

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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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

19th June

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Readings: Isaiah 65.1-9, Psalm 22.19-28

Galatians 3.23-29, Luke 8.26-39

THIS WEEK

Today	8am	Eucharist
	10am	Eucharist
Tuesday	12.30pm	Eucharist
Wednesday	10am	Eucharist
Saturday	10am	Eucharist
	8am	Eucharist
Sunday	8am	Eucharist
	10am	Eucharist

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 Archdiocese of Jerusalem. Fr Geoffrey has a short update from Zimbabwe that he'd be happy to forward by email.

PRAYING FOR THE PARISH This month we are praying for all who live in Melfort Road and Thornton Row. Prayer card deliveries have resumed. Our thanks to Helen Doe who carries out this important ministry.

TODAY'S VISITING PRIEST We are delighted to welcome Fr John Pritchard as our visiting priest today. Fr John is vicar of St John's Upper Norwood. He will be presiding and preaching at the 8am and 10am Masses. Please give him a warm St Stephen's welcome. Fr John and his colleague, Fr Myles, will be with us again on two other Sundays while Fr Geoffrey is on Sabbatical.

THE BREAD AND WINE We are accepting sponsorship for the bread and wine we use at the Eucharist. For £5 the elements can be dedicated to a loved one or to mark a special occasion. This week the elements are sponsored by Richard and Pauline Webster for the birthday of their grandson, Alexander Webster, and in thanksgiving for the birth of a new great grandchild, Benjamin Charles Webster. Please contact Fr Geoffrey if you want to sponsor the elements.

TIME & SKILLS SURVEY The single sheet survey has been sent to our entire mailing list. Hard copies are available in church. Please fill in your survey as soon as you can and place the sheet in the suggestions box at the back of church. Those in charge of the area of activity you are interested will be given your details and will contact you.

MONEY MATTERS From now on all correspondence regarding parish finances, donations and stewardship should be sent to our new Honorary Treasurer, Oscar Riba-Thompson: treasurer@ststephensnth.co.uk

FOOD BANK DONATIONS Please continue to give tinned and dried goods and toiletries as often as you can. Items can be left in the large plastic box at the back of church or in the vicarage porch at any time. We are also happy to receive cash or cheque donations to enable us to buy supplies.

CONFIRMATIONS There will be a deanery Confirmation service this autumn (date and time and venue to be announced). Anyone aged 10 or over can be Confirmed so please give your name to Fr Geoffrey and/or sign up on the list at the back of church. If you have a child just under the age of 10 they can still be Confirmed but only with the Bishop's permission. There will be a short course of preparation involved.

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND BLESSINGS St Stephen's is fully open for Baptisms, weddings and the blessing of civilly married/partnered unions. As always, bookings can be made in person between 10.30 and 11.30 on Saturday mornings in church. Other times can be arranged. To check on preliminaries (especially charges for weddings) go to our website www.ststephensnth.co.uk for all the relevant information.

ROTAS One of the blessings of the return to something like normality is the return of the rotas for assisting at worship as a sidesperson or welcomer, and in providing refreshments after the 10am Mass on Sundays. There is always room for more so if you'd like to help please speak to one of the Church Wardens or email wardens@ststephensnth.co.uk.

FR GEOFFREY Every seven years clergy are entitled to an extended period away from their parishes. Fr Geoffrey is taking his sabbatical, two years after it was first planned, from today, 19th June until 31st July. This six week period is generally known as a "mini-sabbatical". All Sunday and weekday services will be covered by Mtr Joyce and other local priests. My thanks to them all. Please continue to attend and support St Stephen's during this period. Fr Geoffrey plans to be travelling in Germany, northern Spain and in the UK.

