

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan**      **New Priest Working Party 1.30 pm (meetings will take place every Saturday until further notice)**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb**      **Premises Committee 7.30pm**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb**      **Racial Justice meeting on Zoom 10am**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb**      **Deadline to register for the Lay Conference**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar**      **Bishop Christopher presiding at 10am Service**

## DIRECTORY

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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 news should be notified to the wardens by Thursday morning.**

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# St Stephens Norbury & Thornton Heath

## Newsletter

**21<sup>st</sup> January 2024**

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

**Readings: Genesis 1 4:17-20**

**Psalms 128    Revelation 19:6-10**

**Gospel John 2:1-11**

<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10am Eucharist</b>	<b>Mother Joyce</b>
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10am Eucharist</b>	<b>Father David</b>
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10am Eucharist</b>	<b>Mother Joyce</b>
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10am Eucharist</b>	<b>Mother Joyce</b>

**SATURDAY 20TH JANUARY – SERVICE CANCELLED DUE TO NO PRIEST COVER.**

**PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE NO SATURDAY SERVICES IN FEBRUARY OR MARCH DUE TO NON AVAILABILITY OF PRIESTS TO COVER SERVICES. DURING THE EASTER PERIOD THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN ON SATURDAYS FROM 9.30 – 11.00. MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW**

**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 Warlingham Road and Beechwood Avenue. Our thanks to Helen Doe who carries out this important ministry. As we pray 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. A personal invitation is the most effective form of evangelism. Is there a friend or neighbour, or family member just waiting to be asked?

**THE BREAD AND WINE** is sponsored by Paula in celebration of her Father's birthday. 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** 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](http://www.ststephensnth.co.uk)

**SAFEGUARDING** There will be a foundation Safeguarding training at St Pauls Church on Saturday 20th January 2024 for PCC members, servers, deputy wardens and sides persons without access to computers between 11-2pm bring a pack lunch. Please speak to Lana Ruddock for more details.

**PRIEST COVER** There may have to be some cancellation of services on Saturdays and Wednesdays. We will keep you informed.

**CROYDON EPISCOPAL AREA RACIAL JUSTICE MEETING** will be held on **Saturday 3rd February 2024 at 10am. Please join us on Zoom.**  
Meeting ID: 753 8386 8893 Passcode SrF66h

**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. Thank you for your continued support.

**CROYDON EPISCOPAL AREA LAY CONFERENCE** takes place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 at 9.30am to 5pm at St Bede's School, 64 Carlton road, Redhill, RH1 2LQ Find out more in the [Lay Conference Information Booklet](#) at the back of church and register [online by Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024.](#)

**VACANCY INFORMATION** We have been informed by the Archdeacon that St Stephens will be able to interview for a priest on 4th June. This news is welcomed as the previous date was in October. The change of date has impacted on our timescales. We now need to complete our Mission Action Plan and Parish Profile by 18th March. To support this deadline a working party has been organised and will meet each Saturday at 1.30 in the Hall. The Archdeacon has given us the following dates:  
Parish Profile submission: 18th March  
Advertising: 12th April – 12th May  
Shortlisting: 20th May  
Interviews: 4th June

**THE AL AHLI HOSPITAL GAZA AND THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF JERUSALEM**  
A plate for any financial donations is at the back of church. The Ahli Hospital Gaza is run by the Diocese of Jerusalem.