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st stephen's ealing

Worshipping Jesus
Growing Together
Reaching Others

APR 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.

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Steve Newbold

Notices

First Tuesday Prayers at 8pm

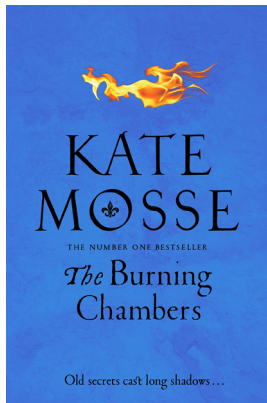


Join us on **2nd April** for an hour to pray for the life and mission of the church.



TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

Our usual stall will be open on **31st March** and again on **5th May**. Please support Fairtrade with our lovely selection of goods, and know you are supporting growers and producers with fair prices and a premium to develop their communities.



St Stephen's Book Club

The next meeting will be on **Wed 10th April at 8pm** in Church. We will be discussing **The Burning Chambers** by **Kate Mosse**. Info from Morgen Edwards in the Church office admin@ststephens-ealing.org or 8991 0164.

St David's Home

Singers required for 'Palm Sunday' Hymns of Praise on **Sunday 14th April**. Starts at 3pm contact Sally Horattides 8840 6047 or Pete Devereux 8579 7884.

People and Planet Gathering

Our next meeting will be on 28th April for a bring-and-share lunch at 12.30. Details to be announced.



Palm Sunday - 14th April

9:00am Traditional Service
10:30am Informal service starting in the Church Forecourt
6:30pm Evening Prayer

Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th April

8:00am Morning Prayer (Mon and Tues)
9:30am Communion (Weds)
8:00pm Night Prayer (for just 30 minutes)

Maundy Thursday 18th April

8:00am Morning Prayer
7:30pm Informal Meal & Holy Communion

Good Friday 19th April

10:00am Walk of Witness
2:00pm An hour at the cross

Easter Day 21st April

5:30am Dawn Celebration
followed by breakfast
10:30am Easter Celebration & Communion

Walk Of Witness

If you have stewarded on previous Walks of Witness could please confirm whether or not you would be available to Steward on this year's walk on Good Friday 19th April. Contact Pete Devereux on jandpdevereux@hotmail.co.uk

The Diocese of London Lent Appeal - Modern Day Slavery

Thousands of people in our City are trapped in domestic servitude, or held in bondage and against their will. Modern Day Slaves are often working in car washes, nail bars or on construction sites - but unlike most, controlled by those who exploit their labour. Support the agencies who are working hard to free them and provide ongoing support. Donate to the Lent Appeal, using the yellow gift-aid envelopes. Consider giving what you may spend on a meal out, a manicure or hair-do, a cleaning or maintenance job you would pay for at home, or a car wash? Take a leaflet, watch the short video and pray for those in fear and used as slaves.

Easter Egg Appeal

for the Marylebone Project

£4.50 will pay for a Fairtrade Easter for Homeless Women. They so welcome our thoughts at this time. Please come to the Traidcraft Stall by 7th April, as we're taking 78 to Marylebone that week.

Thank You

To everyone who sponsored Peter Charlton for the Big Issue Night Walk. He completed the 13 miles without much trouble and thanks to your donations was able to send £385 to the Big Issue fund.

Women's Breakfast

The speakers for our Spring Women's Breakfast on **Saturday 13 April** (9:30-11am) will be Sam and Rachael Sanya. They will be telling us their story and how their lives have led them to St Stephens. An inspiring and fun-packed morning. It is a good opportunity to invite a friend to St Stephens. Please inform Caroline Jamieson if you can come or phone on 020 8840 1971

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.

Sam Sanya's Ordination

Sam will be ordained as Priest at 7pm on Friday 28th June at St Martin's, Kensal Rise. His first Communion service will take place on Sunday 30th June and will be followed by a church BBQ. Please do come along and join Sam on this special day. Please bring a salad or a dessert to share. A sign up sheet will be available closer to the time.

Winter Night Shelter

Thank you to everyone who, this year, has worked to support the Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter. We are really grateful for your ongoing commitment and practical help which has made such a difference to our clients. We know how much your hard work has meant to those who would otherwise have been sleeping rough during the cold winters months. Thank you.

Stories of God

If you have any stories of how you have encountered God that you would like to share please email them to admin@ststephen-ealing.org. These stories will then be shared on the St Stephen's social media pages. If you'd prefer they can remain anonymous.

