

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Today 12 noon YA fundraiser

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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 JULY 2018

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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 – 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 LANGDALE ROAD and WOODCOTE 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 by Millicent Arthurs for her grandson, Rees, and by Richard and Pauline Webster to mark the birthday of their daughter, Barbara. It costs £5 per week to sponsor the elements to mark a special occasion or to remember a loved one. Speak to Fr Geoffrey to book your slot!

THE PILGRIM COURSE We will restart in September and run, as before, every four weeks on Wednesdays at 11am and 7pm. The dates will be: 5th September, 3rd October, 31st October, 28th November, 9th January and 6th February. Subject: The Beatitudes.

SCOTS ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION has its AGM at the Norbury public house (SW16 4DG) on 18th July from 7pm

GOD'S KINGDOM COME The Bishop of Southwark encouraged us to take part in a national initiative of prayer and invitation between the Feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost. But the need to issue invitations did not end then. We can always offer to accompany friends and neighbours to church and pray that more people will come to know and love God. In the coming months we will be exploring our new mission action plan with this in mind.

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 signing up list for names is at the back of church.

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.

WALSINGHAM Those booked on the pilgrimage can pay the £140 now outstanding for the weekend's board and lodging. Cheques made out to St Stephen's PCC. We depart at 11am on Friday 7th September – a little earlier than usual.

THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL Our electoral roll is an important measure of the number of people connected to St Stephen's as well as the means by which people are entitled to vote at the APCM and (if they live outside the parish) to enjoy all the rights of parishioners. 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 available at the back of church. Remember you will not appear on the roll in future unless you fill in a new form.

YOUTH ALIVE CHARITY MINI GAMES Our youth group is raising funds for the Croydon-based youth counselling service, **Off the Record**. They need our help in taking part in fun, all age games, and getting sponsorship. Please sign up after the 10am Mass and get a sponsorship form. The games take place in the hall after Mass today.

AGE CONCERN ART GROUP which meets in church from time to time, has an exhibition of work in Thornton Heath library over the next three months. Do drop in to see it.

