

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14 th May	12 noon	John Hayles' funeral
15 th May	7.30pm	MU meeting
25 th May	7pm	Know about Diabetes
23 rd June	11 – 4pm	St Albans Pilgrimage

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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

13th May 2018

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SERVICES THIS WEEK

TODAY	8am	EUCCHARIST (BCP)
	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.

PRAYING FOR THE PARISH This month we are praying for all who live in KINTYRE CLOSE and STRATHYRE AVENUE. Our thanks to Helen Doe who tirelessly delivers prayer cards to our streets month after month. This is a simple but effective means of outreach in the parish.

THE BREAD AND WINE The elements are sponsored this week by Richard and Pauline Webster to celebrate the 8th birthday of their grandson, Daniel; by Jennifer Taylor to mark her 60th birthday; by Millicent Arthurs for her granddaughter, Rocelle, and by Sonia Cooper in memory of her mother, Ena Brown. It costs £5 per week to sponsor the elements to mark a special occasion or to remember a loved one. 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 date is **30th May**. We are looking at the themes revealed in the ten commandments and their implications for Christian living.

ST ALBANS PILGRIMAGE At last we have confirmation that this popular devotion will be happening on 23rd June. It starts at 11am in St Albans so anyone interested in going needs to be at Streatham station in good time to catch the 9.18 train. More information from Fr Geoffrey.

KINGDOM COME The Bishop of Southwark is encouraging us to take part in a national initiative of prayer and invitation between the Feasts of the Ascension (10th May) and Pentecost (20th May). Offer to accompany friends and neighbours to church and pray that more people will come to know and love God. The church will be open for longer during this time and we will be inviting people in to pray, to light a candle and, if so desired, to talk.

UPDATES FROM THE TREASURER The new planned giving year has started – many thanks to all those who have already responded to our annual stewardship campaign. If you give using envelopes and have not yet collected your new supply please do so. Our signed accounts are now on display at the back of church. You will also find details of a scheme for raising funds through “Easyfundraising” that won't cost you anything. There is also information there on how to donate to St Stephen's by TEXT.

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 24th November. Anyone over the age of 10 can get Confirmed. Classes will start on 25th October and continue then for a further four weeks at 7pm. A list for names will be put out within the next few weeks.

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 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.

MOTHERS' UNION - DIABETES Everyone is invited to a talk about diabetes, its treatment and management, on 25th May at 7pm in church. It's thought that up to 1:17 of the UK population is living with the condition.

WALSINGHAM Booking is 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 and pay a deposit of £40. The total cost – full board and including transport by coach – is about £180. If you'd like to know more please speak to Fr Geoffrey. Please note that FINAL NUMBERS HAVE TO BE SUPPLIED BY 8TH JUNE.

