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Worshipping Jesus  
Growing Together  
Reaching Others

**MAR 2019**

# Weekly Service Times

## Sundays

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

## Weekdays

<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Communion</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>

For more information on items mentioned in  
this bulletin please go to our website  
[www.ststephens-ealing.org](http://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

**3rd March and 7th April**

See and try our new products. Focus on Chocolate. We have limited space to store Easter Eggs, but we will have Real & Divine Fairtrade eggs on display so you can see what's available in local stores.

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This March we are starting a new Bible reading challenge. Read the New Testament in a year. 5 minutes a day x 5 days a week x 5 ways to dig deeper. Copies of the reading plan available from the Welcome Desk.

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## First Tuesday Prayers at 8pm

Our monthly Prayer Meeting on **5th March** will look a little different as we focus on our youth work. There will be time for individual prayer using prayer stations from 6.30pm to 8pm followed by a time together from 8pm to 9pm. Parents, families, young people and others all welcome

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## 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.

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## *St David's Home*

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

## Visit from Bishop of London

Do be present for our Whole Church Service at 10.30am when we will be joined by our Bishop, Dame Sarah Mullally. Children and young people will remain in church for the service. Café from 10am, wine and nibbles after the service.



## St Stephen's Book Club



The next meeting will be on **Wed 13th March at 8pm** in Church. We will be discussing *The Keeper of Lost Things* by Ruth Hogan. Info from Morgen Edwards in the Church office [admin@ststephens-ealing.org](mailto:admin@ststephens-ealing.org) or 8991 0164.

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## Lent Quiet Morning Saturday 16th March

10.00am -12.30pm at Church. Time to be still in the presence of God with reflections on Lenten themes prompted by ordinary household objects. More information from Enid Barron or Rosemary Beardow.

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## Earth Hour

Saturday 30th March at 7pm: Millions of people, businesses and landmarks across the globe will be switching off lights for the love of our Planet. Join members of People & Planet in church for a candle-lit supper and more. Lights out from 8.30pm. Sign Up sheet from 17th March or speak to Sue Charlton, 8997 8236.

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## Modern Day Slavery (MDS) the Diocese of London Lent Appeal.

Thousands are tricked into domestic servitude, forced into labour or sexual exploitation in plain sight of Londoners. Can we be part of the solution? The appeal will help us to be more aware, to spot the signs and know how to take action. All money we raise will go to partner agencies working to help people trapped by MDS. Please use the Yellow Gift Aid envelopes marked LENT. Closing date: Easter Sunday

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## Easter Egg Appeal

We will be taking as many eggs as possible (Fairtrade with a booklet telling the Easter Story) to the homeless women at the Marylebone Project. We invite you to pay for one or more - £4.50 each. See the table during Cafe each Sunday through Lent till 7th April. See the Mission Board for info about the Marylebone Project.

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## Church Garden

The Gardening Team is trying to develop a space for quiet reflection and conversation, an area for children to enjoy growing a few things and a haven for more wild-life. Ideas and offers of help welcome. See the Eco Church board for full details.

## 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).

**Only those** on the Electoral Roll can vote at the Annual Meeting or apply to be on the Church Council. 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 31st March

## Annual Church Meeting 6:30pm in Church

Come along to our annual meeting where we will elect new members of the Church Council 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. Anyone wishing to stand as Churchwarden is asked to speak to Steve Newbold in advance of submitting a nomination.

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## Sponsored Walk

Peter Charlton will be taking part in The Big London Night Walk to raise money for Big Issue Foundation. If you would like to sponsor Peter you can do so here <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/peter-charlton6>

# 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**

Alternate Tuesdays 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**

Thursdays at 8pm in the Church Meeting Room. 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.



Keep 'Showing the Love' – of our food! Climate Change and extreme weather events threaten farmers' livelihoods and our food security – but according to climate scientists there is much we can do. The Government, Farmers and Food Retailers are working hard to adapt to current conditions – so we must too. God created this Earth and plants for us to live by. Let us not waste his gifts to us? See [www.theclimatecoalition.org/recipefordisaster](http://www.theclimatecoalition.org/recipefordisaster) for an interesting, easy to read, comprehensive and well researched report.



