



BULLET IN

Worshipping Jesus
Growing Together
Reaching Others

DEC 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 been 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.

St Stephen's is 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 we meet together we 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.

During December we journey through **Advent towards Christmas**. There are lots of different services and events as we celebrate the fact that God chose to come among us and live on earth. Have a look through this Bulletin and know that you are invited to be a part of all that we have planned. We hope that as you do so you will know for yourself the truth that we proclaim 'Emmanuel - God with us!'

Steve Newbold

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Notices

People & Planet

We meet on 2nd Dec. Our speakers will be Andrew Dixon and Brian and Sally Lamond who went to St. Francis Hospital, Eastern Zambia in September. See fliers and sign up sheet by the Welcome Desk.

Christians Against Poverty

At our 10:30am Service on Sunday 16th December we will be receiving food hampers put together by various groups in Church. They will be delivered to clients of Ealing Christians Against Poverty.

Christmas Tree

We are decorating the Church Christmas Tree on Monday 10th Dec at 7pm. If you would like to help please let Morgen Edwards in the Church Office know on 8991 0164 or admin@ststephens-ealing.org.

St David's Care Home

Please come and sing with us for the St David's Carols of Praise on Sunday 9th December at 3pm. Contact Peter Devereux 8579 7884.

Traidcraft

Christmas cards and goods will be available during Cafe on 2nd/9th Dec. Come and try our Fairtrade versions. Please consider these alternatives.

Christmas Bazaar

Thank you to all who helped with or supported our Christmas Bazaar. It was a great success and over £4,000 was raised for Ealing Christians Against Poverty. Thank you all so much.

Christmas Cards

Please do use the special notice board at the back of the Church (from 9th Dec) to display a Christmas card to the whole church - you can consider donating money saved to a charity.

Volunteers Required

Help required with:

- Carol Services (16th)
- Carols, Nativity and Christingles (24th)
- Making mince pies and or cakes

Please sign up at the Welcome Desk.

Speak to Caroline Jamieson or Geoff Thomas.

Also, can you help deliver Christmas Invitations around the Parish from 2nd December. Please invite your neighbours & friends especially to our Carol Services. For many, this season is a first step into church and a personal touch can make a big difference.

Finance

Thank you to everyone who has responded to our recent giving appeal and made new or revised pledges to St Stephen's. An additional £10k of annual income has been promised which will almost balance our budget. However, although the building works are now complete we have significant debts to repay on loans taken out and so we need to ensure that all of the pledges made are realised. Please do make arrangements with your bank to start or revise your Standing Order and ensure that a Gift Aid card has been completed. Many thanks.



2019 Flower Rota

The flower rota for 2019 has now been put in the folder in the foyer. Please consider signing up to provide flowers for a Sunday next year.

Christmas Collections

As usual we will be taking an exit collection at all of our Christmas Services. This will be divided equally between the work of the Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter and Tearfund. Please come prepared to give and gift aid your donation if you can.

Ealing Food Bank

Thanks to all who give regularly. Please remember those for whom Christmas will be a real struggle with next to no cash to spare. Use the Food Bank shopping list for donations. The Warehouse was overwhelmed by Harvest generosity, when over 11 tonnes of food came in, but we are still giving out more each week than is donated.

Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter

Has begun in the first 7 churches! We will be hosting the Night Shelter on Fridays from 15th February - 29th March. Recruitment of volunteers will start in the New Year. In the meantime, please pray for the host churches, their volunteers and the guests as winter takes a grip.

Christmas Carol Services

Do you like to sing? The autumn term has started and the Carol Services on 16th December are in our sights. Rehearsals continue through December in Church from 7.30pm to 9pm.

Interested - just speak to James Harvey
JHarvey@jamesharveyassociates.co.uk

Dementia Awareness

Livability, the UK's largest Christian disability charity, will be running a practical half-day workshop at St Stephen's on Sat Jan 19th 10am – 1pm on dementia awareness. The purpose is to encourage and equip us to take the next steps towards supporting people living with dementia, carers, and those affected by it. It is free and open to anyone in the congregation. Places are limited. Please contact Rosemary Beardow to book a place or to find out more.

rosemary@ststephens-ealing.org



New Wine

Bookings are 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 next year. Book by the end of November to attract the biggest discount.

