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Worshipping Jesus
Growing Together
Reaching Others

MAY 2019

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 written in a cursive, slightly stylized font. A horizontal line is drawn underneath the signature.

Steve Newbold

Notices

First Tuesday Prayers and Praise at 8pm

Did you know we have fantastic worship at Tuesday Prayers too? Come along to Pray and Praise with us whilst we concentrate on the mission of our church and what God has to say to us.

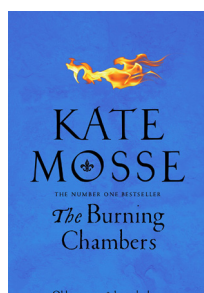
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TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

The stall will be open on **5th May**, with our usual selection of groceries and chocolates. New delivery of cards. Very good value and something for all occasions! We are happy to take promises of payment if you come without cash.

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St Stephen's Book Club

Next meets on **Weds 8th May at 8pm**. We have carried this book over from our April meeting. Join us for cake, wine and discussion.

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Churches Together Visit

Southwark Cathedral on **Sat May 11th** for Choral Evensong at 4pm followed by a guided tour of the Cathedral's stained glass. Interested? Contact Noreen Barnes-Hoggett, on 020 8997-4935 or noreen29@googlemail.com

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St David's Home

Singers required for 'New Life' Hymns of Praise on **Sunday 12th May**. Starts at 3pm contact Sally Horattides 8840 6047 or Pete Devereux 8579 7884.

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12th - 19th May

Please support Christian Aid in raising awareness and money for maternity care in Sierra Leone. Be part of an appeal that thousands of churches and individuals join in each May, fighting for dignity, equality and justice across the world. Our services on 12th will feature Christian Aid's work with a guest speaker. Other events include:

- **Sunday 12th** – Lunch and sales of plants, books and cakes from noon and a wonderful concert from Coro at 3pm
- **Wednesday 15th** – Super Soup Lunch.
- **Sunday 19th** – Join us, or sponsor us on the Circle the City Walk.
- Even an hour to help with house-to-house collections that week, or collecting in Pitshanger Lane on **Saturday 18th** would be great.

See the sign-up sheets in church and more information on the Mission Team Board.

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People and Planet Gathering

Featuring issues of peace, justice and creation care in the context of our faith. Our next meeting will be on **Sunday 26th May** at 12.30 pm.

Details in coming Updates and on the Eco Church notice board.

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Thanks from the Marylebone Project

The project for homeless women were delighted to receive the 78 Easter Eggs we delivered in April and ask that all be thanked. This would not have been possible but for the generosity of many of our church members.

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Thy Kingdom Come 30th May – 9th June

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

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Ascension Day

Join us on Thursday 30th May at 8pm for a said service of Holy Communion as we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus (Luke 24:50-53). This is also the first day of Thy Kingdom Come as we begin to look forward to Pentecost and pray for a fresh out pouring of the Holy Spirit.

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Archdeacon's Visitation

Thursday 16th May – 7:30pm

St Mary's, Ealing

The service will include the admission of churchwardens, a celebration of Capital Vision 2020 and ministry in the deanery, and the presentation on Common Fund 2020 for treasurers and parish representatives. This event is open to all who would like to attend.

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Save the Date

Saturday 15th June – Women's Breakfast with Lindsay Melliush

Sunday 30th June – BBQ Lunch after Sam Sanya's first communion

Wednesday 3rd July – Searchlight Theatre Company – Would you Adam & Eve it?
(Tickets on sale from May)

Saturday 16th November - Big Tearfund Quiz

New Wine Men's Day

Sat 11 May / 9am / St Paul's, Ealing

Have you ever felt the 'real you' is hidden behind 'the you' that others see? The truth is, all of us wear masks at times. During this Men's Day, through story, testimony and teaching, we'll be encouraging us to take off the masks and find strength in our faith in Jesus. The speakers are Gram Seed, Paul Bryant, Patrick Dixon. Sign-up for what will be an inspiring and faith-building day via new-wine.org/mensday A delicious lunch of pie, mash, peas and gravy provided by the Humble Pie company can also be ordered for the day.

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Sam Sanya's Ordination

Sam will be ordained as Priest at 7pm on **Friday 28th June** at St Martin's, Kensal Rise. His first Communion service will take place on **Sunday 30th June** and will be followed by a church BBQ. Please do come along and join Sam on this special day. Please bring a salad or a dessert to share. A sign up sheet will be available closer to the time.

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Stories of God

If you have any stories of how you have encountered God that you would like to share please email them to admin@ststephen-ealing.org.

