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Worshipping Jesus
Growing Together
Reaching Others

APR 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 fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line drawn underneath the name.

Steve Newbold

Notices

St David's Home

Please come and raise the volume for St David's Eastertide Hymn's of Praise on Sunday 8th April at 3pm, contact Sally Horattides or Pete Devereux.

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Joint Churches Visit

To All Hallows-by-the-Tower church (next to Tower Hill tube) on Wed April 18th at 4.30pm. Guided visit and regular Taize prayers at 6.00pm. Contact Noreen Barnes-Hoggett on 020 8997-4935 for information.

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Margaret K Ainsworth

Margaret's funeral service will be at church on Wednesday 4th April at 12pm. Followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium.

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First Tuesday Prayers

Our monthly prayer meeting is on Tuesday (4th April) 8pm-9pm. Join us for just one hour to pray for this church and its mission.

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Vacancies

Shining Stars our Tuesday Morning Toddler Group urgently needs more volunteer helpers on a regular basis. Might you be able to help. Speak to Janet Sehgal 07860 266 514 or shiningstars@ststephens-ealing.org

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People and Planet

Meets on Sun 22nd April at 12:30 for lunch. Theme this month 'The Problem with Plastic', when we hope to show the film 'Plastic Paradise' and discuss ways we can be involved in limiting plastic use.

Church Electoral Roll

The Church Electoral Roll is being revised for the Annual Church Meeting. **Only those** on the Electoral Roll can vote at the Annual Meeting. If you are not on the Roll please consider joining (you need to be over 16, baptised and either live in the parish or have worshipped here for at least 6 months). Application forms are available in the church entrance area. Must be returned to the church office by 1st April.

Annual Church Meeting

6:30pm in Church

Come along to our annual meeting where we will elect new members of the PCC and hear about plans for the year ahead.

At this meeting on 22nd April we need to elect 2 Churchwardens for a one year term, 3 members of the Church Council for a three year term & 1 Deanery Synod Representative for a two year term year. Please see the website for the annual reports, and the information stand for details about standing for election.

Anyone wishing to stand as Churchwarden is asked to speak to Steve Newbold in advance of submitting a nomination.



Thy Kingdom Come

Once again the Archbishops of Canterbury and York are calling us to join in with a Global Wave of Prayer from Ascension Day (10th May) to Pentecost Sunday (20th May). We will be joining with other Christians in the area and arranging various prayer resources and activities to help us engage with this time. More information to follow.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Christian Aid Week, May 13 - 20. This year's appeal is on the need for hurricane proof homes for Haiti - where frequent and devastating storms destroy lives, homes, livestock and crops. Join us in raising awareness of climate change affecting the communities there, and raise money to train local builders and help pay for materials to build safe houses. More details to follow.

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.

Lent Appeals

Thanks to those who responded to our appeals. 70 Easter Eggs were taken to our Mission Partner, The Marylebone Project. The Bishop of London's appeal 'Tackling Homelessness Appeal' closes on Easter Day. Result will be published next month.

Tech for Katete

Laptops (lightweight), Tablets, Mobiles. Please offer your (still working) unwanted machines to Andrew Dixon or Sally Lamond to take to St Francis Hospital, Katete, Zambia in September. Only cheap fragile ones are easily available in Zambia, so your gifts could be most useful. Thanks!

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.

Holly Harrigan

Holly is running the Brighton marathon on the 15th April for CLIC Sargent who paid for her marathon entry as she aims to raise £500 for the charity. If you would like to donate her giving page is justgiving.com/fundraising/holly-harrigan

Promise for the Planet

At Earth Hour last month many of us made a promise to do what we could to reduce our carbon emissions. See the 'tree' in the Centre and add a promise if you'd like.



Ealing Deanery Celebration and Archdeacon's Visitation

Monday 14th May 2018 at Holy Cross Greenford, UB6 9NJ. Churchwardens registration from 19.00 The service begins at 19.30

Dates for your diary

Sun 17th June Ajay More's final Sunday at St Stephen's
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

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

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 April film will be Paddington 2 with viewing on Thursday 5th March and discussion on 19th March. Rosemary Beardow (07733 441 431).

