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Worshipping Jesus
Growing Together
Reaching Others

JUN 2018

Weekly Service Times

Sundays

Sunday	9:00am	Traditional Service
	10:30am	Informal Worship
	6:30pm	Open to God or Evening Prayer

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

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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

First Tuesday Prayers

Our monthly prayer meeting is on Tuesday 5th June 8pm-9pm. Join us for just one hour to pray for this church and its mission.

Traidcraft Stall

A range of Fairtrade and ethical goods will be sold during Cafe and Cafe Extra on Sunday 3rd June. Browse the catalogue to see products we can order for you, to reduce the numbers of smaller plastic bottles used.

St David's Home

Come and raise the volume for St David's Majesty Hymn's of Praise on Sunday 10th June at 3pm, contact Sally Horattides 8840 6047

Open to God

Sundays at 6:30pm
10th June Ash Abbott
24th June Izzy Cole

Inter Church Visit

On Sun June 17 at 6.00pm to St Anne's Lutheran Church (near Monument station). Bach Vespers including a cantata illuminating the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin. Contact Noreen Barnes-Hoggett, noreen29@googlemail.com

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.

People & Planet Gathering

We are meeting on Sunday 24th June for bring and shared lunch at 12.30pm. Guest Speakers will be staff members from our Mission Partner, Christian Solidarity Worldwide, who are recently back from China, and will tell us about the persecuted Living Stone Church, harassed for years by the local authorities who want to close the church down. Contact Sue on 8997 8236, or Enid on 8997 1958

Dates for your diary

Sun 17th June Ajay More's final Sunday at St Stephen's with shared lunch
Sat 30th June Ordination of Sam Sanya at St Paul's Cathedral
Sun 1st July Sam Sanya's first Sunday at St Stephen's with Hog Roast
Sun 8th July St Stephen's Community Fete in Cleveland Park

Community Fete

8th July 12:30-4:00pm

Calling all Volunteers and Sponsors. We'd love the whole Church family to get involved in some way at this popular free event. Please see the display board and sign up sheets. For more info please contact Jane Maffett (events@ststephens-ealing.org)

Speak Up (for Climate Change)

at the COMMUNITY FETE
A stall with information and games about Climate Change, where we hope to engage the attention of visiting MPs and Councillors.
Speak to Sue (8997 8236) if you have ideas or offers of help.

Flowers in Church for June

No flowers as yet – feel free to sign up for a Sunday.

Buildings Update

From Geoff Thomas, Churchwarden

Annuntio vobis gaudium magnum

For our non-Latin brothers and sisters, “I announce to you a great joy”. It is here. We are finally getting our new toilets. Construction starts at the beginning of July 2018 and we will have new toilets ready at the end of November.

For those who are not aware we are modernising the toilets and creating a meeting room in what was the old back vestry. Have a look at the plan below.

We are re-arranging the layout of the women’s toilets, providing wider cubicles and baby change facilities. The men’s toilet will remain similar with the addition of baby change facilities. We are introducing ECO flush to all our toilets, with auto turn off taps, LED lights with auto on/off sensors, light wells (sun pipes) for increased natural light and replace the flat roof.

The meeting room will be stripped of most of the storage cupboards so the floor area will be increased. A high level window and new back door for access to the garden will be included.

During the work there will be no access to the site and current toilets. We will be providing temporary toilets in a secure area at the front of the church. I realise this might be an inconvenience to some but please bear in mind the end gain.

All this comes at a great financial cost. We already have funds in place through various gifts and loans from the diocese as well as our buildings reserve fund. However, we would like to use as little of the interest bearing loans as possible and are seeking contributions from individuals in by way of donations or interest free loans. Do let me know if you would like to contribute.

I would like to thank all who have helped with this project especially Dinos Horattides for his design skills and Fred Eaves whose support has been of immense value.



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 Mondays. 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' 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

No meeting in June. We will return on Thursday 5th July to watch Spotlight with discussion on Thursday 19th.
Rosemary Beardow (07733 441 431).

Chinese Group

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



Butterflies have been affected by the cold wet spring. Give them a helping hand by sowing wildflower seeds in a sunny, sheltered space in your garden or group of pots on a balcony. Look out for the Bee Friendly logo on seed packets or grown plants, to know that pollinators will be attracted. Avoid chemicals, use peat-free compost and water regularly (preferably with rain water). And if you're flying on holiday this summer, consider offsetting the carbon generated with climate stewards <http://www.climatestewards.org/>



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

June 1st - A passage from India
June 8th - Cafe trip to Gunnersbury Park
June 15th Quiz Time
June 22nd - Dogs - our best friends?
June 29th - Memories

People's Stories

Caroline Jamieson



Caroline was elected as our Churchwarden at the April Annual Church Meeting. This is her story so far.

When Ian and I wandered in to the St Stephens Carol Service some four or five years ago, I immediately felt at home. It took us just a few short weeks to realise that this was the place God wanted us to be.

I have lived in Ealing most of my life and became a Christian at an ecumenical Youth Group. One evening as I walked home from a meeting I looked up at the stars and felt the presence of God. He is so vast and we so small, yet He knew me and loved me. This knowledge has never left me, even when life has been difficult.

