

## Dates to remember:

- 20<sup>th</sup> April: Friendship & Fellowship group meet at 10.30am in Church  
21<sup>st</sup> April: APCM held in Church Hall after Sunday Service  
29<sup>th</sup> April: Dance workshop 6pm  
25<sup>th</sup> May: Quiz Night with Fish & Chip Supper 6pm

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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 Wednesday morning.**

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# St Stephen's Norbury & Thornton Heath

## Newsletter

21<sup>st</sup> April 2024

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

### Readings:

**Acts 4:5-12 or Genesis 7:1-5. 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13**

### Psalm 23

**Second reading: 1 John 3:16-end**

**Or Acts 4:5-12**

**Gospel: John 10:11-1**

**Sunday 21st 10 am Rev'd Dr Alun Ford**

**Wednesday 24th 10 am Father David Pennells**

**Saturday 27th No cover**

**Sunday 28th 10 am Mother Angela Gbebikan**

**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.

**PRAYING FOR THE PARISH.** This month we are praying for all who live in Bletchingley Close, Elliot Road, and Warwick Gardens. 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 for the next 4 weeks are sponsored by Rosemary Burnley as a thank you to all who have worked so hard in keeping St Stephens running smoothly during the vacancy. The elements are also sponsored by Andrea Anderson to celebrate Olga Wright's birthday and to thank her for all the goodies she makes with the tea & coffee. 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](mailto: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](http://www.ststephensnth.co.uk)

**FOOD BANK.** Thank you for your continued support of the Food Bank. All food and toiletries are greatly received. Donations can be placed in the food box at the back of church. All donations go to Winterbourne Infant School. If you would like to give a financial gift, please see Aileen Ross.

**FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS.** Georgina Pitt's funeral will take place at St Stephen's on 24<sup>th</sup> April at 11.30 am.

**COACH TRIP.** The trip to Canterbury is booked for the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2024. Please make sure you have spoken with Coral regarding your seat. Seats will not be held without a deposit and there are only a few left. Full payment will be required by 28<sup>th</sup> April. The tickets are priced at £25 per person. The coach will be leave at 9.30 sharp please be at Church for 9.00am Coach will leave Canterbury at 5.00.

**DANCE WORKSHOP.** The next workshop will be held on **Monday 29th April** in the hall from 6pm – 7 pm. Please come along for an enjoyable hour of dance and keeping the body fit. Cost of workshop is £5.00.

**VACANCY INFORMATION.** The Priest Profile has now been returned from the Archdeacon and the Bishop. We have been given an opportunity to meet with a preferred candidate which we are very pleased to do. A group from St Stephen's will meet with the candidate in the next month and the wardens will interview on the 4th June. Copies of the priest profile will be available for all to view at the APCM. Mission Action Plan will be presented to the Archdeacon and Bishop.

**INVITATION TO LONDON CITIZENS MAYORAL ASSEMBLY.** Want to hold Sadiq Khan and Susan Hall to account, on the themes of: safe and affordable housing, good work and wages, and justice for migrants? The assembly will be held in Westminster on 25th April 2024 at 6pm. Seats are allocated on a first come, first serve basis. If you are interested, please email [hannah.gretton@citizensuk.org](mailto:hannah.gretton@citizensuk.org) advising that you are from the Croydon North Deanery. Hurry, seats are limited.

**QUIZ NIGHT WITH FISH & CHIP SUPPER.** The fundraising team are holding a Quiz Night with Fish & Chip Supper on 25<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm. The Quiz night has always been a great success. Bring your family and friends to make up your team or join a team when you get there. More information to follow.