

Dates to remember:

30th November 11am-3pm - Christmas Fair

7th December 10:30am – Friendship & Fellowship Group

14th December - Cleaning morning

22nd December 4:30pm – St Stephen’s Christmas Carol Service

26th December 10am – Patronal Festival Eucharist for St Stephen’s Day!

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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 Fr Daniel via email by Tuesday morning.

St Stephen Norbury & Thornton Heath Newsletter

24th November 2024

Christ the King

Sun 24th November <i>Christ the King</i>	8am: Said Eucharist (Fr Daniel Burton) 10am: Sung Eucharist & Prayers of Healing and Anointing (President & Preacher – Fr Daniel Burton) 11:30am: PCC Meeting 11:30am: Choir rehearsal
Wed 27th November	10am: Said Eucharist with Homily
Thu 28th November	8:30am: Morning Prayer
Fri 29th November	10:30am-3:30pm: Set up/preparation for Christmas Fair
Sat 30th November <i>Andrew the Apostle</i>	10am: Said Eucharist 11am-3pm: Christmas Fair!
Sun 1st December <i>Advent Sunday</i>	8am: Said Eucharist (Fr Daniel Burton) 10am: Sung Eucharist (President & Preacher – Fr Daniel Burton)

PRAYING FOR THE PARISH. This month we are praying for all those who live in Ardfern Avenue and Brigstock 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.

THE BREAD AND WINE. 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. **The elements this week are sponsored by Geoffrey Epie in memory of Theresa Epie and Lana Ruddock in memory of Maudlyn Swaby.**

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND BLESSINGS. All bookings can be made by emailing vicarnth@gmail.com or by calling Father Daniel on 07582565032. 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.

St Stephen's Christmas Fair will take place on **Saturday 30th November 11am-3pm**. Please come along and invite as many friends and family as you can! As well as looking for some more volunteers to help on the day (please speak to Andrea-Sierra Okafor, Andrea Anderson, or Lana Ruddock), we are also asking for:

- Donations towards the raffle (including bottles for the drinks prize)
- Donations of sweet treats towards the tombola
- Homemade cakes/goodies to sell on the cake stall
- Donations towards the bric a brac stall (please speak to Ailen Ross)

Christmas Carol Service will take place in church at **4:30pm on Sunday 22nd December**. If you would like to sing in the choir, please speak to Kester

O'Connor. Rehearsals will start on Sunday 24th November at 12pm. Rehearsals will then be at 11:30am on the following Sundays.

The Friendship & Fellowship Group's next meeting will be in the Church Hall on Saturday 7th of December, 10.30am to 12pm. There will be a festive quiz, tea, coffee, biscuits, and mince pies. All are welcome. Please put the date in your diary.

Our cottas and albs (vestments worn by the serving team) are now due to be washed/cleaned. If you would be able to offer up some time to wash some cottas and albs we'd be extremely grateful. Please speak to John Keene for more information/to volunteer your washing machine and iron.

Donations and Stewardship. At this time of year we are encouraged to think about how we give to our church. **Any donation or increase in regular giving (no matter the amount) is greatly appreciated**, especially at St Stephen's where we have some major projects coming up. One way of giving a little extra can cost you nothing when you do your online shopping: easyfundraising partners with over 7,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. The cost is covered by the brand. Brands pay us a commission because when you start your shop from the easyfundraising website or app, they can see we sent you to them. If you make a purchase, a commission is generated, and we turn that into a donation - magic! Copy and paste the link below into your internet search: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ststephennorburythorntonh eath/>

Or you can download the app onto your phone using App Store or Google Play

SECURITY AT ST STEPHEN'S Repairs to the church after the break-in earlier in the year have now been approved by the Diocese and are moving forward, as are our plans to have onsite CCTV installed.