

St Stephen's Ealing



Community growing
in the love of Jesus

St Stephen's News
July / August 2026

A note from David



As we step into Summer, it feels like we are stretching into openness at St Stephen's. Six weeks ago we appointed a churchwarden team who are bringing great energy to their roles, and we congratulate them (especially Lily) for a splendid whole church BBQ at the end of June. We have also celebrated the arrival of our new curate, Alison, who will be serving with us over the next three years. We look forward to all that she will bring to our life together even as we recognise that curates are a gift that we need to receive well (i.e. not overwork!)

Later this month the sliding door panels will be replaced in the church hall which come September will bring renewed functionality and adaptability for our children's ministry. And towards the end of August, work will begin to repave the church car park. Where things may have seemed stuck for a while, now we are stretching into openness.

I'm reminded of a verse from Isaiah 54 where God speaks to the people of Israel about their future inheritance. After years in exile in Babylon, God's people felt stuck, and so God speaks to them with this encouragement:

'Enlarge the place of your tent,
stretch your tent curtains wide,
do not hold back;
lengthen your cords,
strengthen your stakes.
For you will spread out to the right and to the left;
your descendants will dispossess nations
and settle in their desolate cities.'

Life in Babylon wasn't particularly spacious for the people of Israel. But the spaciousness they lacked wasn't the physical space of having somewhere to live. What they lacked was the spaciousness of knowing that the Lord was with them. And so, God encourages them: enlarge your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, strengthen your stakes. Why? Because as they exercised faith, God knew that they would return to a place where their hearts and minds felt spacious once again.

We need spacious hearts and minds to receive the things that God wants to speak to us today. And so as we enjoy a much-needed opportunity to rest this Summer, I invite you to join me in praying that our hearts and minds might be open to all that God wants to say to us. Let's stretch into openness, and let's be sure that we do so in God's strength with hearts and minds renewed.

With every blessing,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Baylor". The script is cursive and fluid.

David

Weekly Services

Monday & Friday	9:00am	Morning Prayer in Meeting Room
Tuesday & Thursday	9:00am	Morning Prayer on Zoom (email admin@ststephens-ealing.org for details)
Wednesday	10:00am	Midweek Communion
Sunday	9:00am	Traditional Holy Communion
	10:30am	Informal Service (with children & youth groups)

Monthly Calendar

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Tuesday 7th	8:00pm	Monthly Prayer Meeting
Wednesday 8th	8:00pm	Book Club
Friday 10th	7:00pm	Youth Group
Sunday 12th	12:00pm	JAM Team Lunch
Thursday 16th	8:00pm	Film Group
Monday 20th	8:00pm	PCC Meeting
Friday 24th	7:00pm	Youth Group
Sunday 26th	10:00am	First Summer Sunday service pattern begins, one combined service through to the beginning of September

August

Sunday 2nd	3:00pm	Pimm's and Hymns
Tuesday 4th	8:00pm	Monthly Prayer Meeting

September

Notices

Monthly Prayer Meetings

Tuesday 7th July & 4th August at 8pm. Our monthly meetings to pray for the life of St Stephen's, our local community and the wider world. Open to all, we also spend time listening for God's voice and in praise.

Book Club

Is meeting on **Weds 8th July at 8:00pm** to discuss *The Killer Question* by Janice Hallett. We then break for summer and return in September. All books are listed on the church website. This group is open to all. Speak to Morgen Edwards or just turn up.

Film Group

Meets on **Thursday 16th July at 8:00pm**. Please speak to Chris Nicholson for more information.

St David's Care Home Services

Our St Stephen's team will be running a Communion Service on **Monday 20th July at 11:00am**. Summer Hymns of Praise will be on **Sunday 19th July**. Meet at 1:45pm for a 2:00pm start. If you can join us, it's a good opportunity to meet the residents and support the Church's work at St David's.

Youth Group

Our Youth Group is open to any young person from year 7-11. Please speak to Stephen Turner for more information. They will be meeting on **Friday 10th and 24th July at 7:00pm**.

Summer Sundays

From **Sunday 26th July until Sunday 6th September** we will only have one Sunday service at **10:00am**. This service will be a blend of both our Traditional and Informal services with Communion each week.

Ealing Half Marathon (EHM)

We will once again be hosting a water station for the EHM on **Sunday 27th September**. We have two free entries to run on behalf of St Stephen's. If you are running or would consider running and on behalf of SSE please speak to Jack Cahill about the entry code. EHM are also recruiting for route volunteers. Please [click here to register as a volunteer](#).

