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Worshipping Jesus  
Growing Together  
Reaching Others

**JAN 2018**

# 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>Evening Service</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 Christian community for over 150 years. 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 fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line drawn underneath the name.

Steve Newbold

# Notices

## Time for Reflection

### Saturday 3rd March

An opportunity for space to be quiet in God's presence using prayer 'stations' - places set aside in church with something to look at or do, which will stimulate meditation and prayer. Drop in **any time** between 10:00am-12:30pm. Tea and coffee available. Details from Rosemary Beardow or Enid Barron

## Children's New Year party

Children's New Year party with magician entertainer, for children aged 3 - 11 is on Saturday 3rd February, 3-6pm. Please also pick up a flyer and invite children of friends and neighbours. Helpers needed to assist with the tea and chat to visiting families - please speak to Celia Manwaring or Martyn Verity. Parents please sign up on the list

## Big Garden Birdwatch

Join us on the 28th January for an hour to look for, help to identify, and record the birds we see in the church garden and in our magnificent oak trees. Hot drinks will be supplied, as well as charts to help us all know what we see. Wrap up warm, and enjoy! Results will be submitted to the RSPB to add to information gathered across UK. Speak to Sue Charlton on 8997 8236 for more info

## Server Duty Volunteers

We are looking for extra volunteers for the server duty at our 10.30am service. If you feel that you could help and serve in this area please contact Geoff Thomas or Pete Deveraux

## People & Planet Gathering

We meet next on Sunday 28th January. Topic to be confirmed in Updates nearer the time. Keep the date for a bring & share lunch and discussion on matters relating to Creation, Peace and Justice in the context of our faith

## Events with Churches Together in Central Ealing

Everyone is invited to the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on the 21st January at 6.30pm. This year's service will be held at St Andrew's United Reformed Church, Mount Park Road, Ealing W5 and will be led by Rev Sue McCoan. The theme of this this year's week f prayer will be 'That all may be free'.

## Traidcraft Stall 7th January

We return to running the stall on the first Sunday each month. Come to re-stock cupboards with our ethical and Fairtrade goods during Cafe and Cafe Extra



## Winter Night Shelter

We host WNS on Friday evenings from 9th February to 30th March. Up to 14 people who would otherwise be sleeping rough in these cold months will find a warm welcome, hot meals and a safe bed for the night. Do consider joining the team of volunteers who will be running the Night Shelter at St. Stephen's. One night or all - driving or laundry tasks - there's something for all of us to help with. Come for a short information session after 10.30 service on Sunday 21st January, or speak to Sue Charlton 8997 8236.



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 this year

### St David's Care Home

Please come and sing with us for the St David's Hymns of Praise on Sunday 14th January at 3pm. Contact Pete Devereux 8579 7884 or Sally Horattides 8840 6047

### Cap Hampers

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the CAP hampers which were very well received

'Our recipient was overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness'

'Our recipient was really thrilled to get the hamper and said it would keep him going for some time'.

### Christmas Collection Update

Over Christmas we collected for the work of the Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter and Tearfund and I am thrilled that we donated over £1500. With the addition of Gift Aid we can expect to pass on over £850 to each organisation and the good news is that the Government will double our gift to **Tearfund.**



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

### **p&p small group**

Meets fortnightly on Monday's. 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 Gods's word and prayer. Meetings 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**

Our January film will be The Shack with viewing on Thursday 4th January and discussion on 18th January. February film will be Manchester by Sea.  
Rosemary Beardow (07733 441 431).



Consider one of the following for a New Year Resolution:

- Walk more, rather than drive if possible.
- Reduce use of throwaway plastics. Take your own travel mug to coffee shops, refuse plastic straws, take your own shopping bags to the supermarket.
- Replace light bulbs that die with LED lights - easily available and last almost a lifetime!



