

Dates to remember:

1st September BHM committee meeting after service at 11.45am
11th September PCC Meeting at 7pm
28th September Cleaning morning
5th October BHM Service at Southwark Cathedral
7th October Father Daniel's Licensing 7.30pm at St Stephen's
14th December Cleaning morning

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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 Andrea Anderson your email address.

Items for the newsletter should be notified to the wardens by Tuesday morning.

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St Stephen Norbury & Thornton Heath

Newsletter

1st September 2024

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings:

Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-9

Or Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Psalm 15

James 1:17-end

Gospel Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

September

Sunday 1st

8 & 10am Mother Joyce

Wednesday 4th

10am Aileen Ross

Saturday 7th

10am No cover

Sunday 8th

10am Mother Joyce

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 Father Taurayi Kaerezi and his people. Please pray too, for the Episcopal parish of Grace in Chicago, and the Archdiocese of Jerusalem.

PRAYING FOR THE PARISH. This month we are praying for all those who live in Melfort Road and Thornton Row. 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. The elements are sponsored by Aileen and Tom Ross to celebrate the birth of their granddaughter Scarlet Elspeth in Wellington, New Zealand. The elements are also sponsored in celebration of Paige's 21st Birthday today! With love from Denise, Ossie, Alex, Grandma, Uncle Hendy, Auntie C and the rest of the family. 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 book a dedication.

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND BLESSINGS. All bookings can be made by emailing vicar@ststephensnth.co.uk or by calling Mother Joyce on 07503747773. To check on preliminaries (especially charges for weddings) go to our website www.ststephensnth.co.uk

FOOD BANK. Thank you for your continued support of the Food Bank. Donations can be placed in the food box at the back of church. If you would like to give a financial gift, please see Aileen Ross.

PCC MEETING. Will be held on Wednesday 11th September at 7pm in the Church Hall.

CLEANING MORNING. There will be a cleaning morning on the 28th September please come along and give what ever time you can give to get St Stephen's sparkling for our celebration and welcoming of Father Daniel.

PRIEST ARRANGEMENTS. The date for Father Daniel's licensing has been confirmed as Monday 7th October at 7.30pm. Bishop Rosemarie will preside and preach and Rev'd Canon Mother Joyce Forbes will be invited to present. We pray to make this a most wonderful service and for all our congregation both past and present to join in welcoming our new priest.

ATTENDANCE FORM. Please remember to sign the attendance form if you are going to attend Father Daniel's Licensing service. We are expecting a very large attendance and would like to get some idea about numbers.

LICENSING SERVICE. This is our welcome service for Father Daniel and invitations are being distributed and sent to the Mayor, local dignitaries, community leaders, ministers from other churches, and members of the community. We are expecting a great number of guests. Refreshments will be provided after the service and we will be asking for savory finger foods and cakes as well as physical support with ushering and welcoming. Copies of the invitation are placed around St Stephen's.

SOCIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE. Social committee will meet again on the 4th September to prepare for the celebration and welcoming of our new parish priest. We will be asking for support in roles from our congregation so please make sure you have the date of **Monday 7th October at 7.30** firmly in your diary.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH COMMITTEE. Meeting on 1st September after Sunday service to discuss An Evening Celebration for Black History Month.