

Dates to remember:

3rd October 11am: BHM Service @ Southwark Cathedral

10th October 10.30qm: Friendship and Fellowship Group

17th October 7pm: Poetry Event for BHM

21st November 4pm: Confirmation Service @ Southwark Cathedral

28th November 11am-3pm: Christmas Fair

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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.

Items for the newsletter should be notified to Kwabena Nyack via admin.ststephens@gmail.com by Wednesday evening.

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27th September 2026 Harvest Festival

Sun 27th September Harvest Festival/17th Sunday after Trinity	8am: Said Eucharist (Fr Daniel Burton) 10am: Sung Eucharist (President – Fr Daniel Burton; Preacher Mthr Joyce Forbes) 12pm: BHM Meeting
Tue 29th September <i>Michael and All Angels</i>	10:30am: Tai Chi (Hall) 7pm: Said Eucharist (Fr Daniel Burton)
Wed 30th September <i>Jerome, translator.</i>	10am: Said Eucharist (Fr Daniel Burton)
Thu 1st October <i>Remigius, Bishop</i>	10:30am: Pegasus Choir Rehearsal
Sat 3rd October <i>George Bell, Bishop</i>	11am: Black History Month Service at Southwark Cathedral
Sun 4th October 18th Sunday After Trinity	8am: Said Eucharist (Fr Daniel Burton) 10am: Sung Eucharist (President – Mthr Joyce Forbes; Preacher - Dt Richard Reddie) 12pm: BHM Meeting

PRAYING FOR THE PARISH. This month we are praying for all those who live in Chipstead Avenue and Foxley Road. Our thanks to Helen Doe who carries out this important ministry. As we pray for those who live in our parish, it's good to use our own gifts and personal contacts to invite our neighbours to come to St Stephen's for a visit or a service.

THE BREAD AND WINE. For £5.00 the elements can be dedicated to a loved one or to mark a special occasion. Please email Kwabena Nyack (admin.ststephens@gmail.com) by Thursday morning if you would like to make a dedication. **The elements this week are sponsored by Paula Walkes in celebration of Margo's birthday.**

If you have spoken with Fr Daniel about confirmation but have not received an email from him, please contact him ASAP.

The next **Bible study** will be on Thursday 22nd October at 7pm in the Claudette McArthur Room. We will be continuing to look Genesis chapters 6-8. Please bring a Bible with you, and try to arrive on time as the south-west doors will be locked at 7:15pm so as not to leave the main body of the church unattended (call Fr Daniel if you arrive later).

Southwark Cathedral's Black History Month (BHM) service will be on Saturday 3rd October at 11am. The theme for this year is 'Honouring our Communities & Sharing Our Stories'. The work of our own Black History Month group here at St Stephen's will be highlighted at this service, with representatives having an opportunity to discuss what we have been doing since our Black History Month group was started over ten years ago.

Guest preachers at our 10am Sung Eucharist during Black History Month will be Dr Richard Reddie (author and Director of Justice & Inclusion for Churches Together in Britain & Ireland on 4th October and Dr Andrew Brown (CEO of Croydon BME Forum) on 18th October. We are delighted that **Youth Alive will be giving a talk** on Sunday 11th October about the theme for BHM this year.

The Friendship and fellowship Group will meet on Saturday, 10th October at 10.30am in the Hall. **Guest speaker:** Matthew Kershaw, CE) and Chair of the Race Equality Network at Croydon University Hospital (Mayday). All are invited. Bring your friends.

Our BHM group will be hosting a **BHM Poetry Event** at 7pm on Saturday 17th October in church. Tickets are £10 for adults, £5 for children, which includes light refreshments. All are welcome.

Southwark Against Modern Slavery will be providing a training session on how to spot modern slavery and what to do about it (including interviews with those who have sadly been victims of slavery in our own times) in the Garry Weston Library at Southwark Cathedral on Saturday 17th October, 9:30am-1pm. For more information or to book a place, please contact Southwarkams@gmail.com

Calling all knitters! Some members of the congregation have offered to **knit** individual **poppies** to be displayed in church on Remembrance Sunday (8th November). If you would like to knit a poppy/poppies, please do so.

Kwabena Nyack has taken up the role of **Administrative Assistant to the Vicar & Wardens**. Kwabena is offering his time to St Stephen's on a voluntary basis, working 8am-12pm on Thursdays. **He will now be putting together this weekly newsletter** – please email him on admin.ststephens@gmail.com regarding anything to do with the newsletter, website or other queries which are explicitly administrative. For names for the sick & departed list, please continue to email Fr Daniel.

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