

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

15<sup>th</sup> January

8pm PCC

## 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

13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019

## THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

### 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 Carew Road and Colliers Water Lane. 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** This week the elements are sponsored by Barbara Grant to mark her husband, Edward's, birthday. 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.

**SIDESPERSION NEEDED** We need to recruit a new sidesperson to assist the wardens on Sunday mornings. Training provided. Please speak to Hazel Pudney or Andrea Anderson.

**THE PILGRIM COURSE** The remaining date in this session of the Pilgrim course is 6<sup>th</sup> February. Subject: The Beatitudes – what do they mean and how they transform our lives.

**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.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH SURVEY** St Stephen's has been marking this important time for some years now. The organisers would like our opinion on last year's commemoration of the Windrush and NHS 70<sup>th</sup> anniversaries and so have prepared a short questionnaire for us to fill in. This will help them reflect on what has been done and planning for the future.

**CONGREGATION XMAS CARDS** Christmas keeps going and we can still wish each other a happy one! Remember to check on the table at the back of church for cards addressed to you. We would rather they were collected than recycled.

**ANOINTING** Please note that anointing will take place next Sunday (20<sup>th</sup>) instead of on the fourth Sunday. Anointing is an important part of the Church's healing ministry and should only be received if you are ill in body or mind.

**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. This is something we are all called to be part of – which is why we pray for the mission and growth of our church every week. Please hold the mission of St Stephen's in your own prayers and seek God's purpose for you.

