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Worshipping Jesus
Growing Together
Reaching Others

MAR 2018

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.



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 written in a cursive, slightly stylized font. Below the signature is a short, horizontal black line.

Steve Newbold

Notices

Quiet Morning - A Lenten Journey Saturday 3rd March

10:00am-12:30pm - an opportunity to meditate on scripture, spend time with God and simply be. Refreshments available. Speak to Rosemary Beardow or Enid Barron for more information.

Mothering Sunday 11th March

In March our monthly All Age Service will move to 11th to coincide with Mothering Sunday. All Mums, aunts, grandmas etc are invited to come and receive a gift of flowers.

Note: On 4th March our children and youth groups will run as usual.

Cool Christians Cake Sale

Sunday 11th March, Mothering Sunday, in aid of The Amos Trust Street Child Project. Cakes provided by Cool Christians families. Please support this very worthy cause.

St David's Home

Hymns of Praise at 3pm. Please add your voice to make a special Mothering Sunday for Grandmothers and Mothers at St Davids. Info from Sally Horattides 8840 6047 or Peter Devereux 8579 7884.

Open to God

6:30pm - Andrew Dand (former Curate) will be speaking.

Quiz, Games, Pizza & Pudding

For all in School Years 6-13

Sunday 18 March

More details to follow soon!

Baptism and Confirmation

Interested in being baptised or confirmed? We have a service on Sun 23rd September. Speak to Steve Newbold if you would like to know more.

Dates for your diary

Sat 30th June Ordination of Sam Sanya at St Paul's Cathedral

Sun 1st July Sam Sanya's first Sunday at St Stephen's

Sun 8th July St Stephen's Community Fete in Cleveland Park

Prayer on the Streets (POTS)

Training evening, Weds 14th March, at St John's Church on Mattock Lane from 7:30pm. Richard Moy (Vicar at Christchurch W4) will be speaking. This is an evening for the existing POTS team, as well as those who are interested in joining the POTS team in the future.

Big Clean Morning

24th March - 10:30am - 2:00pm

We need people to clean, do odd jobs, and some painting. Please contact Geoff Thomas for more information geoff@ststephens-ealing.org

People & Planet

Meets 25th March to share lunch. Theme: Fairtrade Fortnight, with games, quiz, films and discussion. All Welcome. Sign up sheet available from 4th March or call Sue Charlton 8997 8236.

Riding Lights Theatre

Where Adventure Begins @ St Paul's

Ealing Thurs 15 March 8-9.30. £10

This "real, touching and hilarious" performance aims to get us thinking, exploring and preparing our homes and churches to be places where children and families can find, explore and deepen their faith. For parents and children's, youth and family workers (children over 11 years also welcome)

<https://www.new-wine.org/events/where-adventure-begins-faith-family-london>

NewWine
Local churches changing nations

A good number of us are going to New Wine this summer - why not join us?

We are going in Week 1 (28th July - 3rd August) - we always have a great time and you can attract a discount by booking before 3rd April. New Wine is especially good for families.

Earth Hour Sat 24th March

7:30pm-10:00pm Lights will be turned out from 8:30pm-9:30pm as a symbolic act of commitment to reduce our carbon footprint. Join us for a simple meal, prayers, stories, music and readings by candle light. See sign up sheet.

Haiti in London

Sat 10th March 7:30pm at St Stephen's. Come and meet Victoria Jean-Louis from Christian Aid who works in Haiti with local people. Information from Sue Charlton 8997 836



Palm Sunday - 25th March

9:00am Traditional Service

10:30am Informal service starting in the Church Forecourt

6:30pm Open to God

Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th March

8:00am Morning Prayer (Mon and Tues)

9:30am Communion (Weds)

9:00pm Night Prayer (for just 30 minutes)

Maundy Thursday 29th March

8:00am Morning Prayer

7:30pm Informal Meal and

Holy Communion

Good Friday 30th March

10:00am - 11:30am Ecumenical Walk of Witness to Ealing Broadway

2:00pm - 3:00pm An hour at the cross

Easter Day 1st April

6:00am Sunrise Communion in Cleveland Park followed by breakfast

10:30am Easter Celebration and Communion

Lent Appeals

Bishop of London's Appeal 'Tackling Homelessness Together' and Easter Eggs for the women at Marylebone Project. Eggs are £4 and available at the Traidcraft Stall until 18th March.



