

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
Tuesday	7.00pm	St Stephen's Committee Meeting
Wednesday	6.00 pm	Eucharist for those who are away or busy on Sunday
Wednesday	7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	6.30 pm	Meditation group - Call Sue for details 07780 541492
Sunday	5.00 pm	Footballers' Service for any children playing football on a Sunday morning

Baptism Course

Would you like to have your child baptised?

Each month there is a three evening baptism course with other families. These run from 7.30 – 9.00 and are held at 1 Coverdale Road, London, W12 8JJ.

The next baptism course is on Mondays 7th, 14th & 21st October.

Talk to Bob if interested (07969 090907 bob.mayo@london.anglican.org).

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
14 October 2018
Twentieth Sunday After Trinity



The Sunday School is always keen to welcome new members. For children who choose to remain in the service, colouring sheets & crayons are available for use in the pews, or on tables set out in the hall, where the service is also relayed. We also have a bookshelf at the back of church with a selection of books for the children to read during the service.



Collect

God, the giver of life whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Reading Hebrews 4.12-16

¹²The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. ¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel: Mark 10.17-27

Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁷As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' ¹⁸Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour

your father and mother.”²⁰ He said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.’²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, ‘You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.’²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, ‘How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!’²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, ‘Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.’²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, ‘Then who can be saved?’²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, ‘For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.’

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

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Women in the War On November 11th we have our annual Act of Remembrance for those who have died in wars. Does anyone know any women with experiences from the war or from serving in the armed forces, who would be happy to share their experiences with the congregation? Talk to me if you have someone in mind.

Bishop's Lecture: Why does God allow evil and suffering to exist within his world? Thought-provoking, interactive teaching evenings, that will help us to see that it is not so much as a problem for Christian belief as one that can lead people towards faith, hope and love - 1 November - St Saviour's Sunbury (7.30pm)

Please join us for tea or coffee or children's refreshments in the hall after the service.



Thank You

To yesterday's gardening team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CONFIRMATION, Sunday November 18th

We are preparing a group for confirmation.
Please speak to Bob if you would like to consider being confirmed.

St Stephen's Church Carol Service, Sunday 9 December, 5pm
If you're interested in singing in the choir, practice is 7 - 8pm, Wednesdays.



MID-WEEK EUCHARIST

Every Wednesday at 6.00 - 6.45pm

If you are away or busy on Sunday
join us for an informal mid-week Eucharist.



Celebrating Black History Month

Classical concert: from Chopin to Bob Marley and Aretha Franklin

Thursday 18 October - 6pm-8pm - Rhiannon Dimond is the Youth Ambassador for the company Black Women in Arts and is now a leading violinist. Rhiannon will lead a trio of performers with a tribute of light contemporary music from Chopin to Bob Marley and Aretha Franklin.

70 Years of Black British Music

Thursday 25 October - 5.30pm-7.30pm - how Black British Music evolved from Calypso to Ska, Rocksteady, Reggae, Lovers Rock, British Soul, Jungle, UK Garage, and Grime.

If you or someone you know is one of the **Windrush Generation** who had their documents lost, you can find support from Age UK Hammersmith & Fulham. Email Derec Craig at derec@ageukhf.org.uk or call him on 020 7386 9085.

On the rotas at St Stephen's

Thank You

Today

Reading: Louise Jones

Prayers: Juliet Byford

Refreshments: Viv & Anna

Haines, Christiana Adebisi,

Kate & Horace Williams,

Gentian Ibrahim, Pranvera Kapri

Next Sunday 21 October

Reading: Emma Thorne

Prayers: Sylvie Mayo

Refreshments:

Alexei & Irina Bykov & Family,

Alex & Tara Legge,

Sylvain & Solange Reviron

Would you like to participate?

Please ask Juliet Byford

ROOF FUND AUCTION

November 22nd, 6.30pm in the Parish Hall
£20 including dinner

Invite your friends for an evening out
and make up a table of 8 for £160

Ralph Taylor of Bonhams

will conduct the auction.

Items already donated include a Michael Kors bag, a case of 2012 Margaux, a Sharky & George Children's Party and a week in a holiday house in Burgundy. If you have something you would like to donate to be auctioned, please contact one of the Committee or email julietbyford@blueyonder.co.uk

!! Reserve your place today with one of the Roof Fund Committee !!

www.ststephenswl2.org

There's lots to see on the church website. Read the Vicar's blog
Modern parenting has become an act of project management. In our church hall
on Monday mornings we have 26 happy babies with lung capacity to match.