

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

31<sup>st</sup> October

10am The Bishop of Southwark

## PARISH 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 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

25<sup>th</sup> July

## EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

### Readings:

**2 Kings 4.42-44, Psalm 145.10-19**

**Ephesians 3.14-21**

**John 6. 1-21**

### THIS WEEK

Today	10am	Eucharist
Wednesday	10am	Eucharist
Saturday	10am	Eucharist
Next Sunday	10am	Eucharist

Names of individuals to be prayed for should be sent to Fr Geoffrey.

**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 Diocese of Jerusalem.

**PRAYING FOR THE PARISH** This month we are praying for all who live in Malvern Road and Oaklands Avenue. We hope that the delivery of prayer cards throughout the parish can restart before very long.

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

**WALSINGHAM** We have rebooked for the weekend of 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> September. The Shrine hopes to be taking full pilgrim groups by that time. A deposit of £40 is now due if you have confirmed your attendance.

**FROM THE TREASURER Planned Giving** Are you running out of envelopes? – if so, do not worry the remainder of your set for 2021/2 is available to collect from the back of church. If I have missed, you out please let me know. If you cannot get to church at the moment, I can deliver them and collect any filled envelopes you have – again just get in touch with me. Not a member of our scheme yet? – Please contact me if you are interested in joining.

**Just Giving** Our main page now stands at over £6,000 if you have not visited it for a while please do so at [Coronavirus Lockdown Fundraiser 2020/21 - JustGiving](#) or how about having a look at my own page set up in memory of Mum & Dad at [Ian Pudney is fundraising for St Stephen's Norbury & Thornton Heath \(justgiving.com\)](#) Whichever one you chose all your donation go straight to St Stephen's.

**Eric Pudney (1929-2021)** Please continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers following the loss of Dad. His Funeral Requiem took place at St Stephen's on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Sadly, however it was a family and close friends only occasion due to the Covid restrictions. We look forward to a wider celebration of Mum and Dad's lives at a suitable date in the future.

With best wishes to you all for the week ahead, Ian  
(E: [pudney@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:pudney@blueyonder.co.uk) M: 07856 747299)

**BERNARD MITZEKI** Our thanks to the Black History Month committee for the display in the south aisle about Bernard's life and work and his heritage in southern Africa down to the present day.

**COVID UPDATE** As of today it is no longer necessary to book a place at the 10am Mass on Sundays. We do, however, ask that you wear a face covering and use the hand sanitizers. Communion will still be in one kind. The reintroduction of singing is under constant review.

**THE BISHOP OF SOUTHWARK** The Rt. Revd. Christopher Chessun, Bishop of Southwark, will be with us on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Please prioritise this in your diaries.

**PREMISES COMMITTEE** We are re-forming the Premises Committee as a sub-Committee of the PCC, chaired by Hazel Pudney. We are seeking at least three volunteers from the wider Church family to join Hazel and two members of the PCC. The first meeting will be scheduled for July, so if you are interested in being part of this Committee please do let Hazel know; or if you have any questions please drop Hazel an email at [hazelpudney69@gmail.com](mailto:hazelpudney69@gmail.com). The Terms of Reference are available to give you an idea of what this all actually means. We have a beautiful church and grounds and a refurbished Hall - but these all take care and attention.

**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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** If all goes to plan our Sunday School will enjoy a relaunch in September. A refurbished hall, new materials and familiar themes that link the main worship in church to the Sunday School curriculum. We are looking for at least three volunteers prepared to give of their time and energy supporting and encouraging our children. In the first instance please contact Fr Geoffrey.

