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Worshipping Jesus
Growing Together
Reaching Others

SEPT 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

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

First Tuesday Prayers at 8pm

Our Sept prayer meeting will be on Tuesday 4th September. Join us for just one hour to pray for this church and its mission.

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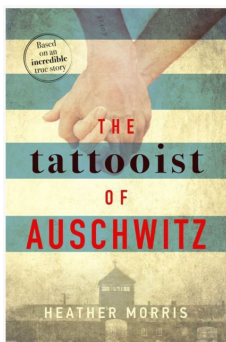
The stall will be open on Sundays 2nd September and 7th October. Do come and see our new range of goods and cards during Cafe time.

St David's Home

Singers required please for 'Last Sunday of the Proms' Hymns of Praise on Sunday 9th September. Starts at 3pm contact Sally Horattides 8840 6047 or Pete Devereux 8579 7884 for info.

St Stephen's Book Club

Our first meeting will be on Wednesday 12th Sept at 8pm in Church. The book club is open to all so please do invite friends. The first book we will discuss will be *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris. Further info from Morgen Edwards in the Church office admin@ststephens-ealing.org or 8991 0164.



ALPHA

We are running Alpha this Autumn. Starting on **Thursday 27th September** the course will run for 9 weeks. If you are interested in signing up or would like more information please email the Church Office on admin@ststephens-ealing.org



Baptism and Confirmation

Our Bishop Pete will be with us at 10.30am on Sunday 23rd September for our baptism/confirmation service. Please pray for Eleanor Coomber, Chloe Ladwa and Linda Rivans as they prepare for baptism and/or confirmation and do come to support them if you can. This will be the main morning service - the 9am Communion will be shortened and without music.

Autumn Craft Fair

Sat 29th Sept 10:30am-3pm

Mark the date and bring friends. Light lunches available and a craft area for children whilst you browse. A small number of volunteers needed, offers to Jane Maffett

events@ststephens-ealing.org

Ealing Half Marathon (EHM)

On Sunday 30th September we will be supporting the EHM by running a free Community Café and Water Station. Do come and help us. Instead of our usual services there will be a single service at 4.30pm in the form of Café Church.

Oliver Powell

Some will remember Oliver, a long term member of St Stephen's who emigrated to Australia 10 years ago but sadly died in April. There will be a Memorial Service to celebrate his life at St Stephen's Church at 3pm on Friday 28th September followed by afternoon tea. All are welcome.

Harvest

On Sunday 7th October we will celebrate harvest at our morning services (9am Traditional Communion, 10.30am All Age Worship). Please bring financial or non-perishable food gifts for the Ealing Foodbank.



Stocks of food, toiletries and washing up and laundry products are low as the need to help people in crisis has increased this summer. Please take a shopping list of most needed items and remember FoodBank when next you shop.

People & Planet Gathering

We have arranged a visit to the GrassRoots Forest School on Sunday 23rd September, situated off Cavendish Avenue. Info from Sue Charlton. Fliers and sign up sheets by 9th September.

School Applications

We are frequently asked to approve applications for places at church schools. Most schools require certification of the regularity of attendance (up to weekly for 5 years at some).

Parents, please note that the only fair way that we can do this is to use the attendance data recorded in our children's groups register. It is best to be aware of this at an early stage rather than face disappointment later in the process.

CSW Campaign to #FREELEAH

Leah was 14 yrs old last March when she was captured by Boko Haram. Now 15, she remains in their control as she has refused to renounce her faith in Christ and convert to Islam. See the Mission Team notice board to learn how you can help CSW to secure her freedom. Pray, protest, petition and tweet on 6th September when 200 days of captivity will be marked at the Nigerian High Commission, London.

Save the Date

7th October - Harvest Shared lunch
31st October - Light Party for 5-11s
2nd Nov - Quiz night
24th Nov - Christmas Bazaar

Returning T-Shirts

After our Community Fete, please return washed and ironed. If you would like to keep them please give Jane Maffett £5 per T-shirt.

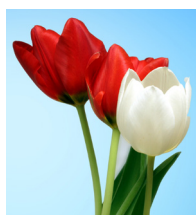
Future Date

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of
LONDON

On Sunday 10th March 2019 we will welcome the Bishop of London, Dame Sarah Mullally, to our 10.30am service. Please mark the date in your diary now so that we can all be here for our



Flowers in Church for September



2nd - Wedding
9th - [available]
16th - Liz Cooper
23rd - [available]
30th - [available]

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)

Jigsaw

Meeting alternate Tuesdays 7pm (for food), 7:30-9:30pm (meeting). Call Caroline or Ian Jamieson 8840 1971.

Rooted

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

September film is Moonlight. Meet to watch together on Thursday September 6th and to discuss on Thursday 20th September. Rosemary Beardow (07733 441 431).