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 March film will be ??? with viewing on Thursday 1st March and discussion on 15th March. Rosemary Beardow (07733 441 431).

Chinese Group

Meets Fridays - contact Weihua Zhang or Youwen Yang for more information.



Why not try a Carbon Fast for Lent? Everyday activities depend on energy. Try to switch lights off as you leave rooms; fill the kettle for the water you need; take showers instead of baths; walk or travel by public transport; wash full loads rather than small ones; turn your thermostat down a degree and wear more jumpers! You will be surprised what a difference tiny steps like this will make - both for the planet and your purse!



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



Tea-Timers

Runs most Fridays during term time 2:30-4:00pm at Church. For more information contact events@ststephens-ealing.org
Mar 2 - Film (longer session to 5pm)
Mar 9 - short talk with guest speaker
Mar 16 - Getting to know you
Mar 23 - Easter activities

People's Stories

Mary Ann Auckland - Reflections from the Holy Land - Part 2



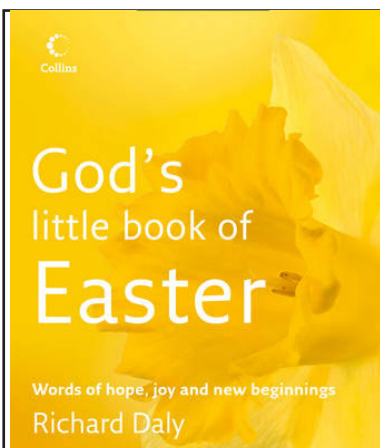
Leaving Jerusalem we took the road to Jericho – the Good Samaritan's route which is long, steep, arid and desolate, not a pleasant walk nor one to do alone. We stopped off at the 'Valley of the Shadow of Death' where David is said to have written Psalm 23. What a place! A small oasis at the bottom of a deep rock and sand ravine. After renewing our baptism vows in the River Jordan (think River Brent for size these days) we headed off to the distant Lake of Galilee, grateful that we weren't walking or travelling by donkey.

Highlights here included the beautiful garden of the Beatitudes, the voyage on the 'Jesus Boat' across the lake and the reconstructed village (with live sheep and reluctant donkey) at Nazareth on the site of a farm contemporary with Jesus. As in Jerusalem we met groups of Christians from all around the world. For me the most precious moment of all was the communion service run by Steve on the shore of the lake. Somehow everything seemed to come together and make sense. All too soon it was time to leave the Holy Land stopping off at the Roman ruins in Caesarea.

So what did it all mean? This was a very significant step on my personal spiritual journey. It was at times awe-inspiring and fascinating but also profoundly moving with a strong feeling of connection – not in the 'set-piece' sights where sharp elbows were needed alas and an overload of iconography obscured any sense of place but in the quieter locations such as Jesus' last prison and around the Lake of Galilee where I could feel a strong sense of 'being there' with Jesus. The trip was wonderfully led by Steve and Caroline, making it spiritually fulfilling and faith affirming as well as a great deal of fun. Long live the Uno club! If you haven't been, take the opportunity to go if you possibly can.

Bookstall Suggestions

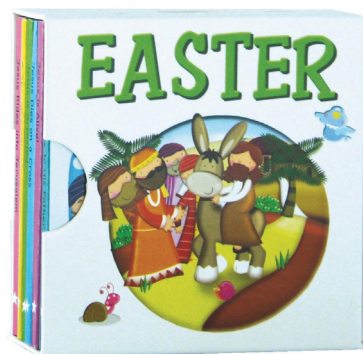
Looking forward to Easter, two of the books, for old and young, which tell the story of our Lord's death and resurrection, and what it means for us today.



At times, life can be filled with upheaval, challenges, grief and fear. Easter signals a time for new beginnings, for a fresh take on life, and a joyful, positive outlook.

Open this inspirational little book at any page, and discover anew the hope and joy of the Resurrection. Each page has an inspirational thought or idea, along with a related Bible reference for further reading and encouragement.

