

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Today	10am Sunday School starts
26 <sup>th</sup> September	10am Harvest Festival
30 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30 – 3.30 Working Day
	7.30 (tbc) film night
14 <sup>th</sup> November	10am Bishop of Southwark

## 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

12<sup>th</sup> September

## 15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

### Readings:

Isaiah 50.4-9a, Psalm 116.1-8,

James 3.1-12,

Mark 8.27-38

### THIS WEEK

Today	10am	Eucharist
Wednesday	10am	Eucharist
Saturday	10am	Eucharist
Next Sunday	10am	Eucharist

Names of individuals to be prayed for should be sent to Fr Geoffrey.

**TODAY** We welcome Mother Cordella Dawson, curate of St Luke Woodside and formerly one of our parishioners, as our celebrant and preacher at the 10am Mass.

**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, and the Diocese of Jerusalem.

**PRAYING FOR THE PARISH** This month we are praying for all who live in Bridport Road and Lyndhurst Road.

**THE BREAD AND WINE** Please contact Fr Geoffrey if you want to sponsor the elements.

**FROM THE TREASURER Just Giving** The amount raised since we started in March 2020 now stands at £6,788 – our target is to reach £8,000 by the end of the year so please do visit [Coronavirus Lockdown Fundraiser 2020/21 - JustGiving](#) and donate a few pounds if you can. As always, I'm on the look-out for a new "Face of the Plate" – your chance to be on the website and on the weekly email circulation – it costs you nothing, just send me a photo. **Planned Giving** Many thanks also to all of you who continue to give by Standing Order or via our envelope scheme – there are now just 12 sets of envelopes awaiting collection in church – as ever if you cannot get to church at the moment, I can deliver them and collect any filled envelopes you have – just get in touch with me. If you are new to St Stephen's and wish to make a regular contribution, please do contact me for more details.

With best wishes to you all for the week ahead, Ian  
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**BLACK HISTORY MONTH** This year we focus on the lives of black women in all walks of life throughout history – some hidden from view, some lived in the blaze of fame. Talks and displays will help us mark the month. Watch out for more details coming soon.

**COVID UPDATE** It is no longer necessary to book a place at the 10am Mass on Sundays. We do, however, ask that you wear a face covering and use the hand sanitizers when you come into church for worship. Communion will still be in one kind. The reintroduction of singing is under constant review by Fr Geoffrey and the Church Wardens.

**THE BISHOP OF SOUTHWARK** The dedication of a new church in Battersea means that the Bishop will not be with us on 31<sup>st</sup> October. He will, instead, be with us for the 10am Mass on **14<sup>th</sup> November**. Please try to make this date a priority.

**FOOD BANK DONATIONS** COVID restrictions have made the problems of those who struggle with food insecurity ever more difficult. Please continue to give tinned and dried goods and toiletries as often as you can. Items can be left at the back of church or in the vicarage porch at any time.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** If all goes to plan our Sunday School will enjoy a relaunch today! A refurbished hall, new materials and familiar themes that link the main worship in church to the Sunday School curriculum combine to make our Sunday School something of real value to children and parents alike. We are looking for at least three volunteers prepared to give of their time and energy supporting and encouraging our children. In the first instance please contact Fr Geoffrey.

**MOTHERS' UNION** Will all members of the MU please call Iona Nelson-Ashley on 020 8679 3401.

**SPONSOR ANDREW CHADNEY FOR ALZHEIMERS CHARITY** Once again our tireless organist, Andrew Chadney, is cycling from Lands End to John O'Groats to raise funds for the Alzheimers Society. This is the link to Andrew's justgiving page:  
[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/andrewchadney6](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/andrewchadney6).