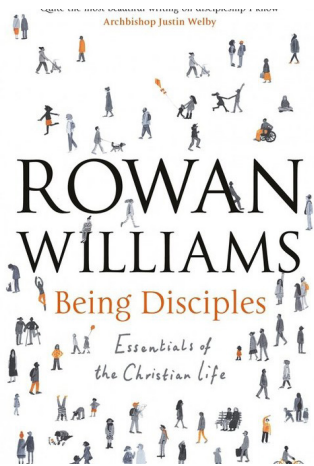
As you may know, I am married to Ian. You will have seen him leading worship on a Sunday. Our son, Andrew, sometimes comes along and plays the flute. He recently got married to Babette and they are living with us at the moment. They are a great tonic as life was getting too quiet after a lifetime of teaching.

A few months after joining the church I had to have a series of operations. The members of the church were so incredibly supportive and loving that I felt overwhelmed with thanks to God for you all. So, when I was asked to stand for Churchwarden I felt that (after a lot of prayer) I wanted to serve the members of St Stephens as a kind of thank you for all the love that you showed me when I was in need.

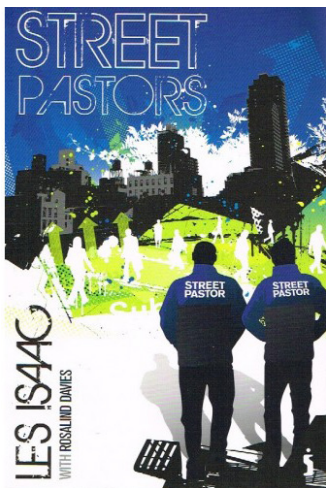
The great thing about being a Christian is that God gives us experiences that we never dreamt could happen. I never thought I could be a Youth Group leader or help in an outreach in Switzerland or speak in tongues or help plant a church and the list goes on. What an adventure it has been. And that's just my story so far....

Bookstall

We are highlighting two very different books this month



“Discipleship,” says Rowan Williams in this companion to his best-selling *Being Christian*, “is a state of being. Discipleship is about how we live — not just the decisions we make, not just the things we believe, but a state of being.” Williams turns his attention in *Being Disciples* to what is required for us to continue following Jesus and growing in faith. In his typically gentle, inviting, pastoral writing style, Williams offers biblically grounded wisdom for Christians at all stages of their journeys as disciples of Jesus.



Britain’s late-night street stories are familiar to all: binge drinking, loneliness, gang culture, knife and gun crime, violence and fear. Barely a week goes by without another incident breaking on the news. But that’s not the whole story. Since 2003 a new breed of help has been on hand to dispel the tension and bring some desperately needed hope back to our urban communities. These are the Street Pastors, and the brand new book from Les Isaac tells their story from the man at the heart of it all.

Monthly Diary



June		
Tuesday 5th	8:00pm	First Tuesday Prayers
Sunday 10th	3:00pm 6:30pm	Hymns of Praise at St David's Open to God - Ash Abbott
Sunday 17th	All Day	Ajay More's last Sunday at St Stephen's with shared lunch
Sunday 24th	12:00pm 12:30pm 6:30pm	New Wine Planning Meeting People & Planet Gathering Open to God - Izzy Cole
Monday 25th	7:45pm	Church Council Meeting
Saturday 30th	3:00pm	Ordination of Sam Sanya at St Paul's Cathedral

July		
Sunday 1st	All Morning	Sam Sanya's First Service and Hog Roast
Tuesday 3rd	8:00pm	First Tuesday Prayers
Sunday 8th	12:30-4:00pm	St Stephen's Free Community Fete in Cleveland Park

Prayer Requests

Give thanks for:

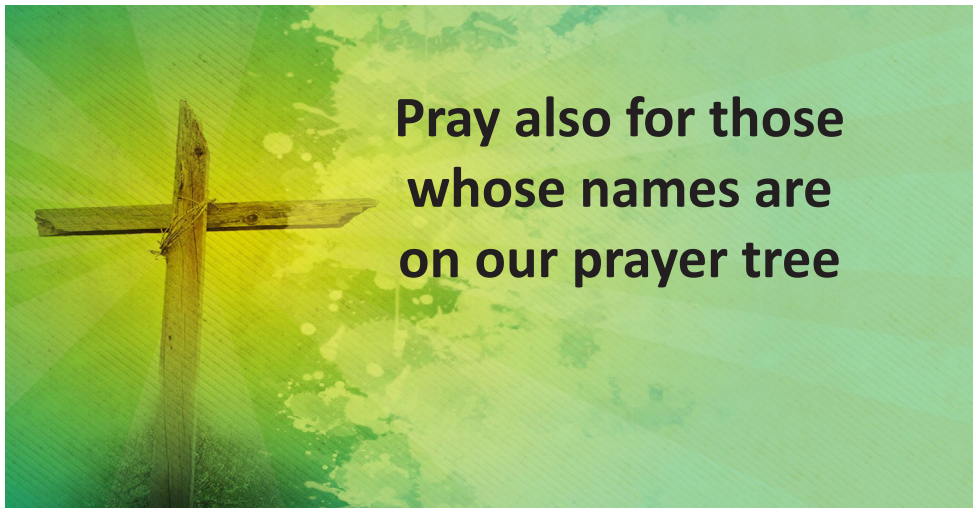
- the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost - pray for a fresh outpouring here in this place
- the More family and all they have brought to us over the last year.
- our newly elected Church Council
- for those we know who are not yet Christians

During this month please pray especially for:

- the Grove Missional Community on Gurnell Grove and Mark and Laura Tate as they lead
- St Stephen's volunteers as they serve at Ealing Soup Kitchen on 23rd/24th June
- Sam Sanya, Susy Dand and others as they are ordained as Deacons at St Paul's Cathedral on 30th June

Those who are sick and in special need:

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



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

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