

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MU meeting

16<sup>th</sup> February 11am

ASH WEDNESDAY

6<sup>th</sup> March

## 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

10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2019

## FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

### 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
	6pm	EVENSONG & BENEDICTION

**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 Braemar Avenue and Melrose Avenue. 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.

**SOUND DESK HELP AND SIDESPEOPLE NEEDED** We need to recruit a new person to operate the sound desk on Sunday mornings. Training provided. Training will also be offered to anyone who would like to be a part of our ministry of care and welcome by being a sidesperson. Please speak to Hazel Pudney or Andrea Anderson.

**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 the clergy need to know if you or a friend, neighbour or family member is in need.

**THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL** 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. Being on the electoral roll means you have the right to vote in parish elections.

**ANOINTING** It is a privilege to offer the Sacrament of Anointing at St Stephen's. This is available at any time by request to the clergy and is normally offered during the 10am Eucharist on the fourth Sunday of the month. Please note that the Sacrament is intended for people who are

actually ill. It's not intended for people in good health or as a "good luck" token to prevent sickness.

**WALSINGHAM 2019** It's never too early to book for the Walsingham Pilgrimage (and we have to notify final figures at the start of June) so the booking list is now out. The cost for accommodation and full board is £142. Travel will be £40 – frozen for the third year. Please sign up and pay a deposit of £40 to secure your booking. If you would like to know more about Walsingham please speak to Fr Geoffrey.

**MISSION IN 2019** In the next few weeks we will be circulating our revised Mission Action Plan (MAP) that every parish is encouraged to create. It's designed to highlight strengths and opportunities in our work to invite more people to experience the love of God at St Stephen's. This should also help us prepare for a national weekend of invitation in June when we are invited to identify one or more people to invite to St Stephen's to experience our life and worship for themselves.

**LENT BOOKS AND EXERCISES** It's always good to take something up for Lent. Many Christians find it helpful to have a daily reading and reflection to follow. As usual we will be providing two or three titles that might be of interest. We will follow the Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent. The season might also be a good time to attend one of the weekday Eucharists as well. Tuesdays at 7.30am, Wednesdays and Saturdays at 10am.

**YOUTH ALIVE** Pray for our youth group as it works with other groups in the Croydon North Deanery on the Public Spirit project. Designed to combine faith and community spirit the project has identified safety and the treatment young people receive from adults and the police as priority areas. Following a residential weekend later this month these concerns will be presented to councillors and MPs, culminating in May in a major meeting at Southwark Cathedral with South London Citizens.

**MOTHERS UNION** The MU meets on 16<sup>th</sup> February at 11am in the Claudette McArthur Room. All welcome.