These stories will then be shared on the St Stephen's social media pages. If you'd prefer you can remain anonymous.

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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 evenings. More info from Dinos Horattides (8840 6047) or Peter Charlton (8997 8236)

Tuesday Group

Alternate Tuesdays 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.

Daytimers

Meets every Wednesday at 11:00am in the Church Centre for cake, coffee, fellowship, Bible reflection and prayer.

Film Group

Film Group will be watching The Wife on Thursday 2nd May 7.30pm and discussing it on Thursday 16th May. Rosemary Beardow (07733 441 431).

Chinese Group

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



Give nature a home this spring. Place bee boxes in sheltered, sunny positions. Bug hotels in shady areas are more likely to be used by lacewings and wood lice.

Shrubs will provide year-round interest and are easy to look after - offering shelter, nest sites, flowers and fruit for birds.

Even a large saucer or old washing up bowl sunk into the ground will be welcomed by water loving insects or bathing birds.



Shining Stars

A group for pre-school children and their parents or carers.

Returns on Tuesday 30th April 10am-11:30am

For more info please email shiningstars@ststephens-ealing.org



Tea Timers drop in cafe

Runs most Fridays 2.30-4.00pm at church.

Contact Jane Maffett - events@ststephens-ealing.org

26th April - Egg-stravaganza

3rd May - Space

10th May - Birds of a feather

17th May - Christian Aid week

24th May - Food memories

31st May - Games

People's Stories

Morgen Edwards



I was christened when I was a baby but I've not always been a practising Christian, from memory we only went to Church at Christmas. I didn't start attending church regularly until I was 14 or 15 when a Youth Group started at St Michael & All Angels, W4 which I began attending with friends. A group of us were asked whether we'd considered getting Confirmed so we started attending classes: a short while later we were standing in front of the Bishop of Kensington. After this I began to serve in the Sunday services. It felt good to be part of something.

Around the same time I started working and working life began to take over. As I was still at school I could only work weekends which meant that I let church slide. There was a Christian Union at school but I'm sad to say I never got involved.

Skip forward a few years and I met Tim. He comes from a church family who attended St Stephen's for many years so I started coming along with them until Tim and I bought our first house and moved to Ruislip. Church life slipped again.

After we had our first child, Grace, we decided we needed to find a church again. We went to a few local to us but the fit wasn't right so we decide to 'come home'. After maternity leave we decided that I should work part time and unfortunately the company I worked for couldn't accommodate that so I needed to find a new job. After a tricky month at a local company, and some serious prayers for something better suited, a job came up at St Stephen's and I jumped at it. I am so glad I did.

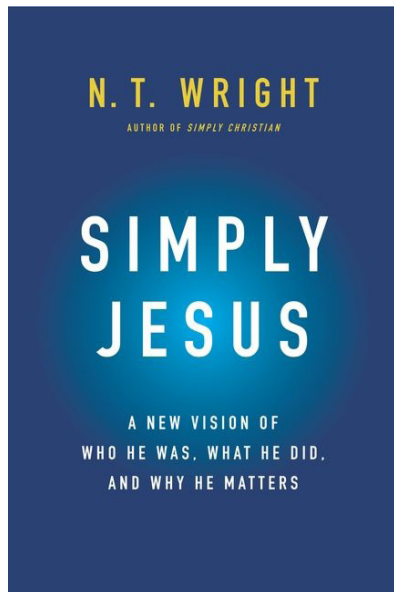
I am the Communications Manager which means I work in the Church Office three days a week. I answer calls and speak to people who come in. I am responsible for the church's website, social media, TV and the Wednesday and Sunday rotas. I also co-publish the Annual Review Booklet with Mary Ann Auckland, I am Electoral Roll Officer and assist Steve with certain things for his role as Area Dean.

I have been here almost three years and thoroughly enjoy it. Not only it is a nicer place to work but I don't have to worry about expressing my faith. Since being back at St Stephen's I have joined the reading and chalice rotas, attended the Alpha course, which I would honestly recommend to everyone, started a book club and am a Sparklers leader.

Last month I attended the New Wine Leadership Conference with a group from church. It was an intense two days but I thoroughly enjoyed it. I had only really experienced that kind of powerful worship twice before but I was timid in expressing myself then. This time I felt freed, the talks and prayer times really impacted me and I honestly felt at times that He was holding my hand. I feel my faith has grown as a result.

Bookstall

We have a wide range of books and Bibles for all ages. This month's suggestions for reading are a well known book of Tom Wright's about faith, and a book by Sam Wells about how to live out our faith.



