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DATES TO REMEMBER

21st November 4pm: Confirmation Service @ Southwark Cathedral
22nd November: Choir practice at 11.45am
28th November 11am-3pm: Christmas Fair
20th December 6pm: Christmas Carol Service

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

St Stephen Norbury & Thornton Heath Newsletter
22nd November 2026

Sun 22nd November ***Sunday next before Advent*** ***Christ the King***	**8am: Said Eucharist (Fr Daniel Burton)** **10am: Sung Eucharist (President - Mthr Joyce Forbes; Preacher - Fr Daniel Burton)** Choir practice: 11.45am
Wed 25th November *Catherine - martyr*	**10am Eucharist (Mthr Joyce Forbes)**
Thu 26th November	10:30am: Pegasus Choir Rehearsal
Fri 27th November	**Church set up for Christmas Fair**
Sat 28th November *Samuel Seabury - bishop*	**10am: Said Eucharist (Fr Daniel Burton)** The St Stephen's Christmas Fair: 11am to 3pm.
Sun 29th November **First Sunday of Advent**	**8am: Said Eucharist (Fr Daniel Burton)** **10am: Sung Eucharist (President & Preacher– Fr Daniel Burton)**

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Retreat: Fr Daniel will be away on retreat from the 23rd -27th the November. Please do not disturb him during this period. Going on an annual retreat is a requirement for all full-time parish clergy in the Church of England. *He will be holding St Stephen's in his prayers whilst on retreat, and particularly praying for those on our sick list and those known to him who need prayer at this time.*

PRAYING FOR THE PARISH. This month we are praying for all those who live in Richmond Road and St Helen's Road. Our thanks go 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.

- The elements this week are sponsored by Zandria Ebanks-Thomas, one of our beloved churchwardens, in celebration of her birthday on Friday 20th November.
- Coral Martin is also sponsoring this week's elements to celebrate the birthday of her wonderful daughter, Nicola, on 22nd November.

If you have a dedication, please email Kwabena Nyack (admin.ststephens@gmail.com) by Thursday morning.

The next **Bible Study** will be on Thursday 17th December at 7.00 pm in the Claudette McArthur Room. Please bring a Bible with you and try to arrive on time, as the south-west doors will be locked at 7.15 pm to avoid leaving the main body of the church unattended (please call Fr Daniel if you arrive later).

The St Stephen's Christmas Fair: This will be on **Saturday 28th November, from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm**. Please come along and invite friends and family! We are looking for volunteers to help set up for the fair on Friday 27th November. Help is also needed to tidy up after the fair. If you can help, please speak with Denise Gravesande or Andrea Sierre-Okafor.
It would be wonderful if we could have a fully stocked cake stall this year, so please bring in home-baked goods to be donated and sold on the day. Please speak with Lana Ruddock for more details, and remember to provide a list of ingredients to help identify any allergens.

The St Stephen's Christmas Carol Service: This will be on Sunday 20th December (time to be confirmed). **Choir rehearsals** will begin on Sunday 22nd November directly after the 10.00 am Sung Eucharist (around 11.45 am). All are most welcome to join the choir; you do not need to be a professional singer or musician. Please contact Kester O'Connor at kester.oconnor@yahoo.com for more details.
Mince pies: Donations of miniature mince pies will be welcome, to add to the festivities.

Pegasus Opera Company Christmas Concert: We are pleased to announce that this will be on 16th December at 7.00 pm. Join us for a joyful and uplifting celebration of Christmas, filled with the warmth, rhythm, and spirit of the Caribbean. At the heart of this special concert is the world premiere of *Pan Messiah*, arranged by Damoi Morgan, in a bold and exciting reimagining of Handel's beloved *Messiah*.
Tickets **must** be booked in advance and cost £18 full price or £14 concessions. They can be booked at: https://bit.ly/3VEiZ99. Those who have attended their wonderful performances will need no reminding that this will be a great evening.

Our Admin' Assistant, Kwabena, is now putting together the weekly newsletter. Please email him at admin.ststephens@gmail.com regarding anything to do with the newsletter, website or other queries that are explicitly administrative. For names for the sick and departed list, please continue to email Fr Daniel.

A REQUEST: If you know of someone who has not been receiving the emailed newsletter, please ask them to contact Kwabena.

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