

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

30th October 9.30 – 3.30 Working Day
7pm Film night
31st October 6pm All Souls Requiem
14th November 10am Bishop of Southwark

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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

24th October

21st SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Readings:

Job 42.1-6, 10-17, Psalm 126,

Hebrews 7.23-28, Mark 10.46-52

THIS WEEK

Today	8am	Eucharist
	10am	Eucharist
Tuesday	12.30pm	Eucharist
Wednesday	10am	Eucharist
Saturday	10am	Eucharist
Next Sunday	8am	Eucharist
	10am	Eucharist
	6pm	All Souls 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.

PRAYING FOR THE PARISH This month we are praying for all who live in Maplethorpe Road and Warlingham Road. Card deliveries have resumed. Our thanks to Helen Doe.

ALL SOULS St Stephen's keeps the solemnity of All Souls on Sunday, 31st October at 6pm. The list for those to be prayed for is at the back of church. Please write as many names of departed loved-ones as you wish but in block capitals, please.

THE BREAD AND WINE Please contact Fr Geoffrey if you want to sponsor the elements.

WALSINGHAM 2022 The dates for the 2022 pilgrimage are 9th – 11th September. We have booked 29 places. Demand is expected to be high so make a note of these dates.

FILM NIGHT – HIDDEN FIGURES Flyers for the screening of *Hidden Figures*, part of our Black History month celebration, are now available in church. Doors open at 7pm. The performance begins at 7.30pm. Running time is just over two hours. Tickets cost £10 for adults and £5 for children over 12. Refreshments are included in the admission price but there will also be a pay bar available before the screening.

FROM THE TREASURER Please do continue to support St Stephen's financially in any way you can. Please consider starting (or increasing) a monthly Standing Order to St Stephen's. Please let me know if you have a pile of Stewardship envelopes waiting to be collected. Please visit Our JustGiving page at [Coronavirus Lockdown Fundraiser 2020/21 - JustGiving](#)

and donate a little extra (& encourage your friends to do likewise) and enjoy viewing the ever-growing St Stephen's gallery. And please, please send me a photo if you would like to be our Face of the Plate. And of course, please contact me if you have any questions on our finances E: pudney@blueyonder.co.uk M: 07856 747299

COVID UPDATE We are singing at the 10am Sunday Mass once more. The 8am Mass on Sundays is restored. There is a new Mass at 12.30 on Tuesdays.

THE BISHOP OF SOUTHWARK The dedication of a new church in Battersea means that the Bishop will not be with us on 31st October. He will, instead, be with us for the 10am Mass on **14th November**. This is also Remembrance Sunday – our opportunity to honour all those from Empire and Commonwealth who have died in conflict and remember all victims of war in every generation.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS COVID restrictions have made the problems of those who struggle with food insecurity ever more difficult. Please continue to give tinned and dried goods and toiletries as often as you can. Items can be left at the back of church or in the vicarage porch at any time. A simple act of generosity can make a world of difference.

SUNDAY SCHOOL A refurbished hall, new materials and familiar themes that link the main worship in church to the Sunday School curriculum combine to make our Sunday School something of real value to children and parents alike. If you would like to help supporting and encouraging our children please contact Fr Geoffrey.

REPLACING OUR TREASURER! At our recent PCC meeting Ian Pudney announced he would be stepping down from the role after in 2022 after over 30 years fulfilling this vital task. Oscar Riba-Thompson will be formally proposed as his successor at the first PCC meeting after next year's APCM. To that end we are in the process of changing the Bank Mandates and Oscar has taken over much of the Banking / Cash handling.

