

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Walsingham Festival  
at Westminster Abbey

4<sup>th</sup> May

## 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

14<sup>th</sup> April 2019

## PALM SUNDAY

### SERVICES THIS WEEK

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>EUCCHARIST</b>
	<b>10am</b>	<b>SUNG EUCCHARIST</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>8pm</b>	<b>EUCCHARIST</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>7.30am/8pm</b>	<b>EUCCHARIST</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>10am/8pm</b>	<b>EUCCHARIST</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>8pm</b>	<b>SUNG EUCCHARIST</b>
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	<b>1pm</b>	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>
	<b>2pm</b>	<b>LITURGY OF THE DAY</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>8pm</b>	<b>SUNG EUCCHARIST</b>
<b>EASTER DAY</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>EUCCHARIST</b>
	<b>10am</b>	<b>SUNG EUCCHARIST</b>
	<b>6pm</b>	<b>EVENSONG &amp; BENEDICTION</b>

**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 Totton Road and Woodland Road. Our thanks to Helen Doe who regularly delivers the cards to the streets being prayed for.

**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.

**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.

**ADMISSION TO COMMUNION** Children from the age of seven are welcome to be admitted to Communion on Easter Day. Please give Fr Geoffrey the name, date of birth, place and date of baptism, current address and the name of a parent/sponsor as soon as possible. There will be a preparation session after the 10am Mass TODAY.

**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. If you don't recall filling in a form check the list at the back of church. Blank forms are at the back of church, too.

**THE BISHOP OF SOUTHWARK'S LENT APPEAL** Details of the Bishop of Southwark's Lent appeal are now on display at the back of church. We are invited to donate to good causes in Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe and here, in south London. Please, as usual, put money aside during Lent that you can lay at the feet of the crucified Christ at the 2pm service on Good Friday.

**WALSINGHAM 2019** It's never too early to book for the Walsingham Pilgrimage (13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> September) 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.

**MISSION IN 2019** We are sharing 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.

**THE CHOIR** Rehearsals for Easter services will continue at 11.30am this Sunday. All voices and all ages are welcome. An ability to read music would be good but is by no means essential.

**WALSINGHAM FESTIVAL AT WESTMINSTER** This promises to be a wonderful day of worship and learning. The event is free but you must register via **Eventbrite**. Go to the Westminster Abbey website and click on the Walsingham link or check the St Stephen's Facebook page. Places are going fast but Fr Geoffrey will register you if you don't have internet access at home.

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER LEAFLETS** Some bundles are still at the back of church ready for distribution. If you spot your street please take them with you today but they must all go so don't hold back! This is an important part of our outreach to the parish – some of you might be here because you received a leaflet in the past – so let's not deprive our neighbours of this important link.

**HOLY WEEK WORSHIP** The Church gives us so many opportunities to follow Christ on his journey to the Cross that it seems a pity to jump straight from Palm Sunday to Easter Day missing out on so much in between. Check the service times and see if you can join Our Lord during the coming week.

