Happening this week at St Stephen's

Monday	9.00 am	Toddler Group
Monday	12 noon	Silver Screening Film Club
Monday	6.00 pm	Dinner & Film for rough sleepers.
Monday	7.00 pm	Eucharist for homeless and marginalised
Wednesday	6.00 pm	Eucharist for those who are away or busy on Sunday
Wednesday	6.45 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	6.30 pm	Meditation group - Call Sue for details 07780 541492
Saturday	10am	Church Gardening team - your last chance in 2018
Sunday	10.30am	Parish Sung Eucharist

Hammersmith and Fulham Foodbank

It is a brilliant project working with the poorest members of our community. The need for its services keeps on growing and it has had to move to a larger office to enable it to continue its work. It has set up a crowd funding website to pay for this.

www.spacehive.com/new-home-for-the-foodbank#/backers

The Foodbank needs a lot of people giving small amounts of money in order to demonstrate the commitment of the wider community to the project.

They want us to make donations, even as little as £2.00, to enable them to continue their work. Please support the Foodbank by making a donation, however small.

Louisa Bowman, Safeguarding Officer

Our Safeguarding Officer is the first person to speak to if you have any concerns around the welfare of a child or adult at risk. 07720 290596

Kavita Abraham-Dowsing, Children's Champion

The Children's Champion is here to be an advocate for all children in all areas of Parish life, making sure their views are heard and their needs are thought of. 07947 277728

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Bush Telegraph
Welcome to St Stephen's

www.ststephensw12.org

2 December 2018

First Sunday of Advent

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

10:00 am Children's half hour. Parents and children are invited to go to the hall afterwards for tea and coffee and children's refreshments.

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility that on the last day when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Reading: Jeremiah 33.14-16

14 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I
made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 15 In those days and at that
time I will cause a righteous branch to spring up for David; and he shall exe-
cute justice and righteousness in the land. 16 In those days Judah will be saved
and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called:
'The Lord is our righteousness.'

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Gospel: Luke 21.25-33 Glory to you O Lord

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cloud with power and great glory'. [28]'Now when these things begin to take place stand up and raise your heads because your redemption is drawing near.'
[29]'Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; [30]as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near'. [31]'So also when you see these things taking place you know that the kingdom of God is near'. [32]'Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place'. [33]'Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away'.

This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you O Christ**

After the Gospel we sing: *Amazing love, oh what sacrifice The Son of God, given for me. My debt He pays, and my death He dies. That I might live, that I might live.*

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.. **Amen**

CHRISTMAS AT ST STEPHEN'S

Christingle Service (for children)	10am Sunday December 2nd
Carol Service with readings	5pm Sunday 9 December
Christmas Celebration for Parents & Toddlers	Monday 9am December 10th
Children's Nativity Play	10.00am Sunday 16th December
Christmas Lunch with carols for the Elderly	Noon Monday December 17th
Christmas Meal for rough sleepers	5pm Monday December 17th
Children's Crib Service	5pm Monday December 24th
Midnight Service for Christmas Eve	**11.30pm** Monday December 24th
Christmas Day	**10am** Tuesday December 25th

CHRISTMAS HELP NEEDED

Would you help us with getting the church ready for Christmas?

Wednesday 3 December Christmas cards, loading into envelopes
Preparing Service booklets (on Publisher)
Friday 7 December, 9am Decorating the Church for Christmas
Saturday 22 December 10am Arranging Christmas flowers

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST

If you cannot come to church on Sunday, join us on Wednesdays from 6.00 - 6.45pm for a time of quiet worship and reflection.

SAM our talented, lovely organist

is leaving on December 31 to start family life in Walthamstow. Please write him a farewell message in the memory book we are creating for him; please talk to Jess Marshall. If you would like to donate to a leaving present, please leave this with Matt Brookes or Barry Clarke. Thanks

ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH CAROL SERVICE

NEXT SUNDAY
9 December, 5pm

Readings of the Christmas story
Traditional and new carols with St Stephen's Choir.

Bring family and friends for a fine and fitting start to our Christmas celebrations of Jesus' birth

CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOR THE ELDERLY
MONDAY 17 DECEMBER 2018

Help Needed for Food Preparation and Hall Decoration
On Sunday 16 December at 7:30 PM
And Monday Morning at 10:00 AM

Thank you to all garden helpers yesterday. See you on January 5, 2019

On the rotas at St Stephen's

Thank You

Today

Refreshments: Justine & Angus Flockhart, Pamela Joyce, Tom & Gret Batchelar, Ben & Clare Johnson

9 December Reading: J. Stoddart-Scott **Prayers:** Sylvie Mayo
Refreshments: Viv & Anna Haines, Christiana Adebiyi, Kate & Horace Williams, Gentian Ibrahimi, Pranvera Kapri

Would you like to participate in helping with refreshments once every two months? Please ask Juliet Byford