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Worshipping Jesus
Growing Together
Reaching Others

DEC 2017

Weekly Service Times

Sundays

Sunday	9:00am	Traditional Service
	10:30am	Informal Worship
	6:30pm	Evening Service

Weekdays

Monday	8:00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	8:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	9:30am	Communion
Thursday	8:00am	Morning Prayer
Friday	8:00am	Morning Prayer

For more information on items mentioned in
this bulletin please go to our website
www.ststephens-ealing.org

A Welcome Note from the Vicar

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



This year St Stephen's has been celebrating the 150th anniversary of existence as a Christian Community on this site. 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.

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Newbold". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font. A horizontal line is drawn underneath the signature.

Steve Newbold

Notices

Advent Reflection

Saturday 2nd December

An opportunity for space to be quiet in God’s presence before the busyness of Christmas. Prayer stations with an Advent theme. Drop in any time between 10am-12.30pm. Tea and coffee available. Details from Rosemary Beardow or Enid Barron.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS

As usual we will be taking an exit collection at all of our Christmas Services. This will be divided equally between the work of the Ealing Churches Night Shelter and Tearfund. Please come prepared to give and gift aid your donation if you can.

Christians Against Poverty

At our 10:30am Service on Sunday 10th Dec we will be receiving food hampers put together by various groups in Church. They will be delivered to clients of Ealing Christians Against Poverty.

Christmas Tree

We are decorating the Church Christmas Tree on Monday 11th Dec at 11am. If you would like to help please let Ash Abbott in the Church Office know on 8991 0164 or admin@ststephens-ealing.org.

Christmas Cards

Please do use the special notice board at the back of the Church (from 10th Dec) to display a Christmas card to the whole church - you can consider donating money saved to a charity.

Volunteers Required

GET INVOLVED IN CHRISTMAS

- Help required with:
- Seniors Christmas Tea (15th)
 - Carol Services (17th)
- Carols and Christingles (24th)
 - Making mince pies

Please sign up at the Welcome Desk. Speak to Rosemary Beardow or Geoff Thomas.

Also, can you help deliver Christmas Invitations around the Parish from 3rd December. Please 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.

St David’s Care Home

Please come and sing with us for the St David’s Christmas Carol Service on Sunday 10th December at 3pm. Contact Peter Devereux 8579 7884.

EALING SOUP KITCHEN

St Stephen’s traditionally serves lunch to Soup Kitchen guests on Boxing Day. Offers of either main courses or puddings to serve around 12 would be much appreciated. Foil trays can be provided, further details from Andrew or Jen Whadcoat 0208 8248 2258.

Temporary Staffing Changes

Morgen Edwards is now on Maternity Leave and Ash Abbott is covering the majority of her duties whilst she is off.

Please continue to email through to admin@ststephens-ealing.org as her emails will be monitored.

Ash Abbott will be taking a period of unpaid leave next year to go on tour for 2.5 months around the UK and Denmark with a show. This will start at the beginning of February and he will return mid April. He will have a few Sunday's during that period when he will be able to lead our Worship Band.

On the Sunday's when Ash is away, other Worship leaders will cover. Additionally Mark Tate, who heads up The Grove - Missional Community has kindly agreed to lead for us on some days. This is a really exciting opportunity for Ash and we wish him all the best.

Traidcraft

Christmas cards and goods will be available during Cafe on 3rd/10th Dec. Come and try our Fairtrade versions. Please consider these alternatives.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES

Do you like to sing? The autumn term has started and the Carol Services on 17th December are in our sights. Rehearsals continue each Thursday evening in Church from 7.30pm to 9pm.

Interested - just speak to James Harvey
JHarvey@jamesharveyassociates.co.uk

News from Amos

Thanks for prayers for the 'Just Walk' Walkers from London to Jerusalem. They made it, 3,300 kilometres through 10 countries over 147 days; they were met with tears, smiles and the honking of Palestinians' car horns.

Do join 9 of us attending the Amos Carol Service on Monday, 4th December at 7 pm St. James Piccadilly, to hear more as Advent begins. Tickets required - speak to Sue for details (8997 8236)

2018 Flower Rota

The flower rota for 2018 has now been put in the folder in the foyer. Please consider signing up to provide flowers for a Sunday next year.