### **Shining Stars**

For pre-school children and their parents or carers. Runs most Tuesdays during Term time from 10:00am - 11:30am. For more info please email [shiningstars@ststephens-ealing.org](mailto:shiningstars@ststephens-ealing.org)



TEA-TIMERS

### **Tea-Timers**

Runs most Fridays during term time 2:30-4:00pm at Church. For more information contact [events@ststephens-ealing.org](mailto:events@ststephens-ealing.org)

**Jan 12** - Musical favourites with guest pianist Stephen Rose

**Jan 19** - Tales from the Holy Land

**Jan 26** - Magic Lanterns - the story and demo with Mary Ann and George Auckland from the Magic Lantern Society



# People's Stories

## Ash Abbott (Worship Minister)



Hi there!

My name is Ash Abbott, and I've been the Worship Minister here at St Stephens for the past year and a half. I love the friendliness of this of this church community and have found it genuinely welcoming from the first day I arrived.

I've attended church my whole life and grew up in an Apostolic church in Dover, Kent, which is quite pentecostal! So the switch to a Church of England church certainly took a little bit of getting to used to, but I'm now feeling very comfortable in my new church surroundings, and have really enjoyed being open to new ways of doing church, whilst also adding my own impression on the worship team and the leadership team - Its safe to say I feel like part of the furniture!

I've really enjoyed getting stuck in to different areas of the church since joining. As well as leading the worship team, I've also helped lead our last two Alpha courses, got stuck into the 'Rooted' connect group, and have even occasionally preached at our Open to God Sunday evening service. (Its my favourite service by the way, if you haven't already, come and give it a try!)

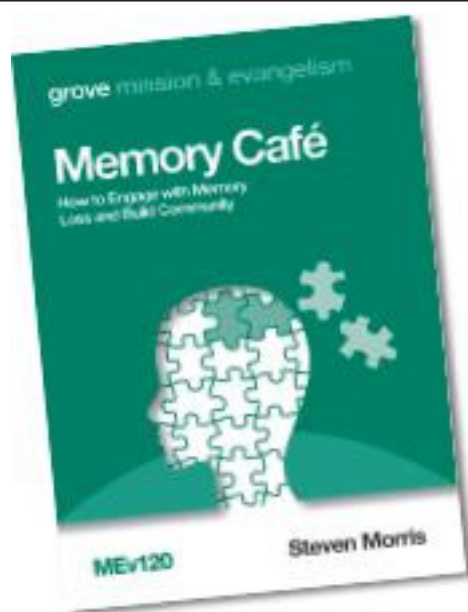
If you know anything about me already, you'll be aware that I'm pretty into my music! Music is actually what brought me to Ealing. I finished my music performance degree here at the University of West London in 2016, after completing 2 years at a Christian music college in Coventry called Nexus. Nexus was an incredible experience that, among plenty of other things, taught me to relentlessly follow Jesus. I have thoroughly enjoyed doing that ever since, and firmly believe that He guides me so well when I keep my eyes fixed on Him. I cant wait to see what the future holds with Him leading the way.

I'm going to be away at the end of January for a couple of months on a music tour (which I'm really excited for!) But promise I'll show my face as and when I can during that time, and look forward to being back permanently with you all after Easter!

God Bless

# Bookstall Suggestions

Two new books that will be available from the Bookstall. They deal with different aspects of our Christian journey.



## **Memory Café by Steven Morris**

Many of you will remember our Curate, Steven Morris who left St Stephen's about 5 years ago. Steven was responsible for setting up the Daytimers' Group at St Stephen's and when he went on to become the Vicar of a church in Brent, he continued the work with older people by starting the Memory Café.

This small book is a lovely description of the way the café brings support and joy to an isolated group of people and Steven's warmth and enthusiasm shine through.

(GroveBooks £3-95)

I'D LIKE YOU  
MORE  
IF YOU WERE  
MORE LIKE ME

GETTING REAL ABOUT GETTING CLOSE



JOHN ORTBERG  
*Bestselling Author*

## **I'd like you more if you were more like me by John Ortberg**

There are a number of popular books by this author which have given down to earth advice about how to put our faith into action in our everyday lives. In this book, he shows us how to overcome obstacles and create the kind of deep, meaningful relationships we all crave – with God and with others.