Chinese Group

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



Many of our birds and small mammals are disappearing from habitat loss and food scarcity. You can help by leaving seed heads to over-winter, providing food for birds; pile up logs, leaves or compost for hedgehogs; leave some leaves on the lawn for worms to draw down, where the birds will find them! Clean bird tables/feeders; dig a pond, or dredge one you have to clear excessive growth of pond plants. And if you don't have a garden, consider a feeder to stick to a window - available from RSPB Shop or <http://www.livingwithbirds.com>



Shining Stars

Will return on Tuesday 11th September. 10am-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

Sept 7 - A Vintage year (plus swaps and loans)

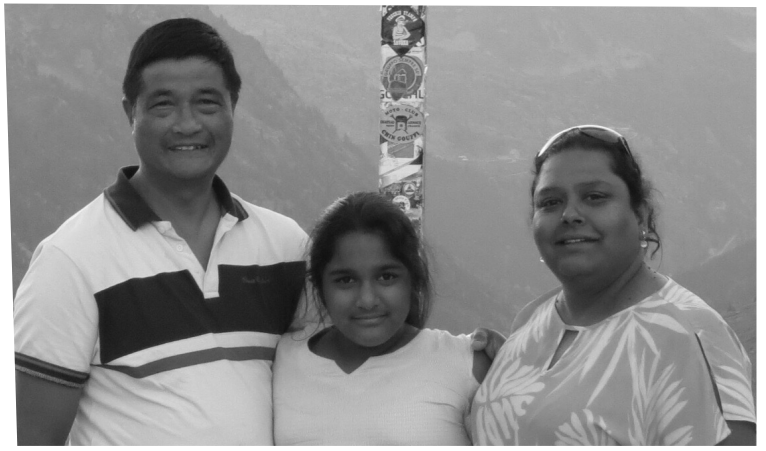
Sept 14 - AA Milne - Insights from Anne Harvey

Sept 21 - Tricks and Illusions - fascinating gadgets from George and Tim from Grand Illusions

Sept 28 - No Session

People's Stories

Urmila Kurkalang



I was born and brought up in a Christian home, and I learned from an early age the importance of putting God first in my life. The more I read His Word and learned about God/Jesus, the more I got excited about the Christian faith and sought to follow Him.

It was on 29th April 1989 that I prayed to receive Jesus as my Lord and Saviour. That was the start of my tremendous adventure with Jesus - of trust and obedience and love. As I did then at the age of 11, I continue to find meaning and purpose in Him and the plans He has for my life.

I have learned that His strength is made perfect in my weakness and to stand on His promises through every circumstance and despite the happenstances – even when they don't make complete sense to me - from the career path that has transpired; my move to the UK in obedience to His call; meeting my life partner Jonas (from a different church tradition) and Jesus' call for us to live out the unity of the church; our daughter Samara being born 11 weeks premature; and even my Mum's sudden death in 2008 at the age of 56.

From the time I was young, I have been acutely aware of Jesus' call to His Kingdom work. My dream then was to become a missionary doctor but even though that wasn't to be, He promised to 'make my paths straight.' For about 20 years, I have had the opportunity to practise Social Work across India and the UK.

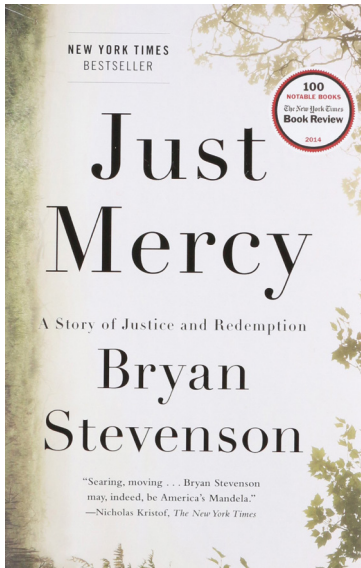
St Stephen's has been a great home church for me to get spiritually and practically equipped; with plenty of opportunities to 'Worship Jesus, Grow Together and Reach Others.' In the last couple of years, His call upon my life to ordained ministry has grown ever stronger. . I have now been accepted to train as a priest and will start at St Mellitus College in September. Part of my training involves an ongoing placement in another church and so we will be saying goodbye to St Stephen's as we join St Matthews Yiewsley.

Forsaking all else, I long to step out in obedience to His Great Commission. The prospect of theological training and ordination sparks in me an excitement to delve deeper into the Word of God and engage in pastoral care as my primary vocation.

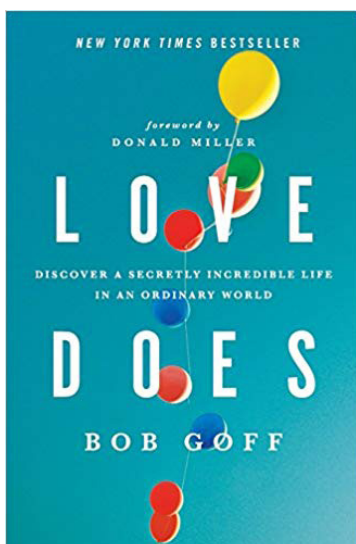
My life is not my own and as I journey on, I seek His face and your prayer support 'that He who began the good work in me will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus,' according to His Perfect Will.' Amen.

