

# BUL LET IN

Worshipping Jesus  
Growing Together  
Reaching Others

FEB 2020





# 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 church for many years and in different locations. 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. Towards the end of February on Ash Wednesday we mark the beginning of the season of Lent - a time for us all to reflect on our walk with God and to seek to grow closer to him. I hope we will all use this time and the opportunities available - in this Bulletin you will see details of some of the key events and we hope you will join in.

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.

*Steve Neudobal*

# Notices

## Whole Life Worship

This month we continue our sermon series on Worship. The themes are:  
2nd Feb Worshipping focuses on Jesus  
9th Feb Worshipping focuses our hearts  
16th Feb Worshipping – our response  
23rd Feb Worshipping at St Stephen's  
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## Traidcraft Stall

2nd February

Get ready for Fairtrade Fortnight, from 24th Feb. Kitchen cupboard staples, chocolate treats and cards for sale. See the Mission Team Board for the story of Fairtrade and how it benefits growers with fairer prices and a premium for communities to spend on improving education, health, homes or their businesses. Look out for stories from 23rd Feb!

## First Tuesday Prayers and Praise at 8pm

Come along to Pray and Praise with us on Tuesday **4 February** as we pray for the mission of our church and what God has to say to us.

Our FREE annual **children's new year** party, (ages 3-11 years), will take place on **Saturday 8th February** 3pm-6pm. There will be fun, games, food and a magician entertainer. If your children would like to come please sign up on our website so we know numbers. Please invite friends and family. Helpers are needed to assist with tea and to speak to visiting families. For more information please speak to Celia Manwaring or Morgen Edwards or email [admin@ststephens-ealing.org](mailto:admin@ststephens-ealing.org).

## Winter Night Shelter Training

9th February at 12 noon

Please come/stay at church for about 30 minutes for the training before we start hosting WNS later in the month. Useful for us all to be reminded what we need to do/not do - whether you are just interested in offering help for an evening or have served for many years. Speak to Sue Charlton for more information on 020 8997 8236.

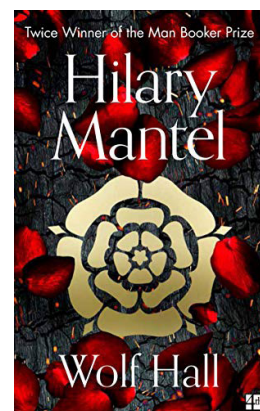
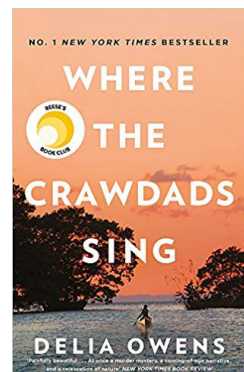
## St David's Home

'Love' Hymns of Praise on **Sun 9 Jan**. Starts at 3pm contact Sally Horattides 8840 6047 or Pete Devereux 8579 7884.

## Book Club

On **Wed 12 Feb at 8pm** we will discuss a 'heartbreaking coming-of-age' story 'Where the Crawdads Sing' by Delia Owens. On **Wednesday 11 March** we will discuss two-time Man Booker Prize winner, Wolf Hall by Hilary Mantel.

The Book Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month (apart from August) and is open to everyone. We usually have light refreshments and cake. Information from Morgen Edwards in the church office



[admin@ststephens-ealing.org](mailto:admin@ststephens-ealing.org).

## Doorstep Scammers

**Friday 21 Feb** 2.30-4. At Teatimers we have a special guest coming to share the risks of Doorstep Scammers - all welcome - tea and excellent cake as usual.

## People & Planet Gathering

**23rd February**

We are excited to welcome Luci Isaacson who is Diocesan Environmental Officer for Truro and will be presenting her 'Pledges for the Planet'. Bring & Share lunch from 12.30. See either Sue Charlton or Enid Barron for more info.

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## Ash Wednesday

Marks the beginning of the season of Lent. We have two services of Holy Communion at 9:30am and 8:00pm. At both services there is the opportunity to be marked with ash on your forehead.

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## Church Big Clean Up Day

**February 29th**

Our Big Spring Clean/DIY Day will be between **9.30am-1pm**. Tea, coffee and biscuits will available. Come for an hour...or the whole day. Your help will be invaluable. Suitable attire recommended. All ages welcome.

