

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Feast of the Assumption	15 th August Mass 8pm
Parish Quiz Night	7 th September
PCC	17 th September 8pm
Bishop of Croydon's visit	22 nd September 10am

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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 AUGUST 2019

Gospel: Luke 12.32-40

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SERVICES THIS WEEK

TODAY	8am	EUCCHARIST
	10am	SUNG EUCCHARIST
TUESDAY	7.30am	EUCCHARIST
WEDNESDAY	10am	EUCCHARIST
THURSDAY	8pm	SUNG EUCCHARIST
SATURDAY	10am	EUCCHARIST
NEXT SUNDAY	8am	EUCCHARIST
	10am	SUNG EUCCHARIST
	6pm	EVENING PRAYER & 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 Maplethorpe Road and Warlingham Road. Our thanks to Helen Doe who regularly delivers the cards to the streets being prayed for.

THE BREAD AND WINE The elements are sponsored by Rianna Goode for the birthday of her mother, Marie and cousin Val who died recently. 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.

SIDESPEOPLE NEEDED Training will 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.

PARISH SUPPORT FUND We have received the following message from Fr Chris Skilton, the Archdeacon of Croydon:
"I am writing to acknowledge receipt of [your] Parish Support Fund pledge for 2020. I accept your pledge of £60,796. The pledge represents a 2.6% increase on your 2019 pledge and is over the 2% guidance given by the diocese. Please pass on my grateful appreciation to the congregation and PCC for their consistent generosity and support of the mission and ministry across our diocese."

WALSINGHAM 2019 Booking for the pilgrimage is now closed. The cost for accommodation and full board is £142. Travel will be £40 – frozen for the third year. Full payment should be made in the next month – cheques made out to St Stephen's PCC. We will hold a reserved list in case of cancellations.

PILGRIM Our discipleship course is continuing. This is a great opportunity to sit for an hour to reflect on scripture, the faith of the Church, and examine

what our own faith means. Sessions at 11am and 7.15pm. Future sessions on: 4th September and 2nd October.

CONFIRMATION Confirmation classes will begin on 24th October and continue each Thursday at 7pm up to and including 21st November. They are open to anyone from the age of 10 upwards. As last year we will have the privilege of going to Southwark Cathedral on 23rd November in the afternoon..

RECEIVING THE BLESSED SACRAMENT It is usual in the Church of England for communicants to receive both the host and the chalice directly. This is both convenient and hygienic. The habit of dipping the host in the chalice is not encouraged but it is worth remembering that, if you are concerned about passing on or contracting infection, it is perfectly proper to receive the host only. Thank you for respecting this request.

BACK TO SCHOOL QUIZ NIGHT Don't miss this autumn favourite on 7th September. Doors open at 7pm. The quiz starts at 7.30. Adults £8, children under 12 £5. Cost includes a fish/sausage and chips supper with a pudding and one free drink from the bar. Tickets from the churchwardens from today onwards.

APPEAL FOR KELLY FAUVRELLE The Communications Workers Union, to which Kelly belonged, has set up an appeal fund to provide a lasting memorial to her and to help her immediate family with funeral costs. You can donate via this link: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/kellymary

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES If you have collection boxes for the Children's Society please bring them into church.

THE BISHOP OF CROYDON Make a note in your diaries and on your calendars for 22nd September when the Bishop of Croydon, the Right Reverend Jonathan Clark, will be presiding and preaching at the 10 o'clock Mass. It's a few years since he was with us so let's put our best St Stephen's foot forward for him.