Bookstall

This month we have two books which have been recommended by members of our church community, the first by our vicar, the second by Izzy Cole.



The US has the highest rate of incarceration in the world. The prison population has increased from 300,000 in the early 1970s to more than two million now. One in every 15 people is expected to go to prison. For black men, the most incarcerated group in America, this figure rises to one out of every three. Bryan Stevenson grew up a member of a poor black community in the racially segregated South. He was a young lawyer when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative. One of his first cases was that of Walter McMillian, a young black man who was sentenced to die for a notorious murder he insisted he didn't commit. The case drew Bryan into a tangle of conspiracy, political machination, startling racial inequality, and legal brinksmanship — and transformed his understanding of mercy and justice forever. *Just Mercy* is at once an unforgettable account of an idealistic, gifted lawyer's coming of age, a moving portrait of the lives of those he has defended, and an inspiring argument for compassion in the pursuit of justice.



Bob Goff has become something of a legend, and his friends consider him the world's best-kept secret. Those same friends have long insisted he write a book. What follows are paradigm shifts, musings, and stories from one of the world's most delightfully engaging and winsome people. What fuels his impact? Love. But it's not the kind of love that stops at thoughts and feelings. Bob's love takes action. Bob believes Love Does. When Love Does, life gets interesting. Each day turns into a hilarious, whimsical, meaningful chance that makes faith simple and real. Each chapter is a story that forms a book, a life. And this is one life you don't want to miss. Light and fun, unique and profound, the lessons drawn from Bob's life and attitude just might inspire you to be secretly incredible, too.

Monthly Diary



September		
Tuesday 4th	8:00pm	First Tuesday Prayers
Sunday 9th	3:00pm 6:30pm	Hymns of Praise at St David's Open to God
Wednesday 12th	8:00pm	Book Club
Sunday 16th	12:30pm	People & Planet Gathering
Sunday 23rd	10:30am 6:30pm	Baptism and Confirmation Service Open to God
Monday 24th	7:45pm	Church Council Meeting
Thursday 27th	7:45pm	Alpha
Friday 28th	3pm	Oliver Powell Memorial Service
Saturday 29th	10:30am - 3:00pm	Craft Fair

October		
Tuesday 2nd	8:00pm	First Tuesday Prayers
Thursday 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th	7:45pm	Alpha
Sunday 7th	6:30pm	Open to God

Prayer Requests

Give thanks for:

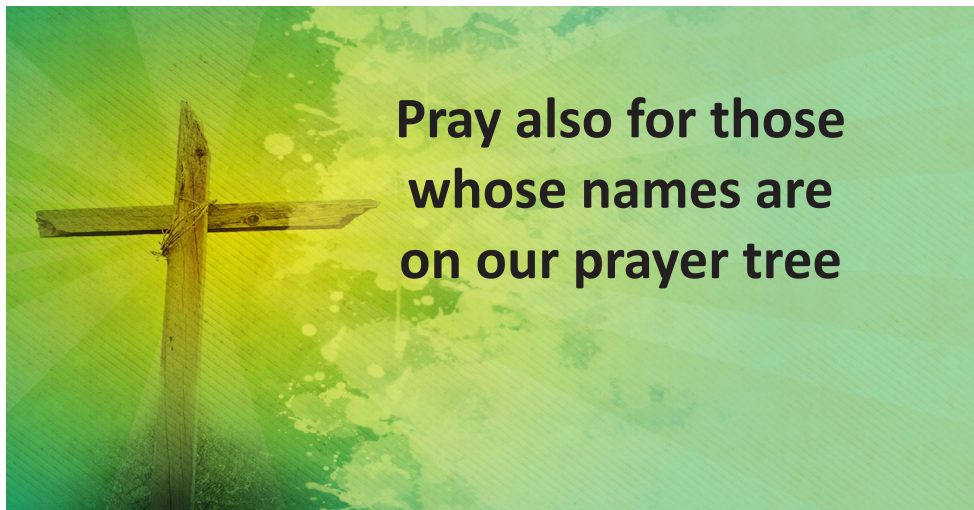
- Those who went to New Wine, Soul Survivor, Green Belt and other summer festivals and encountered God in new and powerful ways
- Those who have been on holiday
- Our Clergy and Lay Leaders
- Our visiting preachers, Andrew Dand, Tim Sudworth and Sheenagh Burrell

During this month please pray especially for:

- Please pray for those being Baptised/Confirmed: Eleanor Coomber, Chloe Ladwa and Linda Rivans
- The Ealing Half Marathon and those taking part

Those who are sick and in special need:

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



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