

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14th February

Lent begins. Masses at 10am and 8pm

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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

11th February 2018

SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

SERVICES THIS WEEK

TODAY	8am	EUCCHARIST
	10am	SUNG EUCCHARIST
TUESDAY	7.30am	NO SERVICE
ASH WEDNESDAY	10am	EUCCHARIST
	8pm	SUNG EUCCHARIST
FRIDAY	7pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
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. It was a joy to receive an email from Fr Taurayi sending us blessings and good wishes. Please pray, too, for the Episcopal parish of Grace in Chicago as it seeks to appoint a new priest.

PRAYING FOR THE PARISH This month we are praying for all who live in MELFORT ROAD and THORNTON ROW.

THE BREAD AND WINE This week the elements are being sponsored by Millicent Arthurs for her friend, Ivy. By Celia Anderson for her birthday and for the anniversary of her sister, Susan Kabia Smith. By Kester O'Connor for his daughter, Kevelly, who is recovering from surgery, and by Delores Cooper in memory of her sister's friend, Grace. 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.

THE PILGRIM COURSE The third term in the course is now running. The sessions are at 11am and 7pm and the remaining dates are as follows: **28th February, 4th April and 2nd May.** We are looking at the themes revealed in the ten commandments and their implications for Christian living. The booklets for the session are available from Fr Geoffrey for £5. New people are always welcome to join at any time.

REPORTS FOR THE APCM If you have received a request for a written report to be presented at the APCM in April please be aware that you need to submit the report to Juliana Smith by 19th February so that the full pack can be collated and presented to the PCC for its approval by 20th March.

THANKS to Muriel Stocker who has very kindly donated funds to buy a new high altar crucifix. It will complement the new candlesticks (see the item about the Friend of St Stephen's) beautifully. All will be revealed together at Easter.

WEDDINGS AND BAPTISMS If you are planning a wedding or wish to have a child Baptised (or get Baptised yourself) please come into church on any Saturday morning between 10.30 and 11.30. A priest will be here to help you. We can discuss times and dates and fill in any necessary paperwork. There is no charge for Baptism whether of adults or of infants.

HOME INSURANCE Ecclesiastical UK Home Insurance will donate £130 to St Stephen's if you take out insurance with them. Quote TRUST 130 and call 0800 783 0130. More information (including contact details) is at the back of church.

THE CHOIR Rehearsals for Easter start on 11th February at 11.40, prompt. They will continue until Palm Sunday. All welcome. Any questions to Hazel Pudney on: hazelpudney69@gmail.com.

FRIENDS OF ST STEPHEN'S The funds released by the Friends as the group is wound up have already enabled us to source a red High Mass set, a new set of high altar candlesticks, new cottas and cassocks for the servers, and a stock of new hymn books. We are immensely grateful to the Friends for their generosity.

WALSINGHAM Booking is now open for the Walsingham pilgrimage (7th to 9th September). To secure your booking for this wonderful weekend you will need to fill in an application form (available from Fr Geoffrey) and pay a deposit of £40.

WORKING MORNING Thanks to those who turned out yesterday to help clean and tidy, inside and out. The more the merrier. There are always jobs to be done in and around church so please talk to the wardens or to Fr Geoffrey to find out more.

AND THANK YOU from Fr Geoffrey who greatly appreciated the prayers and good wishes of the congregation during his illness. His recovery seems to be well under way and he is resuming duties steadily.

