

Dates to remember:

Saturday 23rd March Cleaning Morning 10.30am to 2pm

Sunday 21st April APCM-Annual Parochial Church Meeting

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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 Stephen Norbury & Thornton Heath

Newsletter

24th March 2024

Palm Sunday

Readings: Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 31:9-16 or Psalm 31:9-18

Second reading Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel Liturgy of the Palms

Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16

Sunday 24th	10am Mother Joyce	Palm Sunday
Monday 25th	8pm Mother Joyce	Holy Monday
Tuesday 26th	8pm Mother Joyce	Holy Tuesday
Wed 27th	10am Mtr Joyce	Holy Wednesday
Thur 28th	8pm Mother Joyce	Maundy Thursday
Friday 29th	1pm Mother Joyce	Good Friday
Sat 30th	8pm Mother Joyce	Easter Saturday
Sunday 31st	10am Mother Joyce	Easter Sunday

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, Kintyre Close and Wiltshire Road. 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.

EASTER CARDS. A special thank you to Tanya Grant for the beautiful Easter cards that she designed and produced. There are still cards at the back of church please take and share with neighbours and friends.

THE BREAD AND WINE. Is sponsored by Coral Martin in loving memory of her mother Elizabeth Martin whose anniversary falls at this time. 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 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

SUNDAY SCHOOL. Our Sunday School continues to grow and we need more help. Please speak to Tanya Grant or Paula Walkes for more information.

CHOIR PRACTICE. The Choir will meet on Sunday after the 10am service. For more information please speak to Kester O'Connor.

HOLY WEEK. As we journey through Holy Week we mark the events between Palm Sunday and Easter Day. On Maundy Thursday we represent the Last Supper where the first Eucharist was given by Jesus to the disciples and where Jesus demonstrated that he'd come to serve by washing the feet of the disciples. Thank you to those who have volunteered for foot washing on Maundy Thursday.

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.

COACH TRIP. The trip to Canterbury is booked for the 22nd June 2024. To ensure we have the right numbers and establish if another coach is needed we will be requiring a deposit. To hold your seat a deposit of £10.00 per person must be paid by the 31st March. Full payment will be required by 28th April.

The tickets are priced at £25. Per person. Pam Pearce and Coral Martin are able to take deposits or full payment. If you require any further information about the trip please contact Pam Pearce.

DANCE WORKSHOP. On Monday 18th March the first Dance Workshop was held in the hall. Over 30 people attended and the evening was a great success. There will be no workshop on Holy Monday or the Bank Holiday next class is due on Monday 8th time to be confirmed. Please speak to Denise Gravesande for more detail.

VACANCY INFORMATION. The Priest Profile has been delivered to the Archdeacon and Bishop and we await their response. Advertising will take place from the 12th April – 12th May. Interviews will be on the 4th June. Mission Action Plan will be presented to the Archdeacon and Bishop.