

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Pilgrim Course | 4 th September at 11am and 7.15pm |
| Word Alive | 6 th September 7.30 – 9.30pm |
| Parish Quiz Night | 7 th September |
| PCC | 17 th September 8pm |
| Bishop of Croydon's visit | 22 nd September 10am |
| Gospel Concert | 19 th October |

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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

1st September 2019

Gospel: Luke 14.1, 7-14

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SERVICES THIS WEEK

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| TODAY | 8am | EUCCHARIST |
| | 10am | SUNG EUCCHARIST |
| TUESDAY | 7.30am | EUCCHARIST |
| WEDNESDAY | 10am | EUCCHARIST |
| THURSDAY | 8pm | SUNG 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 Dovercourt Avenue and Stratford Road. Our thanks to Helen Doe who regularly delivers the cards to the streets being prayed for.

THE BREAD AND WINE 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.

SIDESPEOPLE NEEDED Training will be offered to anyone who would like to be a part of our ministry of care and welcome by being a sidesperson. Please speak to Hazel Pudney or Andrea Anderson.

WORD ALIVE meets on 6th September at 7.30pm in the Claudette McArthur Room. Use the rear door of the church opposite the hall. Lifts home will be available. Two hours of discussion, bible study, music and refreshments. It's a good way to get to know people. Further details from Christine Wheeler on 07867 534559.

WALSINGHAM 2019 Booking for the pilgrimage is now closed. The cost for accommodation and full board is £142. Travel will be £40 – frozen for the third year. Full payment should be made in the next month – cheques made out to St Stephen's PCC. We will hold a reserved list in case of cancellations. An itinerary is now available but please note that **we leave St Stephen's at 11am prompt** after prayer and a blessing at 10.30 in church.

NORBURY HALL Service at 2.30 on 4th September. All are welcome to come along for a time of prayer and hymn singing with the residents. Norbury Hall is at the London Road end of Craignish Avenue next to Norbury Hall Park.

PILGRIM Our discipleship course is continuing. This is a great opportunity to sit for an hour to reflect on scripture, the faith of the Church, and examine what our own faith means. Sessions at 11am and 7.15pm. Future sessions on: **4th September** and **2nd October**.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH is nearly upon us. October is designated as the month when we pay particular attention to the achievements of black members of our community. This year the theme is "Gospel". Watch out for details as they are finalised.

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 or contracting infection, it is perfectly proper to receive the host only. The full spiritual benefits of Holy Communion are received entirely in this way. Thank you for respecting this request.

BACK TO SCHOOL QUIZ NIGHT Don't miss this autumn favourite on 7th September. Doors open at 7pm. The quiz starts at 7.30. Adults £8, children under 12 £5. Cost includes a fish/sausage and chips supper with a pudding and one free drink from the bar. Form a team of up to seven people or create a team on the night. Tickets from the churchwardens from today onwards.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES If you have collection boxes for the Children's Society please bring them into church. If you would like to have a box or make a contribution to the Children's Society in some other way please speak to Pam Sinclair.

THE BISHOP OF CROYDON Make a note in your diaries and on your calendars for 22nd September when the Bishop of Croydon, the Right Reverend Jonathan Clark, will be presiding and preaching at the 10 o'clock Mass. It's a few years since he was with us so let's put our best St Stephen's foot forward for him.