Women's Breakfast

Returning on **Saturday 26th Jan** with our speaker Rose Hudson-Wilkin - Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons.

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

Will only be meeting on Mon 18th Dec at 8pm. 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

Meeting Thurs 13th Dec to watch Darkest Hour and Thurs 4th Jan to discuss. Rosemary Beardow (07733 441 431).

Chinese Group

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



Say NO to Palm Oil this Christmas!

Did you know that Palm Oil is used in 50% of all consumer goods from cosmetics to packaged foods and confectionery? Grown extensively in tropical countries, plantations wipe out rainforests, and make Climate Change worse. Much of the wildlife of Borneo and Sumatra is threatened to near extinction. Search www.greenpeace.org.uk/Rang-TanVideo. Look for Christmas gifts which do not list Palm Oil in their ingredients or state "No Palm Oil" in the chocolates, biscuits, body lotions and luxuries we buy at this festive time!



Shining Stars

For pre-school children and their parents or carers. Finishes for Christmas on Tues 11th December and restarts on 8th January 2019. For more info please email shiningstars@ststephens-ealing.org



TEA-TIMERS

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Runs most Fridays 2.30-4.00pm at church. Contact Jane - events@ststephens-ealing.org
Dec 7th - Music
Dec 14th - Church Christmas tea - NOTE 3.30 -5.30 DIFFERENT TIMING
Dec 21st - Helping prepare for Christmas

Christmas 2018 Special Services

Sunday 16th December

Usual morning services

4.30pm and 6.30pm Traditional Carol Services

both followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

Sunday 23rd December

Usual services at 9am, 10:30am and 6:30pm

Christmas Eve

4.30pm Carols, Nativity and Christingles

children are encouraged to come
dressed as nativity character

11.00pm Midnight Communion

(note new time)

Christmas Day

10.30am – 11.30am All Age Celebration

(please bring one of your new presents to show to us all)

Sunday 30th December

10:30am Whole Church Communion

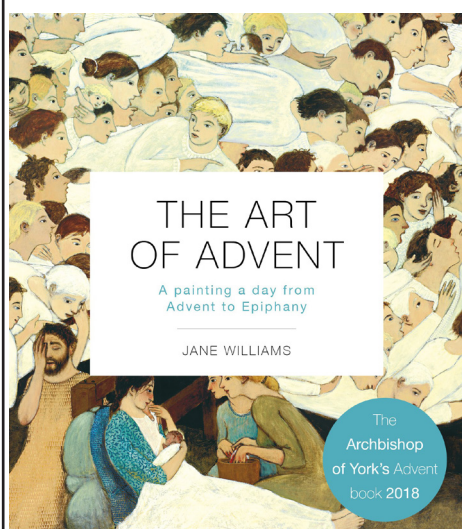
No 9am or 6:30pm services

**Note: No weekday services (Morning Prayer and Communion)
between Christmas and New Year.**

**Wednesday Communion will resume on 2nd January 2019 and
Morning Prayer on Thursday 3rd January 2019.**

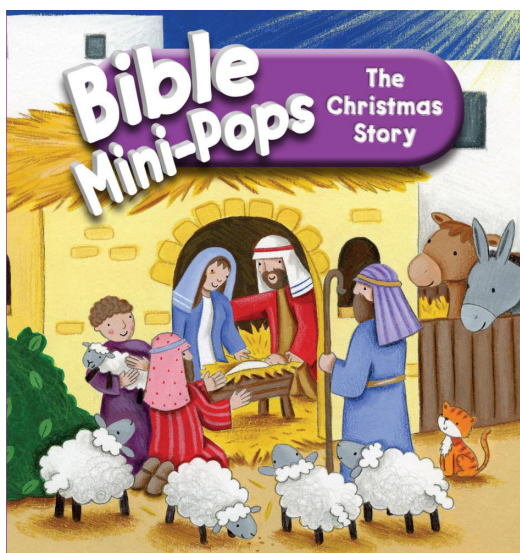
Bookstall Suggestions

Lots of lovely children's Christmas books on the Bookstall, as well as for adults. Come and have a look!



Join Jane Williams on a journey from Advent to Epiphany, and discover the timeless wisdom to be found in some of the world's greatest paintings.

