

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PCC	17 <sup>th</sup> September 8pm
Bishop of Croydon's visit	22 <sup>nd</sup> September 10am
Harvest Festival	29 <sup>th</sup> September
Gospel Concert	19 <sup>th</sup> October 6pm

## PARISH DIRECTORY

**Parish Website:** [www.ststephensnth.co.uk](http://www.ststephensnth.co.uk)

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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

15<sup>th</sup> September 2019

**Gospel: Luke 15.1-10**

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

### SERVICES THIS WEEK

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>EUCCHARIST</b>
	<b>10am</b>	<b>SUNG EUCCHARIST</b>
		<b>NO EVENSONG &amp; BENEDICTION</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>EUCCHARIST</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>EUCCHARIST</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>8pm</b>	<b>SUNG EUCCHARIST</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>EUCCHARIST</b>
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	<b>No 8am</b>	<b>EUCCHARIST</b>
	<b>10am</b>	<b>SUNG EUCCHARIST</b>

**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** The elements this week are sponsored by Sylvia Simpson Bowman for her family, in celebration and in memory; by Millicent Arthurs in memory of Ivy Arthurs, and by Beulah Skeene to mark her wedding anniversary. 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.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL** We celebrate the creativity and bounty of God's kingdom on 29<sup>th</sup> September. As always our gifts will be given to Croydon Nightwatch. Tinned and dried goods are welcome - a full list of what is wanted is on the poster at the back of church.

**WALSINGHAM** Twenty two parishioners are on pilgrimage at Walsingham in Norfolk this weekend. Please pray for them and be assured that they will be praying for you.

**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. Final session in this term on: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**CONTACTLESS PAYMENT** It's good that we can now use contactless payment for items and events at St Stephen's. If you want to make a one-off donation you can specify the amount. Note this should not replace your usual regular giving method. Watch out for it – especially at those times when you only have coppers in your pocket or purse!

**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.

**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** The Rt Revd Jonathan Clark is with us next Sunday (22<sup>nd</sup>) to preach and preside at the 10am Eucharist. It's a few years since Bishop Jonathan was with us so it will be good to welcome him back with a warm St Stephen's crowd. Special refreshments will be served in church afterwards to enable the bishop to meet as many people as possible. Please note that there is no 8am Eucharist that morning.

**CONFIRMATION** will now take place at the end of May 2020 at St Paul's, Thornton Heath.

