DATES TO REMEMBER

28th November 11am-3pm: Christmas Fair
20th December 6pm: Christmas Carol Service
16th December 7.00pm: Caribbean Christmas Concert

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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 cannot be in church.

St Stephen Norbury & Thornton Heath Newsletter
29th November 2026

Sun 29th November ***1st Sunday of Advent***	**8am: Said Eucharist (Fr Daniel Burton)** **10am: Sung Eucharist (President & Preacher - Fr Daniel Burton)**
Wed 2nd December	**10am Eucharist (Fr Daniel Burton)**
Thu 3rd December *Francis Xavier – missionary*	10:30am: Pegasus Choir Rehearsal
Sat 5th December	**10am: Said Eucharist (Fr Daniel Burton)**
Sun 6th December ***2nd Sunday of Advent***	**8am: Said Eucharist (Fr Daniel Burton)** **10am: Sung Eucharist (President & Preacher - Fr Daniel Burton)**

PRAYING FOR THE PARISH. This month we are praying for all those who live in Richmond Road and St Helen's 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.
The elements this week is dedicated from Inez Higgins to her mother Mavis McKenzie. Also, to Leroy Brown, Inez's son.
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 7pm in the Claudette McArthur Room. We will be continuing to look at Genesis. 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).

The St Stephen's Christmas Fair: This will be held on **Saturday 28 November, 11.00 am to 3.00 pm**. If you have already received this newsletter by email, please refer to the accompanying message for details of how you can help and support the event.

Caribbean Christmas Concert: A Pegasus Pan Messiah at St Stephen's Church. We are delighted to invite you to join Pegasus Opera Company on **Wednesday 16 December 2026 at 7.00 pm** for what promises to be a truly joyful, uplifting and unforgettable celebration of Christmas, filled with the warmth, rhythm and vibrant spirit of the Caribbean. At the heart of this special concert is the world premiere of ***Pan Messiah***, arranged by Damoi, *https://www.facebook.com/daman.morgan/*, a bold and inspiring reimagining of Handel's beloved ***Messiah***, infused with Caribbean rhythms, steel pan, percussion and exciting new musical textures.

This is a Christmas celebration bursting with glorious voices, infectious rhythms and the unmistakable Pegasus spirit of "Harmony in Diversity". Whether you are a long-time supporter or discovering Pegasus for the first time, you are assured of a warm welcome and a memorable evening of music and celebration.

Tickets are £18 (full price) and £14 for concessions, plus a booking fee. They are available from https://bit.ly/495ZTMh or https://www.ticketsource.com/pegasus-opera-company/caribbean-christmas-concert-a-pegasus-pan-messiah/e-pkeabex.

The St Stephen's Christmas Carol Service: This will be on Sunday 20th December (time TBC). **Choir rehearsals** will be every Sunday directly after the 10am Sung Eucharist (approximately 11:45am). All are most welcome to join the choir you do not need to be a professional singer or musician! For further information, please contact **Kester O'Connor** at **kester.oconnor@yahoo.com**.

Kwabena Nyack is now 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. **A REQUEST: If you or someone you know has not been receiving the emailed newsletter late September, please let him know.**

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