## **Shining Stars**

A group for pre-school children and their parents or carers. 10am-11:30am  
For more info please email [shiningstars@ststephens-ealing.org](mailto:shiningstars@ststephens-ealing.org)



## **Tea Timers drop in cafe**

Runs most Fridays  
2.30-4.00pm at church.  
Contact Jane Maffett -  
[Events@ststephens-ealing.org](mailto:Events@ststephens-ealing.org)

March 1st World Prayer Day  
March 8th Music Time  
March 15th True or False  
March 22nd World Poetry day

# People's Stories

Judy Craddock

Why  
Jesus



Nicky  
Gumbel

I have been attending St Stephen's for a long time whilst yo-yoing back and forth from Ealing to Stanford in the Vale, Oxfordshire, so I am weekly on the train between Ealing and Oxford. I regularly lead Morning Prayer on a Monday and attend on a Sunday morning when I am in London.

When Reverend Steve Morris, a curate at St Stephen's then, was here we drew up a list of Bible quotes for me to give out to anyone I engaged in conversation on these train journeys. Nowadays, I travel with copies of the 'Why Jesus?' Alpha/Nicky Gumbel red booklets.

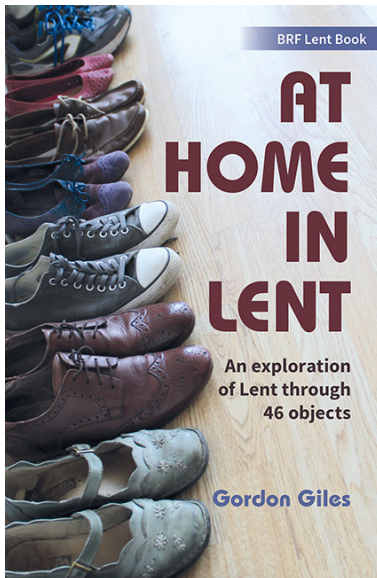
Last year I was on an E2 bus going to Northfields for a Strength and Balance exercise class there (Monday, 12-1pm) when I noticed that the tall, young man sitting next to me was looking – and being – agitated. I couldn't think what to do about it, so I took out a 'Why Jesus?' and gave it to him (and probably prayed as well!). He calmed down as soon as he opened and started reading the booklet. He got up at the stop by West Ealing allotments, keeping the book open, head bowed and, still reading, got off the bus.

Another time, I came up from Ealing Broadway station, no cash, and there was a 'huddled in black' person begging (you've probably seen them yourself). So I took out a 'Why Jesus?' and gave it to him. Next week, same scenario, no cash on arrival, man begging, so I gave him another 'Why Jesus?'. He said, "Thank you, I got through half of the first one and the rest got rained on, so now I can finish it!"

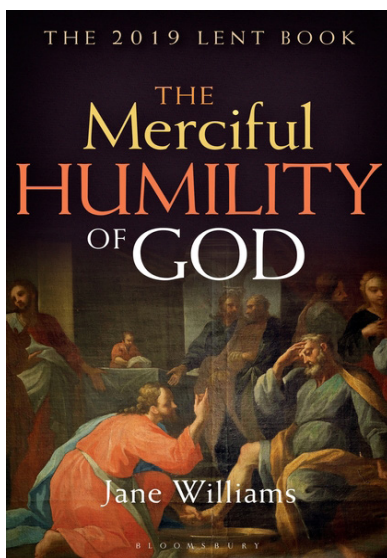
It may seem pointless to give out something like Why Jesus? but you never know the effect it might have – why not give it a try when you are out?

