

# Weekly Service Times

## Sundays

Sunday 9:00am

10:30am

6:30pm

**Traditional Service** 

**Informal Worship** 

Open to God or

**Evening Prayer** 

## Weekdays

Monday 8:00am
Tuesday 8:00am
Wednesday 9:30am
Thursday 8:00am
Friday 8:00am

Morning Prayer
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Communion
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**Morning Prayer** 

A Welcome Note from the Vicar



Welcome to St Stephens – we are delighted that you are here today.

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.

St Stephen's is 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.

This month we celebrate Harvest as we give thanks to God for all the good things we enjoy. As well as giving thanks we have the opportunity to respond by sharing with others — our focus will again be the Ealing Foodbank. During October we will also ask everyone to review their financial giving to St Stephen's as we seek God's vision for 2020. The Bible calls us to give joyfully and I pray that we will be able to give generously to those in need and to the work of this church.

For more information on items menitoned in this bulletin please go to our website

www.ststephens-ealing.org



# **Notices**

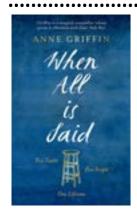
## First Tuesday Prayers and Praise at 8pm

Come along to Pray and Praise with us on Tuesday **1 October** as we pray for the mission of our church and what God has to say to us.

#### **Harvest Thanksgiving**

We will be celebrating Harvest on Sunday 6 October at both 9am and 10:30am services. As usual our gifts will go towards the work of the Ealing Foodbank. Please bring financial donations or items listed below. Please do not bring fresh produce.

- •Cereal & Porridge
- Tinned Meat & Fish
- Tinned Fruit & Vegetables
- •Milk Dried & UHT
- •Long Life Fruit Juice & Squash
- •Instant Coffee & Drinking Chocolate
- Savoury & Sweet Biscuits
- •Tinned Rice Pudding & Custard
- •Long Life Sponge Puddings
- •Jam & Peanut Butter
- •Ketchup & Mayo small sizes please



#### St Stephen's Book Club

Weds 9 Oct at 8pm . We will discuss When All is Said by Anne Griffin. Meet at church for tea, coffee, wine, cake and discussion. All welcome. Just come along.

## St David's Home

Hymns of Praise on **Sunday 13 October.** Starts at 3pm contact Sally Horattides 8840 6047 or Pete Devereux 8579 7884.

#### **Rock n Roll Evening (Live band)**

Fri 11 Oct 7:30-10:30pm Tickets £15 adults (£7.50 11-18yrs) are available now — light supper included. Bring your own drinks- invite friends and neighbours. Helpers needed. Enquiries to Jane Maffett or <a href="mailto:events@ststephens-ealing.org">events@ststephens-ealing.org</a>

## Clean Up Afternoon Saturday 12 October 1pm-4.30pm

Please come along to Church and help clean up and do small DIY jobs before Winter sets in. All tools etc. will be provided. Stay for an hour or three. Tea/Coffee and biscuits available. Do come along as it is a great way to get to build our church community, make new friends and do a good deed.



#### Farwell Service for Archdeacon Duncan Green

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#### **Quiet Morning**

On the theme of Creation Saturday 26 October from 10.00am to 12.30pm at Church. Come and go as you please between these times. Tea and coffee available. Further details from Enid Barron enid@ststephens-ealing.org

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#### **People and Planet Gathering**

Meets on **Sunday 27 October** at 12.30 for a bring & share lunch. We'll be discussing our Pledges for the Planet - sharing our personal attempts to reduce single use plastic, our travel and food tips, how to calculate our carbon footprints and what we can do to reduce energy use (and therefore costs!) Bring your ideas/favourite products to help us. Call Sue on 8997 8236 or Enid on 8997 1958 or sign up in church from 13 Oct. All welcome.

#### **Annual Memorial Service**

Our annual Memorial Service is on Sun **27 Oct at 3:30pm**. If <u>you are coming to the service</u> and would like a loved one to be remembered by name please fill in the form on the welcome desk.

#### **Light Party**

On **Thurs 31 Oct** from **5-7pm** for ages 5-11 yrs. Fun and games. Dress colourfully (no Halloween costumes please). **Helpers needed.** Speak to Jane Maffett or email events@ststephens-ealing.org

## Christmas Fair 30 November Theme: Green Christmas.

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#### All proceeds to Ealing Food Bank.

Calling all who will be able to help before or during the day. See the display for details from 3rd November. AND join us in church from 2 - 4pm on Sunday 20th October to Stir Up Christmas Puddings for sale at the Fair. Numbers restricted to 16 people. Children welcome if accompanied by an adult. All ingredients and utensils supplied and instructions given. Sign up from 6th October, or call Sue Charlton on 8997 8236.