The classic work available in paperback for the first time: The Renowned Bible scholar, Anglican bishop, and bestselling author N. T. Wright breaks down the barriers that prevent us from fully engaging with the story of Jesus in the Bible. Wright summarizes a lifetime of study of Jesus and the New Testament in order to present for a general audience who Jesus was and is. In *Simply Jesus*, we are invited to hear one of our leading scholars introduce the story of the carpenter's son from Nazareth as if we were hearing it for the first time.



Priests and pastoral caregivers often accompany people who are struggling to negotiate experiences of sickness, bereavement or anxiety. There are no easy answers in such situations, no formulaic remedies, no slick theological explanations. The process of being present, listening and responding is demanding and requires skills and wisdom beyond ministers' own experience. Often, caregivers feel they receive more than they give in such encounters. Samuel Wells reflects theologically and pastorally on twenty such encounters that were both hugely challenging and hugely instructive for him. The result is a book of profound practical wisdom and understanding that will inform and enrich pastoral ministry for all who read it.

Monthly Diary



May		
Sunday 5th	11:45am	Cafe Extra
Tuesday 7th	8:00pm	Prayers and Praise
Wednesday 8th	8:00pm	Book Club
Sunday 12th	12:30pm 3:00pm 3:00pm	Lunch and Sales of Goods Hymns of Praise at St David's Coro Concert
Wednesday 15th	12:30pm 4:00pm	Super Soup Lunch Communion at St David's
Sunday 19th	All Day	Circle the City Walk
Sunday 26th	12:30pm	People & Planet Gathering

June		
Sunday 2nd	11:45am	Cafe Extra
Tuesday 4th	8:00pm	First Tuesday Prayers
Sunday 9th	3:00pm	Hymns of Praise at St David's

Prayer Requests

Give thanks for:

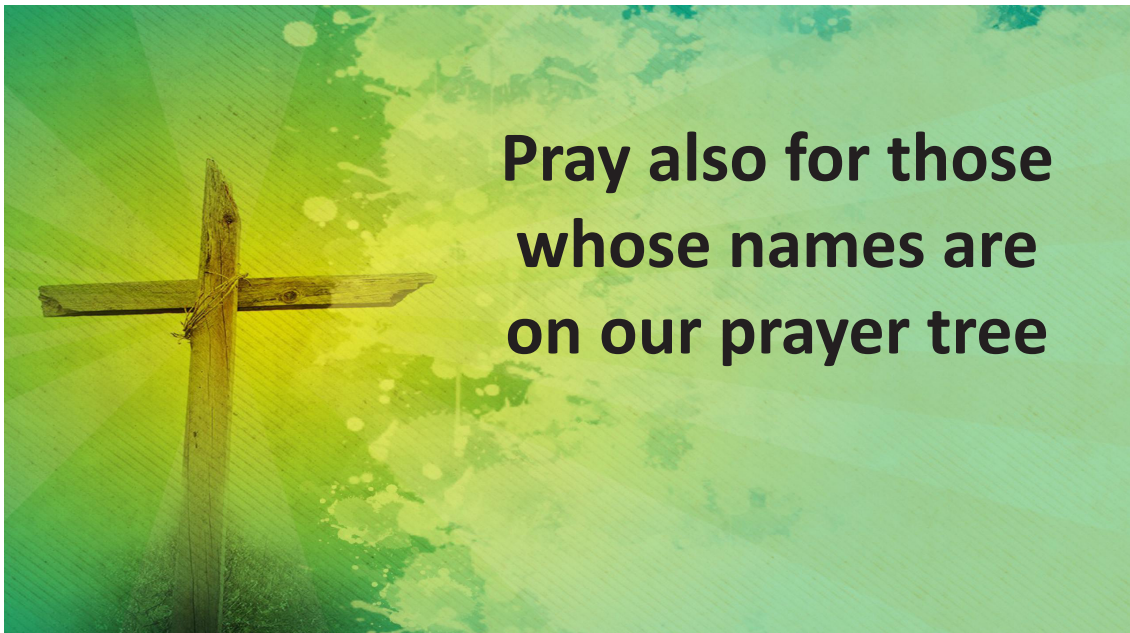
- The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ
- Our Holy Week and Easter services
- The work of the Marylebone Project (a mission partner)
- Our Annual Church Meeting

During this month please pray especially for:

- Christian Aid Week
- The gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost - pray for a fresh outpouring here in this place

Those who are sick and in special need:

Gordon Couch, Pat Devereux, Alan and Jane Hanley, George Hore, Jane Morris, Maisie Poulton, Ken Taylor, Ann and Pam.



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

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