Chinese Group

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



As Spring comes many of us will be thinking how to manage our house plants, balconies and gardens in warmer weather. Water supplies are under threat and the South East is close to hose-pipe bans this summer, so try to limit the use of good drinking water on plants. Save 'grey' water from washing up and baths for the garden. Install a water butt to collect rainwater. See the new Eco Church Notice Board in the Centre for more details!



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

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

Apr 6th - Springtime
Apr 13th - Film (longer session to 5pm)
Apr 20th - Scam avoidance (guests from Santander Bank)
Apr 27th - Guest Ian Potts

People's Stories

Sanjay Joshi



It is almost four years since I opened the door to Jesus and he transformed my life.

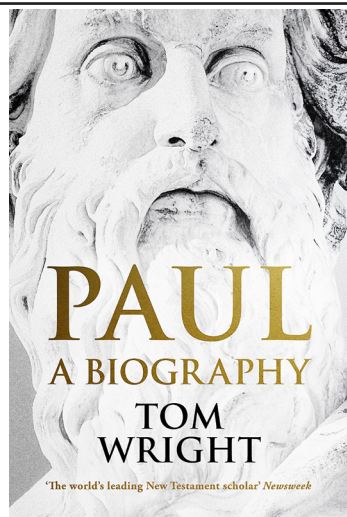
I was born into a devout Hindu Brahmin family. My parents encouraged me to be open and although I followed the Hindu rituals for over 50 years, in my heart it never seemed enough and there was a constant struggle. Ranmi (my wife I met at Uni in 1981) had unknowingly to me, been prodding me towards life with Jesus all along. I was steadfast in my denial but somehow started accompanying her to St. Stephen's. It all changed dramatically in Spring 2014, with a visit to the National Gallery and being drawn to Ruben's, "The Miraculous Draught of Fishes" Steve Newbold's preached a sermon on this very topic the next day and I experienced the incredible receiving of the Holy Spirit as I felt the light of God entering me and a voice saying, "accept me". I knew I was re-born. I approached Steve and was baptised in June 2014. Since then my faith has grown and I now serve as the St Stephen's Treasurer.

There have been periods of struggle, particularly after my father's death last July when I sub-consciously drifted. A recent Open to God session at church with John Ryeland, was an important step. During prayer, I audibly heard Jesus whispering "I am here my son I am always here for you let me back into your heart and read my words and pray". The Lent Book "Say it to God" by Luigi Gioia, has been part of this Christian journey and a renewed commitment, as I now realise that "The Lord's Prayer" and reading the Bible have become central to my daily life – not a ritual but a daily occurrence just like breathing, eating, walking and talking.

I used to wonder why I wasted 50 years of my life but the best is ahead of me as I know that with Jesus I have so much to discover and so much to do. I know my life has been transformed and I know there will be periods of struggle but with Jesus in my life nothing will be too difficult.

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.



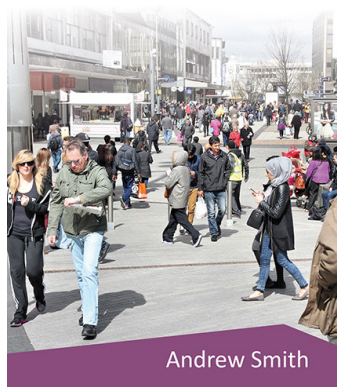
In this definitive biography of the apostle Paul, N. T. Wright—the renowned Bible scholar, Anglican bishop, and bestselling author—fills in the human and intellectual drama behind the story of the best-known figure in the early Christian movement.

“Paul is central to any understanding of earliest Christianity,” Wright says. He contends that our knowledge of Paul and appreciation for his legacy cannot be complete without an understanding of his Jewish heritage, and provides a detailed examination of the relationships, travels, teachings, and beliefs that that made him the

extraordinary man he was.

