaces and hospitality during the winter months especially at St Stephen's
- The many from our church who give of their time, gifts and resources to support God's work in this place

During this month please pray especially for:

- Our children's party on 9th February
- 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 attending our Youth Alpha course, that they would meet Jesus and come to know Him

Those who are sick and in special need:

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



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