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 evenings. 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.

Daytimers

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

Film Group

Film Group will be meeting just once on Thursday April 4th at 7.30pm to watch Summer in the Forest. Rosemary Beardow (07733 441 431).

Chinese Group

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



At Earth Hour, a number of us made a pledge to change something we do! We invite you to choose something you feel you could change:

- *Wash clothes at no more than 30 C
- *Restore Nature where you live, or in the Church Garden
- *Plan a Staycation, instead of flying abroad
- *Change the way you eat - Local, Organic, Animal friendly, Fairtrade
- *Reduce the plastic you buy - refuse single use plastic.

See the ECO Church board for ideas of alternatives!



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



TEA-TIMERS

Tea Timers drop in cafe

Runs most Fridays
2.30-4.00pm at church.
Contact Jane Maffett -
events@ststephens-ealing.org

5th April - Planning for the future
12th April - Easter time

Visit by the Bishop of London



On a windy Sunday at the beginning of Lent someone special ‘blew’ into our church – the 133rd Bishop of London, Rt Revd Sarah Mullally DBE, the first time in living memory that a Bishop of London had visited St Stephen’s.

It was a great honour to welcome our Diocesan Bishop to a packed joint service where she presided and preached. Her sermon stressed that Lent is a time not for wallowing in our sinfulness but is better used to reflect on our identity in Christ, remembering that he has called us by name and made us his own. Using the example of social media she reminded us that it is easy to get bogged down in the negative things we have in common, rather than the positive, but that Lent is actually an excellent time not to wallow in our brokenness but to reflect on the fact that God is for us – and that being rooted firmly in him gives us the courage to live life in all its fullness.

Bishop Sarah seemed relaxed and at ease with us and primed by the Church Wardens, surprised Steve and Caroline by announcing at the end of the service that it was the 10th anniversary of their arrival at St Stephen’s and by praying for them. This was followed by wine and nibbles for the whole congregation in honour of the Bishop (and cake in honour of Steve and Caroline) where she chatted to a variety of people and made a positive impression on us all.

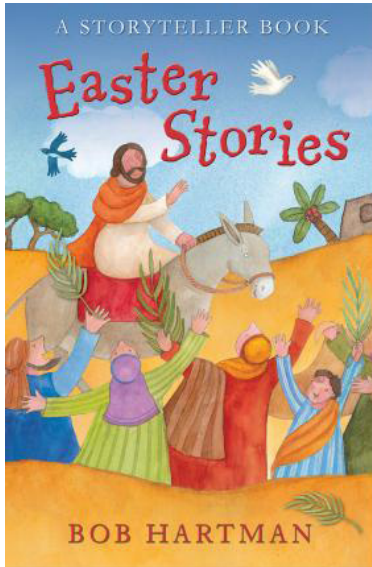
A very special Sunday with a very special Bishop.



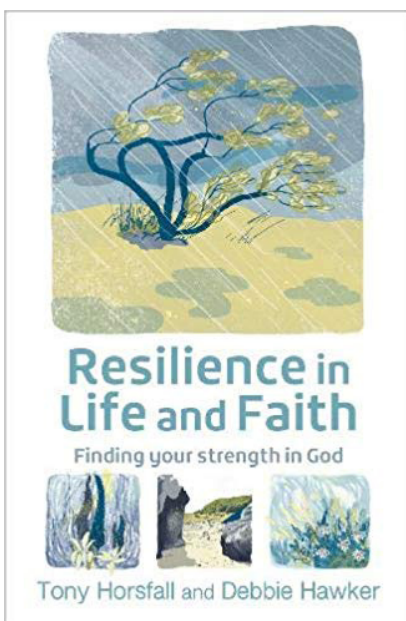
Bookstall

As we look towards Easter, the Bookstall has a wide selection of books and Bibles, for children and adults.

Here are two of them:



Following the tried and tested formula of his earlier Lion Storyteller titles, Bob Hartman retells a selection of Easter stories in his own inimitable style. This collection of 23 stories includes the key Bible accounts of the events of the first Easter from Palm Sunday through to Jesus' resurrection, encounters with his friends and followers, and the ascension. Bob Hartman's retellings of familiar and sometimes serious tales are fresh and engaging, making these Bible stories accessible to the young and not-so-young. Line illustrations complement the text. As a bonus, this book includes some of Bob Hartman's favourite storytelling tips.



