

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

22nd April 10am

Bishop of Woolwich visits

29th April 11.30am

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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

15th April 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SERVICES THIS WEEK

TODAY	8am	EUCCHARIST
	10am	SUNG EUCCHARIST
	6pm	EVENSONG & BENEDICTION
TUESDAY	7.30am	EUCCHARIST
WEDNESDAY	10am	EUCCHARIST
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. 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 ARDFERN AVENUE and BRIGSTOCK ROAD. 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. 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: **2nd May and 30th 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.

BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL Donations can still be given to Ian Pudney or Fr Geoffrey. Please mark it clearly "Lent Appeal".

UPDATES FROM THE TREASURER The new planned giving year begins today – 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 today. Our signed accounts are now on display at the back of church. You will also find there details of a clever scheme for raising church funds through "Easyfundraising" that won't cost you anything. There is also information there on how to donate to St Stephen's by TEXT.

CHILDRENS' SOCIETY BOXES These need to be returned to Pam Sinclair today 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 Karowei to St Stephen's next Sunday (22nd April). He will

preside 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. We will be having special refreshments in church after the Eucharist so do stay on to chat to the bishop.

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 four weeks at 7pm.

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. We will take it from there.

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.

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. Information is on the noticeboard at the back of church.

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 booking will close at the end of May.

