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Worshipping Jesus Growing Together Reaching Others

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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 menitoned 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.

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 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.

The month of June has some important events which you will read about in this Bulletin. Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer event leading up to Pentecost Sunday when we are called to pray for our family and friends who don't yet know Jesus. At the end of the month, our Curate Sam Sanya will be ordained as a priest and then preside at the Communion Service for the first time. These events are open to all so do feel free to join us.

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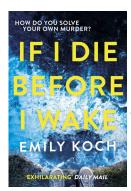
Notices

First Tuesday Prayers and Praise at 8pm Tuesday 4th June

Did you know we have fantastic sung 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.

Traidcraft Stall

The stall will be open on **2nd June**. Please support growers and producers in buying Fairtrade everyday essentials, knowing that they will be paid a minimum wage or more (depending on market prices) as well as a premium for developing their communities.



St Stephen's Book Club

Next meets on Weds 12th
June at 8pm in the church
meeting room. Join us for
cake, wine and discussion.

St David's Home

'Pentecost' Hymns of Praise on **Sunday 9th June.** Starts at 3pm contact Sally Horattides 8840 6047 or Pete Devereux 8579 7884.

People and Planet Gathering

This month's meeting will be on Sunday 23rd June at 12.30. We plan a visit to Grassroots Forest School to learn more about the movement helping children know more about our natural environment. All welcome but please let us know you hope to come. Details close to the day. Sue Charlton 8997 8236

Welcome Tea

If you are new to St Stephen's you are invited to a Welcome Tea on Sunday 2nd June at 3pm. Contact Caroline Newbold (caroline@ststephens-ealing.org) if you can come.

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.



The season from Ascension Day (30th May) to Pentecost (9th June) is a time when we are called to join with others in praying for others to come to know Jesus and for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In addition to our usual services you can take part by joining:

- Thursday 30th May 8pm Ascension Day Communion
- Saturday 1st June 10.00am Quiet Morning (see below)
- Monday 3rd Friday June 8am Daily Prayer
- Saturday 8th June 10am Hand to Hand Packing
- Sunday 9th June 6.30pm- Pentecost Celebration

Quiet Morning

Saturday 1st June 10 am to 12.30 pm. Come and be quiet with God away from the busyness of everyday life. Drop in for a few minutes or stay longer. Prayer stations will be available to aid reflection. Tea/coffee and biscuits available. More information from Enid Barron or Rosemary Beardow

New Wine Meeting

If you are coming to New Wine this summer we have a planning meeting after the all Age Service on Sunday 7th July.

Women's Breakfast 9.30-11.30 Saturday 15 June 2019

This Summer we have the opportunity to hear Lindsay Melluish speak to us about 'Finding peace in an anxious world'. Some of you may have heard her speak before at St Paul's, Ealing or New Wine. She is informative, experienced and has lots of helpful ideas. So if you suffer or have suffered from stress (let's face it, who hasn't), then do come along. Do invite friends as this should be a really helpful meeting. We shall be asking for a donation of £4 towards the breakfast. Please fill in the sign-up sheet, phone Caroline Jamieson on 020 8840 1971 or book on the church website.



Wednesday 3rd July 7:15pm

Searchlight Theatre Company are coming to St Stephens to perform their Edinburgh Fringe show. Tickets are available now £10 each. There are a limited number of free tickets for 11-18 year olds. Please speak to Jane Maffett or email events@systephens-ealing.org to book tickets or for more information.

Save the Date

27th - 30th Aug — 'Pyramid Rock Holiday Club' for 5-11's (Bookings start in June) Sat 28th Sept — Craft Fair Sun 29th Sept — Ealing Half Marathon Saturday 16th Nov — Big Tearfund Quiz

The Grove Prayer and Worship

Thurs 13th June 7:45pm-9:00pm Gurnell Grove Community Centre W13 OAR. We feel the need to increase prayer for our estate and have begun to do this as a team but would value others standing in prayer with us. Please do join us if you can.

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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Christian Aid Week

Many thanks to all who helped make CAW at St. Stephen's a success. We are happy to receive

donations up to 23rd June if you missed the fun and want to join in! Results of what we've raised will be announced at the end of June.

Richard Bewes (1934-2019)

The Revd Richard Bewes has sadly died aged 84. Richard was formerly Rector of All Souls, Langham Place but after retirement settled in Ealing. He regularly attended St Barnabas Church in Pitshanger Lane but came to preach for us on a number occasions. Richard was an outstanding preacher, international Bible teacher and hymn writer (we sing some of his hymns). His death is a great loss to the Church but we can be confident that he is now in the presence of the Lord he loved and served.



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.



Did you know that going by train, instead of flying from London to Paris reduces carbon emissions by 90%. It's quicker too, if you consider the length of time in checking in etc at airports. Long distance trains from there will get you to many holiday destinations. However you get to your destination, once there, maybe try using public transport or hiring a hybrid or electric car. Often on offer for the same price. Staycation from home? Explore our beautiful country by train or bus. Have a great time, whatever you plan!