#### **Baptism and Confirmation**

Interested in being Baptised (or renew your Baptism Vows) or Confirmed? We have a service on **17 November** with our Bishop. If you would like to know more please speak to Steve Newbold.

#### **Tearfund Big Quiz**

Tickets will be on sale mid October. Put the date in your diary and invite friends and neighbours. Queries to Jane Maffett

Events@ststephens-ealing.org

#### **Clothes Challenge!**

Could you pledge not to buy any new clothes for one year (except underwear)? Demand for fast fashion exploits vulnerable workers in other countries and results in a huge amount of waste, but clothes manufacturers encourage us to become addicted to shopping. Fasting from clothes buying for a time makes us more mindful of what we already have, and we can always alter or mend our existing clothes, borrow, swap or buy second hand. If you would like to join me in this challenge please let me know and we can support each other – already several people have signed up and I will announce a starting date soon. Caroline Newbold <a href="mailto:caroline@ststephens-ealing.org">caroline@ststephens-ealing.org</a>

#### **Save the Date**

Sunday 15 Dec - Carol Services (4:30pm & 6:30pm) Sunday 22 Dec - Alternative Carol Service (10:30am)

#### **Flowers**

6 October - Harvest 13 October - [available] 20 October - Morgen and Tim Edwards 27 October - [available]



Our mid week Groups for worship, prayer, Bible Study and Fellowship. For further details for each group contact the group leaders as detailed 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.

#### Vine

Meets Wednesday's (not first of the month) at 8pm in different group member's houses. Contact Sam Sanya 020 3844 0387 or Barbara Luland for info.

#### Film Group

Film Group meeting is on Thursday 5th Sept. We will be watching The Rider and will discuss it on Thurs 19th Sept. Rosemary Beardow (07733 441 431).

#### **Chinese Group**

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



Are you packing summer clothes away for the winter? Why not take the opportunity to sort those you want to keep, those you want to re-purpose for cleaning rags or gardening clothes and

those to donate to a charity shop. Keep jumpers and warmer layers handy for when you're tempted to turn up the thermostat. Keep yourself warm, but reduce your impact on carbon and God's Earth - as well as your energy bills!



#### **Shining Stars**

A group for pre-school children (0-4yrs) and their parents or carers. Tuesday's during term time at 10am-11:30am

For more info please email <a href="mailto:shiningstars@ststephens-ealing.org">shiningstars@ststephens-ealing.org</a>



## Tea Timers drop in cafe

Runs most Fridays 2.30-4.00pm at church. Contact Jane Maffett

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4 Oct - Winter Warmth

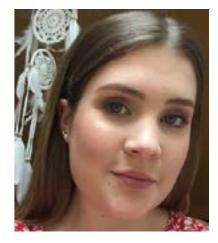
11 Oct - Music

18 Oct - A Game or two

25 Oct - Art Insights

# People's Stories

### **Katy Shier - New Wine Intern**



Katy, who is from the New Forest, has recently joined us as an Intern for the coming year. She is taking part in the New Wine Discipleship Year and will meet up with other Interns each week for training. Katy will be helping us with our youth work, outreach and evangelism and mission on The Grove. She writes:

I was born into an active Christian family. I have been baptised, admitted to communion and been confirmed. My parents never wanted to force me into being a Christian, therefore, my confirmation is when I decided I accepted Christianity the religion. Little did I know then that there was more to it than 'religion'.

I was very much in the driver's seat of my life. I continued attending church, but it was on my terms and when it suited me. Still leading my own life, I had completed A Levels and went to University to study Sociology.

Unfortunately, at University I had a bad experience which led to me dropping out of university and dropping out of my faith. I didn't feel close to God and I didn't feel like he was helping me recover but I still never questioned his existence. It was during this time I started to pray. No longer was it "Dear God, thank you for the trees and animals etc..." It was now deep praying and sometimes shouting trying to rediscover my relationship with him; trying to find some answers; trying to find my personal relationship with God.

I decided to go back to a different university to study Interior Design. I was still in the driver's seat directing my own life. God was in the boot of the car. I had completely stopped attending church, reading the bible and I didn't make many true friends.

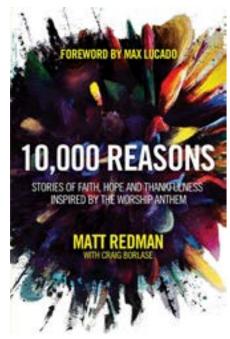
I completed the first year of the course but earlier this summer God suddenly showed up. I found myself in a prayer which I had not started while I was walking for a bus! I knew straight away I wasn't on the right path. God had had enough; I wasn't doing what he had planned for me. It was that night I looked into the Discipleship Year. It was time to get God out of the boat and let him direct my life.