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## New Wine Gatherings

Local Churches are holding termly New Wine Gathering where we can get a taste of New Wine for an evening. There will be worship, teaching and ministry. These will all be held at Christ Church Turnham Green (close to Chiswick Park station) at 6pm. Dates are:

**Sun 2 Feb, Sun 17 May, Sun 18 Oct**

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## Mothering Sunday

**Sunday 22 March**

We will be fund raising with a cake sale at cafe time for Hospices of Hope, the charity we chose to raise for this year. All purchased or home-baked efforts by children and parents would be greatly received. Please support us by buying cakes and baked goodies.

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## Ecclesiastical for Home Insurance

To celebrate their 130 anniversary, Church's insurers are offering to donate £130 to our church for every new home insurance policy taken out this year - see poster or their website, and do consider at your renewal date - mentioning Trust130 and St Stephen's.

## Women's Breakfast

**Saturday 7th March 10.30-12.00**

As the Springtime sun shows up all the dusty parts of our homes it is also time to Declutter our Spiritual Lives. Our speaker Vicky Ikwuemesi, is an experienced, London based speaker. Please invite your friends to join. Contact Caroline Jamieson on 020 8840 1971 or email

[carolinejamieson@ststephens.org](mailto:carolinejamieson@ststephens.org)

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## Book Launch

**8 March 2020 at 4:00pm**

Former St Stephen's curate, Reverend Steve Morris will be launching his new book "Our Precious Lives" here at St Stephen's. Join him as he gives us an insight into his book. Copies of the book will be on sale on the day for £7.99 and is available on pre-order on Amazon Prime.

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## Family Evening with Steve Legge

**Saturday 14 March, 6.30pm**

A crazy mix of comedy, trickery and mystery for all the family. Watch out for chance to book your tickets.

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## St Stephen's Songs of Praise

On Sunday March 29th at 3.30pm. The Pastoral Care Team are going to be hosting a Songs of Praise service. Come and hear Hymns chosen by the congregation and their 'reflection' why they were chosen, tea and cakes, all welcome, contact Pete Devereux 07759 877 140 if you would like to participate in the service.



# connect groups

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.

## **Film Group**

Film Group meeting is on Thurs Feb 6 where we will watch Rocketman. Discussion will be on Thurs 20 Feb. Rosemary Beardow (07733 441 431).

## **Chinese Group**

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

# ECO CHURCH



## **Show the Love**



Sunday 16th February  
This month, Show the Love for everything we want to protect from climate crisis. Wear your green heart, write to your MP (post cards provided on 16th) and help to make a big patchwork heart during Cafe. Start conversations or make a pledge. A cleaner, greener future is within reach, but we need to see action today.



## **Shining Stars**

Runs on Tuesdays during term time from 10am - 11:30am.

[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)

31 Jan - Quiz time  
7 Feb - Songs of Praise  
14 Feb - Tales of the Antarctic  
21 Feb - Doorstep Scammers  
28 Feb - Pancakes

# People's Stories

## Lucy Morrow



I have been coming to St Stephens for quite a long time, however my husband and I really settled here after we finished university last year. We also got married here in September 2018. We loved how friendly everyone had been with offering to help with the band and service for our wedding and it made us feel really special and loved. So once we moved back to Ealing, joining St Stephens again seemed like the best thing to do.

There are so many things I love about St Stephens, from the friendships I have made, to helping lead the Youth group and from all of the amazing bring and share lunches the church hosts. No-one quite does a bring and share lunch like St Stephens!

During my time here I feel like I really have got to know God on a more personal level. I felt very tired after university and desperately wanted to find a place that felt safe and welcoming. University, for me, had been a very difficult and stressful time. Coming back to St Stephens (after attending in my youth) felt like a release. I felt so welcomed and safe. It was in this environment that I felt able to reconnect with God and trust that God did not just love me but he liked me as well.

