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Welcome

13th December 2015
3rd Sunday of Advent

A warm welcome to everyone at
St Stephen's today.

If this is your first visit we are
delighted to welcome you
and would love to talk after any
service.

Sunday Services

9.00am Traditional Service
10.30am Informal Worship
6.30pm An Advent Miscellany

Weekday Services

Mon 8.00am Morning Prayer
Tues 8.00am Morning Prayer
Weds 9.30am Communion
Thurs 8.00am Morning Prayer
Fri 8.00am Morning Prayer

9.00am Traditional Service

Service Leader: Caroline Newbold
Preacher: Steve Newbold

Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-end, Page 947
Luke 3:7-18 Page 1029

Theme: 'Preparing for the King'

Hymns:

Come thou long expected Jesus 102
Lo he comes with clouds descending 424
Here how the bells of Christmas play

**Café between the
services**



10.30am Informal Service

Service Leader: Steve Newbold
Preacher: Steve Newbold

Reading: Luke 3:7-18 Page 1029

Theme: 'Preparing for the King'

Songs and hymns:

Come thou long expected Jesus 102
Here we are (Ready for You)
King of Love and Grace (Guardian)
Everyone Needs Compassion
Lo he comes with clouds descending 424
Be Still for the Presence of the Lord
King of Kings, Majesty
The Moon and Stars they Wept
Here how the bells of Christmas play

Prayer Ministry is available at both services.
If you have come with any need or concern
or you have felt challenged during the
service, do seek prayer this morning.

**Our Vision is to share God's love in Jesus
and to be transformed by His Spirit**



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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the
way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BOOKSTALL OPEN TODAY

Christmas Bookstall Open Today. Come
and see our Children's Books and our
range of books and gifts for Christmas

AN ADVENT MISCELLANY

TONIGHT at 6.30pm we have a special
evening event. A Miscellany of Poetry,
Prose, Bible Readings & Praise for Advent.
All welcome.

ST DAVID'S HOME

Join the St David's Team for a Carol
Service **THIS AFTERNOON at 3pm**, meet
in the Entrance Lobby at 2.45pm for pre-
service prayer. **Also**, join us for the
Communion Service on **Wednesday 16th
December at 4pm. Tea in the Lord Mark
Lounge first at 3.30pm**. Contact Sally
Horattides 8840 6047 or Peter Devereux
8579 7884.

MAKING MINCE PIES?

We have some offers but would love some
more mince pie makers - please add your
name to the sign up list if you can make a
dozen or two! (and we can supply some
mincemeat, generously donated - see Jane
Maffett.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

As in previous years, we have displayed a
large Christmas greetings board where
members of the congregation can post a
single Christmas card/message to the
whole church family and donate the money
saved to a charity.

GET INVOLVED IN CHRISTMAS

1. We still have some Christmas
invitations to deliver —please take a
bundle today.
2. Please put a poster up in your window
(or even in a local shop) advertising
our Christmas services.
3. Pray for our services

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES

We are again having
**two identical Carol
Services** next

Sunday at 4.30pm and 6.30pm. Each
service will last just over 1 hour—come to
the one that works best for you. We
hope that many families will come to the
earlier service. Do invite your neighbours
& friends especially to our Carol
Services. For many, this season is a first
step into church and a personal touch
can make a big difference.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS

As usual we will take an exit collection at
our Christmas Services. Money donated
at the two Carol Services, Midnight
Communion and on Christmas Day will
be divided between Tearfund (for the
Middle East refugee crisis) and the Ealing
Churches Winter Night Shelter.
Christmas Eve Nativity Service will be for
The Children's Society. Can you be
generous and give the equivalent of an
extra Christmas present? Do come
prepared to give.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Many thanks to everyone for helping with
the Bazaar. A total of £4,244 was raised
for the work of Ealing Christians against
Poverty and Ealing Soup Kitchen. A great
St. Stephen's Team effort.



BULLETIN

Next week's Bulletin will cover three
Sundays, 20th and 27th Dec and 3 Jan.
Please pass any items for inclusion to
Gordon Nunn by Wednesday 16th at
12noon.

PANTOMIME 2016

Planning ahead for **30th January 2016**,
our Children's Party & Panto. Volunteers
are asked to sign up now for Backstage
Help, Props & Scenery Making, Costume
Making and also Choreography of our
teenage dancers. If you can help, please
speak to or call Celia Manwaring.

THE MARRIAGE COURSE

Starting on **20th January 2016** we will be
running the Marriage Course for all
couples - a seven session course set in a
fantastic atmosphere. You will be served
with a candlelit meal and dessert at a
romantic table for two while listening to
practical talks that are informative and
fun. There is never any group work and
you will never be asked to share anything
about your relationship with anyone other
than your partner. Information &
Registration Forms are available in the
Church Centre.

VALERIE HARRIGAN

Valerie is now home after her spell in
hospital and thanks everyone for their
prayers and good wishes. She needs rest
for several weeks so will not be around
as much as normal but would welcome
calls and visits.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH 2016

Please consider providing flowers for
church for a Sunday in the New Year,
perhaps to celebrate an anniversary or in
remembrance of someone who has died.
The 2016 list is in the folder by the pigeon
holes, do sign up to a date that you would
like. Geoff Thomas or Jane Maffett can
help advise you if needed.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Next Sunday 20th December

9am Said Morning Prayer

10.30am Whole Church Communion

4.30pm and 6.30pm

Traditional Carol Services

*(two identical services – bring your friends to
either or both)*

Christmas Eve

**4.30pm Carols, Nativity and
Christingles**

*followed by refreshments
(children are encouraged to come dressed as
nativity character)*

11.30pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

10.30am Whole Church Communion

Service time 60mins

*(please bring one of your new presents to show to
us all)*

Sunday 27th December

10.30am Whole Church Communion

No 9am or 6.30pm services

CONNECT GROUPS

Most of our Connect Groups are now
taking a break until the New Year. Most
details in January.

GIVING

Did you adjust your giving for 2016 –
have you remembered to alter your
Standing Order with your bank?

GROWING LEADERS

Today is the last day for applications for
next year's Growing Leaders course.
Please pass completed forms to Jane
Maffett or Steve Newbold.