

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Bring and share lunch
Christmas Fair

27th October 12noon
30th November

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 just give Fr Geoffrey your email address.

Items for the newsletter should be notified to Fr Geoffrey by Thursday morning.

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St Stephen Norbury & Thornton Heath

Newsletter

20TH OCTOBER 2019

Gospel: Luke 18.1-8

EIGHTEENTH 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 Beechwood Avenue, Kintyre Close and Wiltshire Road. Our thanks to Helen Doe who regularly delivers the cards to the streets being prayed for.

THE BREAD AND WINE The elements are sponsored by Millicent Arthurs for Milton Chambers. 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.

ALL SOULS We keep the solemnity of All Souls at 6pm on Sunday 3rd November. This is our annual opportunity to remember and give thanks for departed loved ones. A sheet for names to be read will be available soon.

THE CHRISTMAS FAIR With boost given to us by the James Alexander boards we are planning for a really great Christmas Fair on 30th November. All the usual stalls, of course from food to second hand books; raffles and some really exciting children's activities. Start looking out good quality items you no longer need. Come yourself and bring your friends.

HARVEST FESTIVAL If you still have gifts to bring please get them to church in the course of this week. Thank you for your generosity thus far. The gifts will go to Croydon Nightwatch shortly.

WALSINGHAM We have booked the weekend of 11th to 13th September for our 2020 pilgrimage. Our thanks to everyone who bought incense and communion hosts as an act of thanksgiving for a happy pilgrimage this year.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH October is designated as the month when we pay particular attention to the achievements of black members of our

community. This year we will celebrate our diversity with a bring and share lunch on 27th October.

CONTACTLESS PAYMENT It's good that we can now use contactless payment for items and events at St Stephen's. If you want to make a one-off donation you can specify the amount. Note this should not replace your usual regular giving method

RECEIVING THE BLESSED SACRAMENT It is usual in the Church of England for communicants to receive both the host and the chalice directly. This is both convenient and hygienic. The habit of dipping the host in the chalice is not encouraged but it is worth remembering that, if you are concerned about passing on infection, it is perfectly proper to receive the host only.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY Boxes have been emptied and donations counted. The proceeds will be sent to the Children's Society soon. Boxes can now be collected at the back of church. Our thanks to all who have donated in this way. If you would like to have a box please speak to Pam Sinclair.

WORD ALIVE If you are looking for fellowship including some bible study and singing don't miss Word Alive which meets on the first Friday of the month in the Claudette McArthur Room between 7.30 and 9.30. More information from Christine Wheeler but you are welcome simply to turn up.

CONFIRMATION will now take place on 6th June 2020 at St Paul's, Thornton Heath. Classes will start after Easter. A sign up list will be put at the back of church but please speak to Fr Geoffrey if you or anyone you know from the age of 10 upwards would like to be Confirmed.

TRAINING AND DISCIPLESHIP IN SOUTHWARK We have received the listings of all the training courses being offered by our diocese in the coming year. There is a pile of booklets at the back of church so please take one. Many of the courses are open to everyone and all contribute to our own learning and the building up of god's kingdom.