Shining Stars

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

7 June - Finding meaning in Objects 14 June - Beer & Skittles 21 June - Building Blocks 28 June - Getting to know you

Dementia Awareness

In January, Livability, the largest UK Christian disability charity ran a workshop at St. Stephen's on dementia. Forty of us learned about what dementia is, how we can support those living with it and discussed how we could make our church more 'dementia friendly'. Below is a summary of some of the key points which others may find helpful:

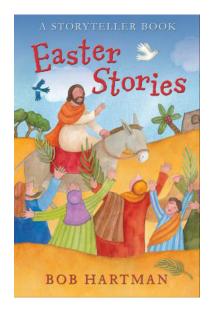
- Being a dementia friendly church is not simply about providing somewhere those 'living with dementia' are welcomed but somewhere people belong.
- Dementia might show itself in a variety of ways including memory loss, inability to follow directions, difficulty learning new things, finding one's way, and apathy. It's important to ask, 'How is this person different from their normal self?'
- Dementia is an umbrella term and the specific underlying disease influences how the dementia is expressed and how it is experienced. Other conditions such as urinary tract infection or depression can produce dementia like symptoms so formal diagnosis is only made after considering the symptoms, looking at the results of mini-mental tests and a brain scan.
- Even a diagnosis does not indicate a steady regular decline; there may be periods of stability, even improvement, over varying lengths of time. Isolation and lack of interaction can be key in influencing decline.
- We were presented with various theories of how to respond and interact with those living with dementia. 'It depends' became a constant refrain, which highlighted the importance of treating each person as an individual.
- We were challenged to think about who knows the little important things about us that add to our daily well-being what we like to be called, how many sugars we take in tea, what food we like etc.
- Rather than correcting or ignoring any errors of memory it was suggested that we should concentrate on the feelings being expressed and reflect this back. For example, if someone says they are waiting for their mother (long dead) one might say, 'You miss your mother?' Or 'Tell me about your mother'.
- We were reminded that we are the body of Christ and that regardless of diagnosis we should help each person be the best person they can be emphasising what someone can do rather than what they can no longer do and find ways for them to be genuinely useful.
- We discussed the need to acknowledge the challenges faced by close relatives and friends who need opportunity to express their grief as they 'lose' the person they knew. [We hope to initiate a support group for this purpose.]
- A file is available in the Church Office containing further information and fact sheets about dementia and dementia friendly churches.

Please contact me if you have any comments or want further information. Rosemary Beardow – Pastoral Care Co-Ordinator rosemary@ststephens-ealing.org

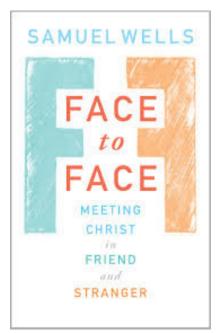
Bookstall

This month we are highlighting two books – one for children and the other for adults. They are part of our new stock on the bookstall.

Come and have a look!



Following the tried and tested formula of his earlier Lion Storyteller titles, Bob Hartman retells a selection of Easter stories in his own inimitable style. This collection of 23 stories includes the key Bible accounts of the events of the first Easter from Palm Sunday through to Jesus' resurrection, encounters with his friends and followers, and the ascension. Bob Hartman's retellings of familiar and sometimes serious tales are fresh and engaging, making these Bible stories accessible to the young and not-so-young. Line illustrations complement the text. As a bonus, this book includes some of Bob Hartman's favourite storytelling tips.



The guides in this series are designed to help readers understand the Bible in fresh ways under the guidance of one of the world's leading New Testament scholars. Thoughtful questions, prayer suggestions, and useful background and cultural information are provided. The mysterious presence of Jesus haunts the whole story of Acts. Jesus is announced as King and Lord, not as an increasingly distant memory but as a living and powerful reality.

We call the book "The Acts of the Apostles," but we should think of it as "The Acts of Jesus: Part Two." These studies help us to do so, and to see how Jesus' acts through the apostles inform and empower our acts today. The guides in this series by Tom Wright can be used on their own or alongside his New Testament for Everyone commentaries.

Please visit the Bookstall. As well as books to sell we have a selection of books you can borrow.

Monthly Diary



June		
Sunday 2nd	11:45am	Cafe Extra
Tuesday 4th	8:00pm	First Tuesday Prayers and Praise
Pentecost Sunday 9th	3:00pm 6:30pm	Hymns of Praise at St David's Open to God
Wednesday 12th	8:00pm	Book Club
Sunday 16th	9:00am & 10:30am	Father's Day
Wednesday 19th	4:00pm	Communion at St David's
Sunday 23rd	12:30pm 6:30pm	People & Planet Open to God
Friday 28th	7:00pm	Sam Sanya's Ordination as Priest at St Martin's Kensal Rise
Sunday 30th	10:30am 12:30pm	Sam Sanya's First Communion Church BBQ

July		
Tuesday 2nd	8:00pm	First Tuesday Prayers and Praise
Sunday 7th	11:45am 6:30pm	Cafe Extra Open to God
Wednesday 10th	8:00pm	Book Club
Sunday 14th	3:00pm	Hymns of Praise at St David's

Prayer Requests

Give thanks for:

- The gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost
- Our newly elected Churchwardens Dele Fasanya and Caroline Jamieson
- 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
- Sam Sanya and others as they are ordained as Priests at St Martin's, Kensal Rise on Friday 28th June
- Sam Sanya's first communion services on Sunday 30th June

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.



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Worship & Prayer Discipleship Outreach Children & Youth

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