

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>THIS EVENING</b>	<b>6pm All Souls</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Quiz Night</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Christmas Fair</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	<b>4pm Advent Carols</b>

## PARISH DIRECTORY

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**Please take this notice sheet away with you.** There are copies available to give to a friend or neighbour who is not able to be in church. There is an electronic copy available should you wish to save some trees!

**Items for the newsletter should be notified to Fr Geoffrey by Thursday morning.**

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# St Stephen Norbury & Thornton Heath

## Newsletter

4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018

### ALL SAINTS

#### SERVICES THIS WEEK

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>EUCCHARIST</b>
	<b>10am</b>	<b>SUNG EUCCHARIST</b>
	<b>6pm</b>	<b>SUNG EUCCHARIST</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>EUCCHARIST</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>EUCCHARIST</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>EUCCHARIST</b>
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>SAID EUCCHARIST</b>
	<b>10am</b>	<b>SUNG EUCCHARIST &amp; ACT OF REMEMBRANCE</b>

**OUR TWIN PARISHES IN ZIMBABWE AND THE USA** We are twinned with St Mark's, Patchway and St Luke's, Chakari in the diocese of Central Zimbabwe. We will pray regularly for Fr Taurayi Kaerezi and his people. Please pray, too, for the Episcopal parish of Grace in Chicago – part of our sister Church in the US led by Bishop Michael Curry.

**PRAYING FOR THE PARISH** This month we are praying for all who live in Beverstone Road and Heathview Road. Our thanks to Helen Doe who faithfully delivers prayer cards to our streets month by month. This is an important act of evangelism.

**THE BREAD AND WINE** It costs £5 per week to sponsor the elements to mark a special occasion or to remember a loved one. Please speak to Fr Geoffrey to book.

**WELCOMERS NEEDED** We all share the ministry of welcome to friends, visitors and newcomers but we have a dedicated group of welcomers who stand at the door on Sunday mornings before the 10am Mass. The group has become a little depleted. If this is something you'd like to try please speak to Fr Geoffrey or to Juliana Smith.

**THE PILGRIM COURSE** The dates are: 28<sup>th</sup> November, 9<sup>th</sup> January and 6<sup>th</sup> February. Subject: The Beatitudes – what do they mean to us and how can they transform our lives. Anyone can join the classes and everyone will get something from them!

**CONFIRMATIONS 2018** In a departure from our usual practice of hosting Confirmation services or travelling around the deanery we will be going up to Southwark Cathedral for our Confirmations this year. The date for your diary is Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November. We have five candidates this year so do feel free to come to the cathedral by 4pm on the day to pray for them and offer them your support

**VISITING THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND** Here at St Stephen's we have, in addition to the clergy, a pastoral team ready to give a listening ear, provide

company and to bring the Blessed Sacrament. BUT we need to know if you or a friend, neighbour or family member is in need. Please don't assume that the grapevine works or that the right people will get to know. In the first instance please let Fr Geoffrey or Mtr Joyce know. We will act as soon as possible.

**THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL** Our electoral roll is an important measure of the number of people connected to St Stephen's as well as the means by which people are entitled to vote at the APCM and (if they live outside the parish) to enjoy all the rights of parishioners. This list has to be updated every few years which means that EVERYONE has to fill in a new form or otherwise not be counted any more. Forms are at the back of church.

**ALL SOULS** Our marking of All Souls is this evening at 6pm. A list for departed loved ones is at the back of church. All the names will be read out during the service. Please remember that if you have added names it is only proper to attend to pray for all those who have died.

**CHRISTINE EVANS** We have yet to fix a date for Christine Evans' funeral requiem. We are in conversation with Christine's solicitors and we will share information as soon as possible.

**LOVE IN A BOX** If you are donating gifts or money to Love in a Box please remember the deadline is 18<sup>th</sup> November.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH** Our thanks to all those who made such a great contribution to our double celebration of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of the NHS and Windrush. Excellent speakers and events and a great team effort.

**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER** The parish newsletter will soon be ready for distribution. As always we need to make distribution a priority task; an important act of outreach as every house in the parish receives news and information about St Stephen's. If you think we have something to shout about in our worship and our life together this is a great way of helping to spread that good news.

