

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

15<sup>th</sup> March 8pm

PCC

22<sup>nd</sup> April 10am

Bishop of Woolwich visits

## 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

11<sup>th</sup> March 2018

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### MOTHERING SUNDAY

#### SERVICES THIS WEEK

TODAY	8am	EUCCHARIST
	10am	SUNG EUCCHARIST
TUESDAY	7.30am	EUCCHARIST
WEDNESDAY	10am	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.

**PRAYING FOR THE PARISH** This month we are praying for all who live in MELFORT AVENUE and NORBURY CRESCENT. Our thanks to Helen Doe who tirelessly delivers prayer cards to our streets month after month.

**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.

**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: **4<sup>th</sup> April, 2<sup>nd</sup> May and 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**CHILDRENS' SOCIETY BOXES** These now need to be returned to Pam Sinclair by Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March so they can be emptied and the money counted and sent off.

**THE BISHOP OF WOOLWICH'S VISIT** We are very much looking forward to welcoming Bishop Karawe to St Stephen's on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. He will reside and preach at the 10am Eucharist. Please make a note of this in your diary so we can give the bishop a big St Stephen's welcome.

**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. Anyone over the age of 10 can get Confirmed. Classes will start in October so watch out for the dates.

**VISITING THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND** Visiting the sick and those in need is at the heart of Christian pastoral care. 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 take it from there. Thank you.

**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. We can discuss times and dates and fill in any necessary paperwork. There is no charge for Baptism whether of children or adults.

**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 on the noticeboard at the back of church.

**THE CHOIR** Rehearsals for Easter continue today at 11.40, prompt. They will carry on until Palm Sunday. All welcome. Any questions to Hazel Pudney on: hazelpudney69@gmail.com. Help make our Easter worship even more special.

**WALSINGHAM** Booking is open for the Walsingham pilgrimage (7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> September). To secure your booking for this wonderful weekend you will need to fill in an application form and pay a deposit of £40. The total cost – including transport – is about £180.

**CROYDON CITIZENS ASSEMBLY** Celebrate the achievements of Croydon Citizens on 22<sup>nd</sup> March at Holy Saviour Church 7 – 8.45pm. Hear reports of important work in the fields of youth safety, youth mental health services and affordable housing. It's also a time to formulate an approach to the council on these three issues before the local elections in May.