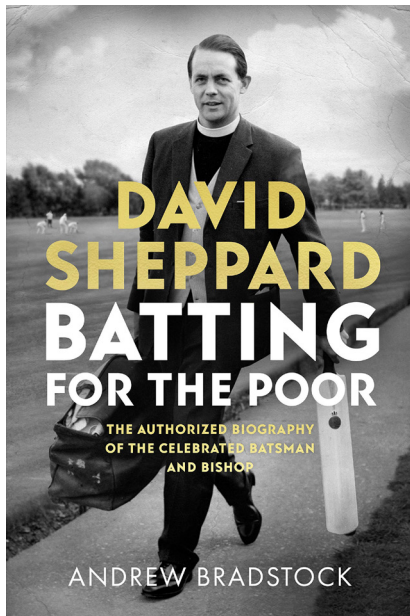
Helping with the youth group has been a wonderful experience. I greatly enjoy the questions we get asked and all of the games we've played. This has encouraged me to be more confident in my faith and I really relish the opportunity to share my faith and help the youth see that God truly knows and loves them.

Since moving back to Ealing, I've started a job as a special educational needs teacher and I love the challenges it brings. I've found that my faith has been so helpful in my job, as I really feel that God helps me to remember that he loves every child just as they are, and that helps me to be patient, even on tough days!

# Bookstall

**This month there are some very interesting books on the Bookstall for all ages and all tastes.**

**Here are two of them. Do come and have a look!**

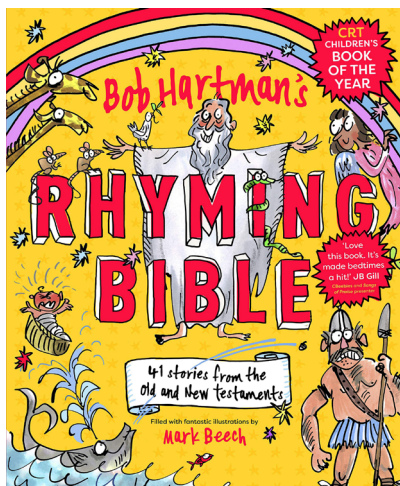


Sheppard first came to prominence as a cricketer in the 1950s. An opening batsman, he was selected for England while still at Cambridge, and later captained his country. Converted in his first year at Cambridge, Sheppard was ordained into the Church of England in 1955. His curacy in Islington gave him a passion to serve the church in the inner city. Following his appointment as Bishop of Woolwich in 1969, he published a major text about his work in urban areas, 'Built as a City'.

David Sheppard made his biggest mark as Bishop of Liverpool from 1975-97, forging a pioneering partnership with Archbishop Derek Worlock, his Roman Catholic counterpart. For twenty years the two worked tirelessly to revive the fortunes of the city, helping to break down its many internal divisions. In 1997 Sheppard was awarded

a life peerage, and played an active role in the Lords, and as a writer, speaker and preacher, until his death in 2005.

This biography draws on the papers left by Sheppard in Liverpool Central Library, other archival material, and more than 150 interviews conducted by the author.



A fun book of Bible stories for ages 5-9. Filled with delightful rhymes, Bob Hartman's new book is a treat to read and great for bringing a sense of rhythm and rhyme to Bible story time. Author of the bestselling Lion Storyteller Bible and YouVersion's The Bible App for Kids, internationally renowned storyteller Bob Hartman retells over 40 classic Bible stories in rhyme.

From Esther to Samuel, Zacchaeus to Daniel, join in the rhyming fun with all your favourite characters and see the Bible come alive in Mark Beech's fantastic illustrations.

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



# Monthly Diary



February		
Sunday 2	11:45am	Cafe Extra
Tuesday 4	8:00pm	First Tuesday Prayer and Praise
Saturday 8	3:00pm-6:00pm	Cool Christians New Year Party
Sunday 9	4:00pm 6:30pm	Communion at St David's Open to God
Wednesday 12	8:00pm	Book Club
Friday 21	5:00pm	Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter Starts at St Stephen's
Sunday 23	12:30pm 6:30pm	People & Planet Gathering Open to God
Wednesday 26	9:30am & 8:00pm	Ash Wednesday Services

March		
Sunday 1	11:45am 12:30pm 6:30pm	Cafe Extra Families Bring and Share lunch Open to God
Tuesday 2	8:00pm	First Tuesday Prayers and Praise
Saturday 7	9:00am	Women's Breakfast
Sunday 8	3:00pm 4:00pm	Hymns of Praise at St David's Steve Morris Book Launch
Wednesday 18	4:00pm	Communion at St David's
Sunday 22	11:45am 12:30pm	Cafe Extra and Cake Sale People and Planet Gathering
Monday 23	7:45pm	Church Council Meeting

