

Dates to remember:

21st December 4pm: Christmas Carol Service

24th December 11pm: Midnight Mass

25th December 10am: Christmas Day Sung Eucharist

26th December 10am: Patronal Festival (St Stephen's Day)

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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 Fr Daniel via email by Tuesday morning.

St Stephen Norbury & Thornton Heath Newsletter

14th December 2025 3rd Sunday of Advent

Sun 14th Dec 3rd Sunday of Advent	8am: Said Eucharist (Fr Daniel Burton) 10am: Sung Eucharist (President & Preacher – Fr Daniel Burton) 11:45am: Choir Rehearsal
Wed 17th Dec <i>O Sapientia</i>	10am: Said Eucharist (Fr Daniel Burton)
Fri 19th Dec <i>O Radix Jesse</i>	2pm: Carol singing @ Nobury Hall
Sat 20th Dec <i>O Clavis David</i>	10am: Said Eucharist (Fr Daniel Burton)
Sun 21st Dec 4th Sunday of Advent <i>O Oriens</i>	8am: Said Eucharist (Fr Daniel Burton) 10am: Sung Eucharist with Healing & Anointing President & Preacher – Fr Daniel Burton) 11:45am: Choir Rehearsal 4pm: Christmas Carol Service

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PRAYING FOR THE PARISH. This month we are praying for all those who live in Carew Road and Colliers Water Lane. 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 speak to Andrea Anderson if you would like to make a dedication.

Our **Christmas Carol Service (with mulled wine and mince pies served afterwards!)** will be taking place this year on Sunday 21st December at 4pm. **Choir rehearsals** will begin at 11:45am every Sunday between now and then. All are welcome to join the choir – those who join have a great time! Please have a word with Fr Daniel or Kester O'Connor if you would like to take part.

We are asking for **donations of mince pies** (the small, miny, ones please) for our Christmas carol service on 21st December. Please bring a pack of mince pies with you. Thank you in advance.

On 19th December at 2pm, we will be joining with St Bartholomew's Church (Roman Catholic) to do a **carol singing service at Norbury Hall**. The tone will be fun and relaxed, with refreshments served afterwards. Please have a chat with Fr Daniel if you'd be interested in coming along.

Please speak to Pam Pearce about **donations towards Christmas flowers**. Our brilliant flower arranging team likes to pull out all the stops for Christmas, so please consider contributing towards the cost of the flowers if you can.

Midnight Mass will be at 11pm on 24th December. All are welcome, and please come along to bring in the Christmas feast properly!

We will be keeping our **Patronal Festival for St Stephen** on 26th December at 10am, following by refreshments (including prosecco!). Please come along to give thanks for St Stephen's life and witness to Christ, and for our own church named in his honour here.

The new **stewardship envelopes for 2026** which allow us to claim Gift Aid on your cash donations are now available from the back of church. If you have any questions please speak with our Treasurer, Coral Martin.

Message from Winterbourne Nursery & Infant School: ***'HUGE THANK YOU TO ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH! Just wanted to say, thank you so much for your continued support this year, without your kind donations to our food bank Winterbourne Nursery and Infant School would be struggling. I like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at the church for their continued support. So far since September we have helped 53 families with regular food parcels, this is down to your kind donations. Happy Christmas and have a super New Year. From WINTERBOURNE NURSERY AND INFANT SCHOOL'***

Volunteering – a parish church cannot survive without good volunteers! If you have any gifts or passions which you think may help St Stephen's, please don't hesitate to have a chat with Fr Daniel or one of the church wardens. Please also think about joining our altar serving team.

Bishop Christopher Chessun, our Diocesan Bishop, has announced in retirement for the summer of 2026. Please keep him in your prayers, as well as Bishop Rosemarie Mallett who will become Acting Bishop of Southwark when Bishop Christopher retires.