Tony Horsfall and Debbie Hawker encourage us to develop our resilience and to prepare ourselves for the challenges that life throws at us in an increasingly difficult world. Through biblical wisdom and psychological insight, they show us how to understand ourselves better, appreciate our areas of strength and strengthen our areas of weakness.

Read this book if you want a faith that persists to the finishing line.

Monthly Diary



April		
Monday 1st - Wednesday 3rd	All day	Experience Easter
Tuesday 2nd	8:00pm	First Tuesday Prayers
Sunday 7th	4:00pm 6:30pm	Youth Alpha Open to God
Wednesday 10th	8:00pm	Book Club
Sunday 14th	3:00pm	Hymns of Praise at St David's
Monday 15th - Wednesday 17th	8:00pm	Holy Week Night Prayer
Wednesday 17th	4:00pm	Communion at St David's
Maundy Thursday 18th	7:30pm	Maundy Thursday Meal and Communion
Good Friday 19th	10:00 -11:30am 2:00pm	Joint Churches Walk of Witness An Hour at the Cross
Easter Sunday 21st	5:30am 10:30am	Dawn Celebration <i>(followed by breakfast)</i> Easter Celebration
Sunday 28th	12:30pm 6:30pm	People & Planet Gathering Annual Church Meeting

May		
Sunday 5th	11:45am	Cafe Extra
Tuesday 7th	8:00pm	First Tuesday Prayers
Wednesday 8th	8:00pm	Book Club

Prayer Requests

Give thanks for:

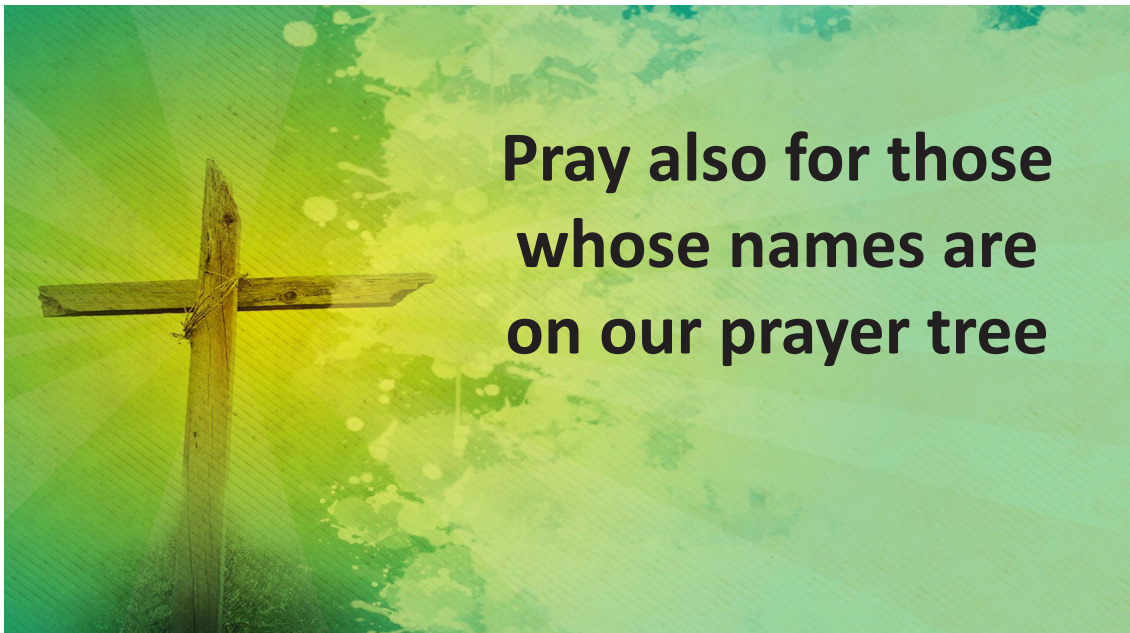
- Sarah, Bishop of London after her visit to us on 10th March
- The death and resurrection of Jesus
- Those from St Stephen's who attended the New Wine Leadership Conference
- The Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter and for all the support it has provided during the winter months.

During this month please pray especially for:

- Those who will attend our Experience Easter sessions
- Our Holy Week and Easter Services
- The work of the Marylebone Project (one of our mission partners)

Those who are sick and in special need:

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



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

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