# Prayer Requests

## **Give thanks for:**

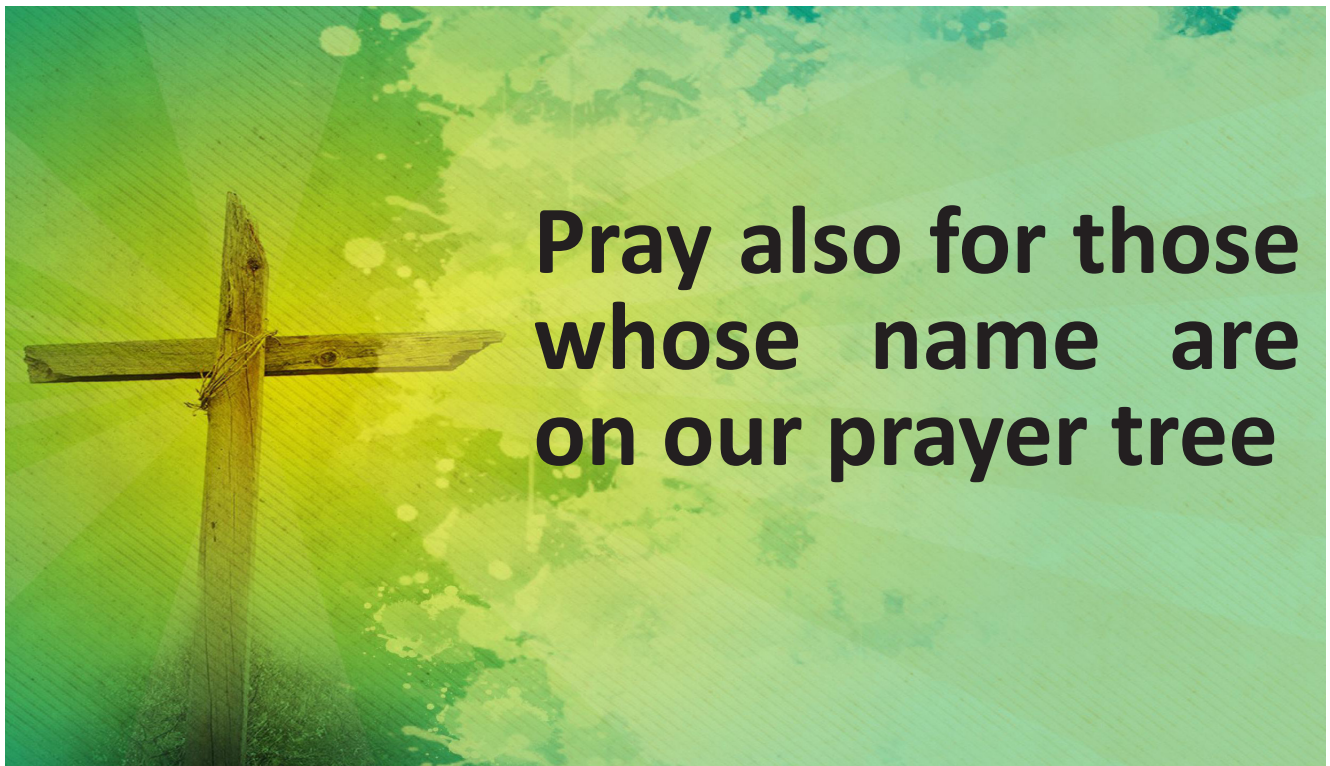
- Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter (ECWNS) and Ealing Soup Kitchen providing safe spaces and hospitality during the winter months especially at St Stephen's
- The many from our church who give of their time, gifts and resources to support God's work in this place.

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

- Our children's party on 8th February
- The St Stephen's Leadership Team
- The Grove Missional Community on Gurnell Grove
- Those who are homeless or living in poverty
- The ECWNS as it continues its work for the winter months

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

Simon Beards, Gordon Couch, Pat Devereux, George Dunkley, Alan and Jane Hanley, George Hore, John Jackson, Maisie Poulton, Ken Taylor and Ann, Fiona, Lorraine, Daisy, Denise and Nell, Jo, Ken and their family.





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