(Tyndale £14-50 special Bookstall price £13-00)



# Monthly Diary



January		
Tuesday 2nd	8pm	Monthly Prayer Meeting
Friday 5th	2.30pm	Tea Timers restarts
Sat/Sunday 6th/7th	Afternoons	St Stephen's Team at Ealing Soup Kitchen
Sunday 7th	11.45am	Cafe Extra hosted by Rooted
Tuesday 9th	10am	Shining Stars restarts
Sunday 14th	6:30pm	Open to God
Wednesday 17th	4pm	St David's Communion Service
Sunday 28th	12:30pm 6:30pm	People and Planet Shared Lunch Open to God

February		
Saturday 3rd	3-6pm	Children's New Year Party with Magician
Sunday 4th	11:45am	Cafe Extra hosted by Tuesday group
Tuesday 6th	8:00pm	First Tuesday Monthly Prayers

# Prayer Requests

## **Give thanks for:**

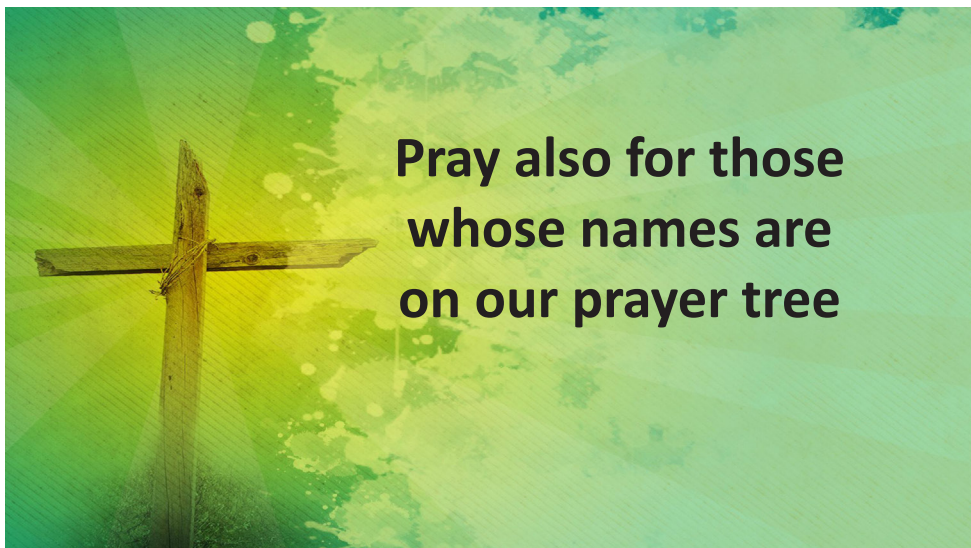
- The birth of Jesus Christ, who continues to be the Light of our world!
- The many people from our local community who joined our Christmas services
- Everyone who contributed to the Christmas services in any way
- Those who have completed the Alpha course and are continuing their journey with Christ
- The journey many members of the church have made over the past year undertaking a bible challenge such as 'Bible in a year' or 'Essential 100'.
- The church Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
- All the events, activities, and celebrations of 150 years as St Stephens as a worshipping community in this place

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

- The year ahead, as we all seek to dig deeper in our faith in Jesus Christ
- Those committing to undertake a new bible challenge
- The Grove Missional Community
- The youth work of the church as we seek to launch a new midweek group for those in years 6,7, and 8.

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

Pauline Craven, Alan and Jane Hanley, George Hore, Jane Morris, Maisie Poulton, Ken Taylor.



**Pray also for those  
whose names are  
on our prayer tree**

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# Worship & Prayer

## Discipleship

## Outreach

## Children & Youth

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