I knew I had to tell all my family and friends I was dropping out of university... again. However, I knew the Discipleship year was for me although it would be a huge change but for some reason I didn't mind and was happy to go with God's flow.

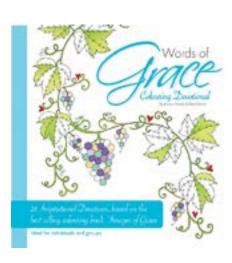
I have now got out of the driver's seat and into the passenger seat so that I can let Jesus take the wheel for real! As I do that I am enjoying learning about my personal relationship with God!

# **Bookstall**

Here are two popular books to take us into Autumn. These and much more on the Bookstall.



10,000 Reasons reveals the stories beyond the well-known church anthem, fusing global worship leader Matt Redman's own encounters of God with those from believers throughout the ages. In just four years, "10,000 Reasons" has become one of the church's most popular modern worship anthems in times of triumph as well as trial. In this book, global worship leader Matt Redman connects the dots between singing the song and living the life. In addition to sharing details behind the song's creation, this book takes readers beyond the song. Matt explores the influences and experiences that have taught him how to trust God in all situations—from his own personal trials to stories of hymn writers like John Wesley as well from current and ancient heroes of our faith.



The Bible was never meant to be dry and stale, but sometimes we rush through devotions on our way to something else. Bring new energy to your time in God's Word by incorporating beauty and creativity! This colouring book devotional will help you focus your attention and calm your soul. The theme of grace is front and centre in this exciting new travel-sized colouring book from Jacqui Grace. Each page includes Scripture, brief devotional thoughts, and images to colour. As a gentle tonic for the busyness and complexity of your life, let this book inspire you creatively while it reconnects you with the God who created you and knows your every need.

Please visit the Bookstall. As well as books to sell we have a selection of books you can borrow.

# Monthly Diary



October		
Tuesday 1	8:00pm	First Tuesday Prayers and Praise
Thursday 3, 10, 17, 24	7:45pm	Alpha
Sunday 6	11:45am 6:30pm	Cafe Extra Open to God
Wednesday 9	8:00pm	Book Club
Friday 11	7:30pm -10:30pm	Rock 'n' Roll Evening
Saturday 12	1:00pm-4:30pm	Clean Up Afternoon
Sunday 13	3:00pm	St David's Hymns of Praise
Wednesday 16	4:00pm	Communion at St David's
Sunday 20	6:30pm	Open to God
Saturday 26	10:00am	Quiet Morning
Sunday 27	12:30pm 3:30pm	People and Planet Gathering Annual Memorial Service
Wednesday 30	7:45pm	Alpha
Thursday 31	5:00pm	Children's Light Party

November		
Sunday 3	11:45am	Cafe Extra
Juliuay 5	6:30pm	Open to God
Tuesday 5	6:30pm	First Tuesday Prayers and Praise
Saturday 9	9:00am	Alpha Holy Spirit Day

# **Pastoral Care Team**

The Pastoral Care Team (PCT) consists of a group of volunteer church members who help our clergy in providing pastoral care and support to those in need within the St. Stephen's church family. This largely entails keeping in touch with or visiting people in their homes, encouraging them and praying for them, sometimes providing practical assistance. It is recognised that many members of the congregation provide care and support to one another on an informal basis. The PCT team however meet regularly to identify specific needs within the church community, discuss issues relating to pastoral care, such as safeguarding and confidentiality, and to pray for named individuals. Training is also organised for the PCT members to help improve their listening and other skills, and the occasional workshop is run to raise awareness of issues amongst the whole church e.g the Dementia Awareness seminar (Jan '19). The PCT is co-ordinated by Rosemary Beardow and the current members are: Mary Ann Auckland, James Barron, Jo Buckley, Sue Charlton, Liz Cooper, Pete Devereaux, Susan Dixon, Ruth Hall and Jane Maffett.

We would welcome some new members - if you are interested to learn more about what is involved please contact Rosemary (<a href="mailto:rosemary@ststephens-ealing.org">rosemary@ststephens-ealing.org</a>).

# **Prayer Requests**

#### Give thanks for:

- Harvest and all the good things we enjoy
- Our children and young people who have started or returned to school/ university
- Those who have joined St Stephen's in the last few months
- Those who took part in the Ealing Half Marathon

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

- Jo Leeds our new Worship Pastor
- The start of a new Alpha course and all attending
- Our Annual Memorial Service and Light Party

#### Those who are sick and in special need:

Simon Beards, Gordon Couch, Pat Devereux, Alan and Jane Hanley, Caroline Jamieson, Maisie Poulton, Ken Taylor and Ann, Fiona, Lorraine and Denise.

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