National Emergency Briefing (NEB)

In April our People & Planet Group organised a meeting to watch and then discuss the issues brought up by a short film about the Climate Crisis and what we might do about it. It set out problems as seen and understood by world renowned Scientists who explained the effects on food production, finances, health etc, and the need to engage with our Councillors, MPs and Parliament to debate the issues and do whatever possible to reduce the dangers. Other screenings are being organised across the borough. It is lovely to work with passionate, young inventive mums, a new Green Council member, and churches in other towns in our Borough to get more screenings during summer and autumn. Do get in touch with Sue Charlton (sacharlton@btinternet.com) for more information or to get involved.

Church Picnic

On **Sunday 6th September at 12:00pm** we will be having a picnic in Cleveland Park. Bring a blanket, chairs and your picnic and join us at the top of the park. There will be a few games for the kids too! No need to sign up just come along.

Mission Updates

by Sue Charlton

The Amos Trust

Ref: Amos 5 v23 'let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream'

For 40 years, Amos has been saying #WeDoHope together.

As a small Christian creative human rights organisation, Amos is committed to social justice, gender equality, climate justice and Palestinian rights. In Palestine, Amos has stood for over 30 years with grass-roots organisations campaigning against occupation and apartheid.

Amos supports indigenous activists across Central America, building climate resilience; and with organisations in Africa and India on Gender Justice, supporting street-connected girls and young women – providing safety, challenging attitudes and advocating rights.

Some years ago, Peter and I travelled with Amos to Bethlehem. We obviously visited the Holy sights in Jerusalem and Bethlehem, but also spent time in the West Bank, in Nablus, in Hebron and by the Sea of Galilee, meeting many that Amos is working with. We have also visited Nicaragua (Central America) with Amos, meeting the schools and families where Amos is working to support communities stricken with some of the worst affected climate related problems in the world. We saw for ourselves the deep relationships between Amos and the farmers and educationalists with whom they are working – and the wonderful differences that are being made.

Our long-time friend at St. Stephen's, Gordon Couch, has been a supporter for decades too, and has many an inspiring tale to tell relating to his work with Amos.

Please hold Amos and their small staff group in your thoughts and prayers. We hope to hear more from Katie Hagley of Amos over the coming months. For more info see: www.amostrust.org.

Eco Church Update: on Food

Many will know or may have noted the Plaque opposite the front door (under the Welcome Notice and Screen), declaring that we qualified as an Eco Church Silver Award holder in 2021. There are now more than 10k churches working with Eco Church across the country, and the surveys have been updated in the last year. We plan to try for Gold. A tall order, but there are many things we CAN try to do better! Thinking about the food/drink we offer at Café, and our various meetings, lunches and teas we enjoy at church - can we all try to remember ingredients that encourage environmental and social justice issues? Look for logos of Fairtrade, B Corp, Rainforest Alliance etc when buying ingredients. We are registered as a Fairtrade Church and have long bought FT coffee, tea and sugar to offer after services. But what about all those other opportunities to share food and drink?

If it helps, think **LOAF** – Local (UK as opposed to overseas!) **O**rganic (no pesticides, herbicides etc) **A**nimal friendly, **F**airtrade.

Many of our favourite foods/drinks are produced in the equatorial band around the world. Bananas, tea, coffee, cocoa/chocolate. Farmers cope with worsening climate related problems when helped by organisations as listed above. Happy eating!!

A weekend of Celebration!

At the end of June we welcomed our new Curate, Alison Ingram to St Stephen's. The weekend started on Saturday 27th June when a number of us travelled to St Paul's Cathedral to witness the Ordination of Alison and 29 others by the Acting Bishop of London, Emma Ineson.

On Sunday we held one combined Communion service for the whole church, during which J.A.M. the children learned about the story of Jesus meeting the woman at the well. They made individual wells and also wrote prayers for Alison to fill

her very own Prayer Well. The well was left out for other church member to add prayers for Alison.

After the service a BBQ was held for the whole church. Many thanks to all who contributed with setting up, salads, side dishes, desserts and packing away. A particular thanks to Brian and Sally Lamond and Jack Cahill for manning the BBQ.





Church and Parish Prayer

[Please click here for our monthly prayer diary](#) for all who consider St Stephen's Ealing to be their spiritual home.

These are the roads in our Parish we are praying for this month. Please pray for all those who live there and for people to know our Saviour, Jesus:

Bruton Way	St Stephen's Ave
Fosse Way	Ravensbourne Gardens
Claremont Ave	Robinson's Close
Hollingbourne Gardens	

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