Paul reveals the apostle's lasting role in Christian history as an inventor of new paradigms for how we understand Jesus and what he accomplished, and celebrates his stature as one of the most effective and influential intellectuals in human history, while shedding fresh light on his writings, thoughts, and ideas. Written in Wright's intelligent, approachable, signature style, Paul is essential reading for anyone who wants to understand this vital and enigmatic personality and his key role in early Christianity.

Vibrant Christianity in Multifaith Britain



Vibrant Christianity in Multi-Faith Britain is an accessible and thought-provoking approach that encourages readers to think seriously about how we live out our faith in an increasingly multi-faith society. Whether we meet people of different faiths or just hear about them in the media, this book will give Christians confidence to express our faith in a religiously diverse world. Drawing on scripture and the author's many years of experience, the book challenges preconceptions and offers practical advice.

Monthly Diary



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
Sunday 15th	6:30pm	Open to God
Sunday 22nd	12:30pm 6:30pm	People & Planet Annual Church Meeting
Sunday 29th	6:30pm	Open to God

May		
Tuesday 1st	8:00pm	First Tuesday Prayers
Monday 7th Tuesday 8th	All day	HTB Leadership Conference
Sunday 13th	3:00pm 6:30pm	Hymns of Praise at St David's Open to God

Prayer Requests

Give thanks for:

- the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ
- our Holy Week and Easter services
- Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter who have provided safe accommodation during the winter months
- the work of the Marylebone Project (one of our main mission partners)
- the St Stephen's team who will work at the Ealing Soup Kitchen on the Easter Weekend

During this month please pray especially for:

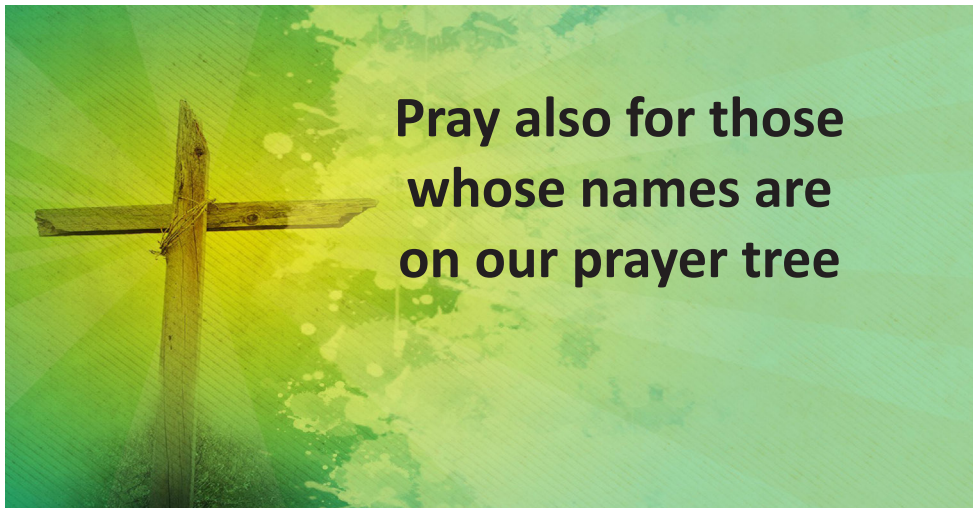
- our Annual Church Meeting on 22nd April and for those who will be elected to positions of responsibility
- The Grove Missional Community on Gurnell Grove and Mark and Laura Tate as they lead
- Ajay More as he discerns the next stage of ministry
- those from St Stephen's attending the HTB Leadership Conference at the Albert Hall on 7th and 8th May.

Those who are sick and in special need:

Pauline Craven, George Dunkley, Alan and Jane Hanley, Mary Lazarus, Jane Morris, Maisie Poulton, Ken Taylor and Ann Toley.

Those who mourn:

- the family and friends of Margaret K Ainsworth who died last month.



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