NewWine
Local churches changing nations

Bookings are now open for New Wine next summer. St Stephen's will be going in **Week 1 (28th July – 3rd August 2018)** – we always have a great time so why not consider coming along next year. Book by the end of November to attract the biggest discount.

Perivale Christian Bookshop

Annual Discount Day

Saturday 9th Dec 9:30am-5:00pm
10% discount of everything* available (In Stock Items only. Excludes existing offers and book tokens).

connect groups

Our mid week Groups for worship, prayer, Bible Study and Fellowship resume this month. Further details from group leaders below.

p&p small group

Will only be meeting on Monday 18th December at 8pm. More info from Dinos Horattides (8840 6047) or Peter Charlton (8997 8236)

Tuesday Group

This takes place at 8pm at the Vicarage. For more info call Steve Newbold (8810 4929)

Rooted

A group desiring to root themselves in God's word and prayer. Meetings will take place on Tuesday evenings. For more information please call Tina and Jon Yarrall 07403 756 539

Daytimers

Meets every Wednesday at 11:00am in the Church Centre for cake, coffee, fellowship, Bible reflection and prayer.

Film Group

Next meetings - Thur 7th Dec to view either of two films.

Thur 14th Dec - Christmas Social
4th & 18th Jan - The Shack viewing and discussion. Rosemary Beardow (07733 441 431).

Bible Challenge Group

Next meetings Friday 15th Dec 12-1:00pm and 5th January at Church - times TBC. Rosemary Beardow (07733 441 431).



Enjoy Christmas Celebrations with care for God's Earth. Buy an FSC Certified Tree; choose free-range organic poultry; and products with less packaging; buy gifts that don't need batteries; avoid out of season fruit and veg.

Consider an alternative 'Gift for Life' for a loved one eg. Toilet Twin with a family in Nepal, Malawi or Uganda; sponsor bee hives for a community; or chickens to help a family improve nutrition for their children. See fliers by the Welcome Desk for details.



Shining Stars

For pre-school children and their parents or carers. Runs most Tuesday's during Term time from 10:00am - 11:30am. For more info please email shiningstars@ststephens-ealing.org



Tea-Timers

Runs most Friday's during term time 2:30-4:00pm at Church. For more information contact events@ststephens-ealing.org

1 Dec - Gadgets and Gizmos
8 Dec - Fun and Games
15 - Special Christmas Tea - 3:30-5:30pm
Then a break until January 5th

Christmas 2017 Special Services

Sunday 17th December

9am Said Morning Prayer

10.30am Whole Church Communion

4.30pm and 6.30pm Traditional Carol Services
both followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

Sunday 24th - Christmas Eve

9am Communion Service

No 10.30am Service

4.30pm Carols, Nativity and Christingles
children are encouraged to come dressed as nativity character
11.30pm Midnight Communion

Monday 25th - Christmas Day

10.30am – 11.30am Whole Church Communion
(please bring one of your new presents to show to us all)

Sunday 31st December

10.30am Whole Church Communion

11.15pm Watchnight Service

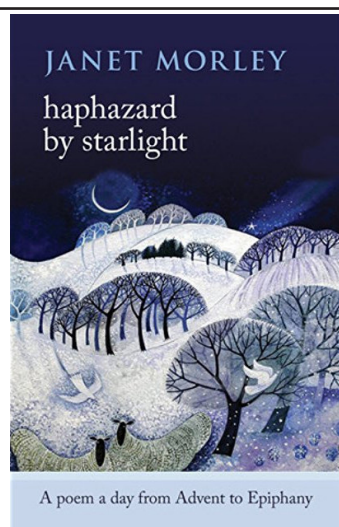
preceded by Mulled Wine and refreshments from 11.00pm

No 9am or 6.30pm services

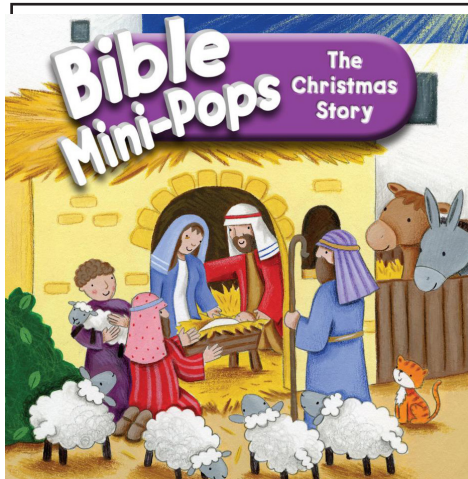
Note: No weekday services (Morning Prayer and Communion) between Christmas and New Year (26th Dec – 1st Jan). Weekday services will resume on Tues 2nd January 2018

Bookstall Suggestions

Suggested Christmas Reading



Unlike Lent, Advent is celebrated when the year is becoming darker and colder, moving into the death and dormancy of winter. Before we can greet the coming of the light, we need to engage with some themes that are challenging and occasionally fearful. Like the magi who travelled a long distance to search out and adore the infant Jesus, and who took some wrong turnings on the way, we too have a journey to undertake, before we find that we have.