God's Little Book of Easter, with its collection of inspiring, thought-provoking truths, offers comfort and assurance, and will bring you hope and renewed strength as you journey in the various pathways of life. 'If God is willing to pardon your mistakes and even bury them, isn't it time you stopped beating yourself up? Receive his grace and move on!'



An adorable collection of pocket-sized board books for pint-sized readers! The Easter Story collection includes six individual Bible storybooks in a handy slipcase. Each eight-page story is written in clear and simple text, with charming illustrations by Marie Allen. Just the right size for little hands to hold and convenient for travel or small reading areas. Stories include: Ride in to Jerusalem, Easter Meal, Jesus is arrested, The Crucifixion, The Resurrection and Jesus Returns

Monthly Diary



March		
Thursday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd,	7:30 - 9:15pm	Lent Course
Saturday 3rd	10:00am	Quiet Morning A Lenten Reflection
Tuesday 6th	8:00pm	First Tuesday Prayers
Saturday 10th	7:30pm	Christian Aid Coffee Evening
Mothering Sunday 11th	3:00pm 6:30pm	Hymns of Praise at St David's Open to God
Saturday 24th	10:00am 8:00pm	Church Big Clean Earth Hour
Palm Sunday 25th	12:30pm 6:30pm	People & Planet Gathering Open to God
Monday 26th - Tuesday 27th	All Day	Experience Easter for local schools
Maundy Thursday 29th	7:30pm	Meal and Holy Communion
Good Friday 30th	10:00am 2:00pm	Walk of Witness An Hour at the Cross

April		
Easter Sunday 1st	6:00am 10:30am	Sunrise Service in Cleveland Park Whole Church Communion
Tuesday 3rd	8:00pm	First Tuesday Prayers
Sunday 8th	3:00pm	Hymns of Praise at St David's

Prayer Requests

Give thanks for:

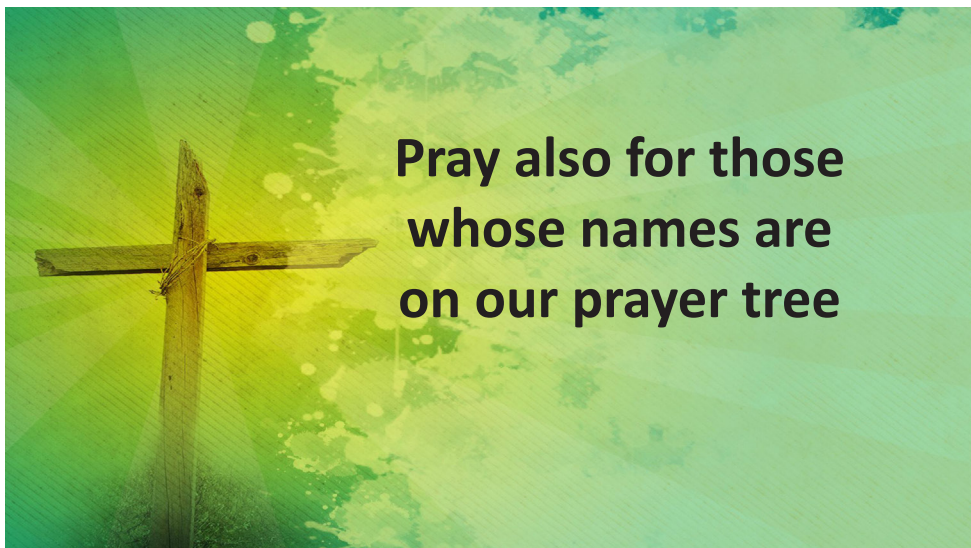
- The death and resurrection of Jesus
- The Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter and the Ealing Soup Kitchen providing safe spaces and hospitality during the winter months
- Visiting preachers John Ryeland and Andrew Dand
- All who came to our New Year's Children's Party

During this month please pray especially for:

- New and continuing Connect Groups
- Our journey through Lent towards Easter
- The St Stephen's Leadership Team
- The Grove – Missional Community on Gurnell Grove
- Those who are homeless or living in poverty
- The Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter as it continues its work for the winter months.

Those who are sick and in special need:

Margaret K Ainsworth, Pauline Craven, George Dunkley, Alan and Jane Hanley, George Hore, Mary Lazarus, Jane Morris, Maisie Poulton, Alex Sullivan, Ken Taylor.



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

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