Illustrated in full colour with nearly forty famous and lesser-known masterpieces of Western art, this beautiful book will lead you into a deeply prayerful response to all that these paintings convey to the discerning eye.



An early-learning book with a pop-up on each double-page spread. The book includes five scenes from the nativity story. The small format makes this book great for little children to play with on their own and to carry anywhere.

Monthly Diary



December		
Sunday 2nd	12:30pm 6:30pm	People & Planet Gathering Open to God
Tuesday 4th	8:00pm	First Tuesday Prayers
Thursday 6th	7:30pm	Choir Practice
Sunday 9th	12:30pm 3:00pm 6:30pm	Youth Christmas Party Hymns of Praise at St David's Welcome Stranger Service
Tuesday 11th	10-11:30am	Shining Stars Christmas Party
Wednesday 12th	7:30pm 8:00pm	Choir Practice Book Club
Thursday 13th	7:45pm	Alpha Christmas Party
Friday 14th	3:30pm	Seniors Christmas Tea
Sunday 16th	4:30 & 6:30pm	Carol Services
Wednesday 19th	4:00pm	Communion at St David's
Monday 24th	4:30pm	Christingle, Carols and Nativity
Tuesday 25th	10:30am	All Age Celebration & Communion
Sunday 30th	10:30am	Whole Church Service

January		
Sunday 6th	11:45am	Cafe Extra
Tuesday 8th	8:00pm	First Tuesday Prayers
Sunday 13th	3:00pm	Hymns of Praise at St David's

Prayer Requests

Give thanks for:

- The coming of Jesus our Saviour into our world
- The generous response with new financial pledges for 2019
- All that we will enjoy at Christmas
- Those who have completed Alpha
- Our Christmas Bazaar and the money raised for Ealing CAP

During this month please pray especially for:

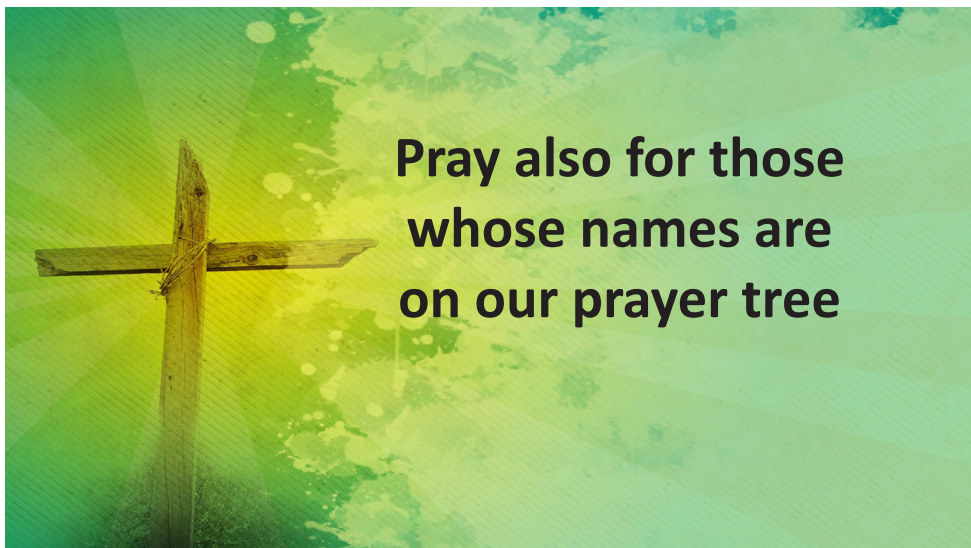
- St Stephen's volunteers helping at the Ealing Soup Kitchen
- The Ealing Winter Churches Night Shelter as it opens for the winter months
- Our outreach and Christmas services during this month
- Those who are homeless or living in poverty
- Those who will be spending Christmas on their own

Those who are sick and in special need:

Audrey Ajose, Gordon Couch, Pauline Craven, Alan and Jane Hanley, George Hore, John Jackson, Jane Morris, Maisie Poulton, Ken Taylor, Pam.

Those who have been bereaved:

Alex Loveridge mourning the death of his mother Yvonne Loveridge.
Gillian Coomber mourning the death of her mother Eileen Goldthorpe.



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Worship & Prayer Discipleship Outreach Children & Youth

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