An early-learning book with a pop-up on each double-page spread. The book includes five scenes from the nativity story. The small format makes this book great for little children to play with on their own and to carry anywhere.

Monthly Diary



In addition to our normal Sunday Services

December		
Sunday 7th	11:45am	Cafe Extra
Tuesday 5th	8:00pm	First Tuesday Monthly Prayers
Sunday 10th	6:30pm	Open to God
Tuesday 12th	10:00-12:30am	Shining Stars Christmas Party
Wednesday 13th	8:00pm-9:30pm	Alpha 2017 Christmas Reunion
Sunday 17th	4:30pm & 6:30pm	Carol Services
Wednesday 20th	4:00pm	Communion at St David's
Sunday 24th Christmas Eve	9am 4:30pm 11:30pm	Traditional Service - NO 10:30am Carols, Christingles and Nativity Midnight Communion
Monday 25th Christmas Day	10:30am	Whole Church Celebration
Sunday 31st New Year's Eve	11:15pm	Watchnight Service
The Church and Centre are closed from Tuesday 26th December until Tuesday 2nd January inclusive.		

January		
Sunday 7th	11:45am	Cafe Extra - Hosted by Rooted

Prayer Requests

Give thanks for:

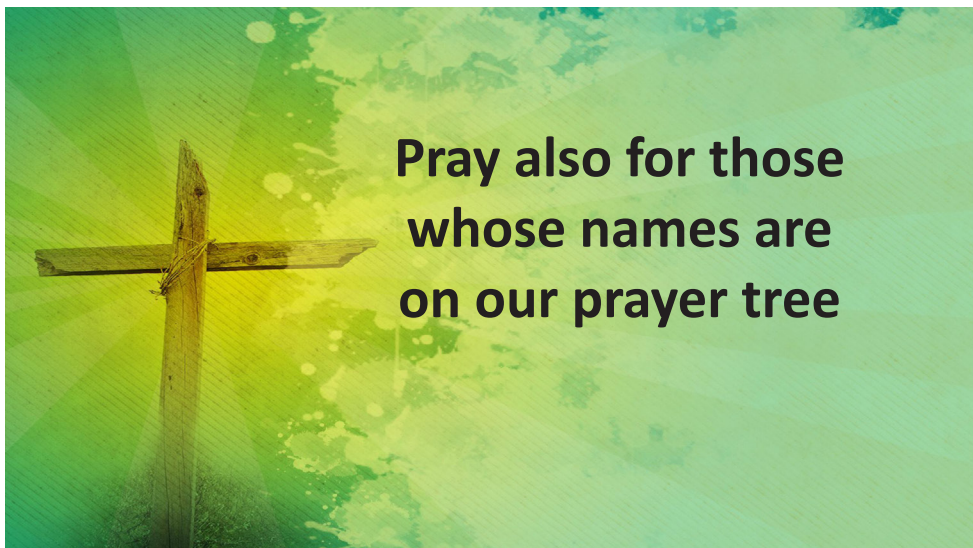
- The coming of Jesus our Saviour into our world
- The generous response with new financial pledges for 2018
- All that we will enjoy at Christmas
- Those who have completed Alpha
- Our Christmas Bazaar and the money raised
- Those who went on Pilgrimage to The Holy Land

During this month please pray especially for:

- St Stephen's volunteers helping at the Ealing Soup Kitchen
- The Ealing Winter Churches Night Shelter as it opens for the winter months
- Our outreach and Christmas services during this month
- Those who are homeless or living in poverty
- Those who will be spending Christmas on their own

Those who are sick and in special need:

Gordon Couch, Alan and Jane Hanley, John Jackson, Jane Morris, Maisie Poulton, Ken Taylor, Pam and Paul.



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