

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Today	10am Mayor of Croydon helps launch Black History Month
20 th October	7pm Windrush Generation celebration
28 th October	10am Dedication Festival
10 th November	Quiz Night
24 th November	Christmas Fair

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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

7th OCTOBER 2018

19th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SERVICES THIS WEEK

TODAY	8am	EUCCHARIST
	10am	SUNG EUCCHARIST
TUESDAY	7.30am	EUCCHARIST
WEDNESDAY	10am	EUCCHARIST
SATURDAY	10am	EUCCHARIST
NEXT SUNDAY	8am	EUCCHARIST
	10am	SUNG EUCCHARIST

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 Dalmeny Avenue and St Helen's Crescent. Our thanks to Helen Doe who faithfully delivers prayer cards to our streets month by month. This is a simple but effective means of outreach in the parish.

THE BREAD AND WINE The elements are sponsored by Ruth Kay for Mr Buys, and by Del Cooper for CJ. It costs £5 per week to sponsor the elements to mark a special occasion or to remember a loved one. Speak to Fr Geoffrey.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH This month we are celebrating the Windrush 70th anniversary and the 70th birthday of the NHS. All stories and photographic material will be most welcome. See Dahlia Sterling or Mtr Joyce.

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: 31st October, 28th November, 9th January and 6th 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!

MINISTRY OF INVITATION We can always offer to accompany friends and neighbours to church and pray that more people will come to know and love God. In the coming months we will be exploring our new mission action plan with this in mind.

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 24th November. Anyone over the age of 10 can get Confirmed. Classes will start on Thursday 25th October and continue then each Thursday for a further four weeks at 7pm. A signing up list is at the back of church.

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 available at the back of church.

OUR HARVEST GIFTS We are looking for someone with a largish car who would be willing to deliver our harvest gifts to Nightwatch any Sunday evening in October between 7.30 and 10.30. Destination: The Quaker meeting house just off the Fairfield roundabouts – CRO 1JE. Please speak to Fr Geoffrey if you can help.

CALLING ALL DUMPSTER USERS! To save money and encourage recycling we now have only one dumpster so it's very important that we try to avoid over-filling it. If you're throwing away cardboard boxes please break them down so they go in flat.