# Bookstall

**A number of good Lent books have come out this year and we have a selection on the Bookstall. They are very helpful in maintaining a discipline of daily Bible reading. Here are two of them..**



In 'At Home in Lent' Gordon Giles has elevated the everyday to the realm of spiritual reflection and meditation in a way which is both simple and profound. Gordon's reflections are helpfully reminiscent of expressions of Celtic Spirituality, where we find prayers for the cooking pot and for lighting a fire. A most accessible guide and accompaniment with which to navigate Lent, with just the right amount of challenge and affirmation, particularly for those leading busy lives. As Gordon has bravely used the toilet as an area for reflection, it is safe to say that this book might well be used in the smallest room as well on the train or in a prayer space.



St Augustine's insight was that it is only the merciful humility of God that could penetrate our armoured pride. As we follow this book through Lent and through the Biblical narrative what begins to emerge is that God's merciful humility is the source of life. The chapters of Jane Williams's book include: 'Humble Beginnings'; 'How to win friends and influence nobody'; 'Reigning from a tree' and 'Risen and ascended into humility'. Her reflective Lent book will be a trusted guide for anyone seeking a deeper understanding of God's humility during this religious period.

# Monthly Diary



March		
Sunday 3rd	11:45am	Cafe Extra
Sunday 3rd (10th, 17th, 24th, 31st)	4:00pm	Youth Alpha
Tuesday 5th	6:30pm-8:00pm 8:00pm-9:00pm	Prayer Stations 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
Wednesday 13th	8:00pm	Book Club
Saturday 16th	10:00am-12:30pm	Quiet Morning - Lent
Monday 18th	7:45pm	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday 20th	4:00pm	Communion at St David's
Sunday 24th	12:30pm	People & Planet Gathering
Saturday 30th	7:00pm	Earth Hour
Sunday 31st	9am & 10:30am	Mothering Sunday Services

April		
Tuesday 2nd	8:00pm	First Tuesday Prayers
Sunday 7th	4:00pm	Youth Alpha
Wednesday 10th	8:00pm	Book Club

# Prayer Requests

## **Give thanks for:**

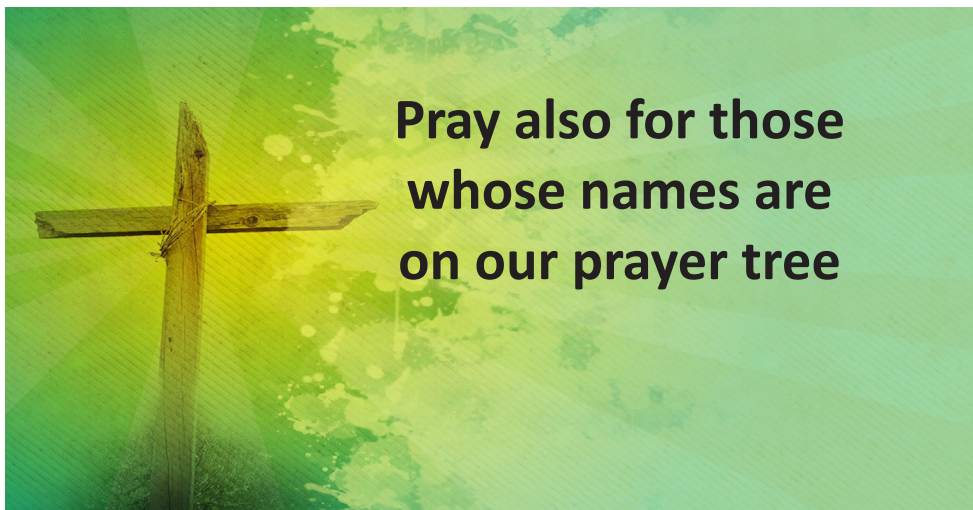
- Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter and the Ealing Soup Kitchen providing safe spaces and hospitality during the winter months
- Those who attended our Children's New Year Party

## **During this month please pray especially for:**

- Sarah, Bishop of London as she visits us on 10th March
- Those from St Stephen's attending the New Wine Leadership Conference on 11th & 12th March
- Youth Alpha as it continues at St Stephen's and those attending and leading each week
- New and continuing Connect Groups
- Our journey thorough Lent towards Easter
- The Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter as it continues its work for the winter months including Friday evenings at St Stephen's

## **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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