

Saturday	New Priest Working Party every Saturday 1.30pm
Thursday 1st Feb	Premises Committee Meeting 7.30pm
Saturday 3rd Feb	Racial Justice meeting on Zoom 10am
Wednesday 7th Feb	Interfaith Conference 7pm St Stephen's
Sunday 11th Feb	Deadline to register for the Lay Conference
Saturday 24th Feb	Valentines Games Night 6.30pm
Sunday 3rd 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.

Tel. 020 8684 3820. Email: vicar@ststephensnth.co.uk

St Stephen Norbury & Thornton Heath Newsletter

28th January 2024

PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

Readings: Malachi 3:1-5

Psalms 24:[1-6]7-end Hebrews 2:14-end

Gospel Luke 2:22-40

Sunday 28th 10am Eucharist Mother Joyce

Wednesday 31st 10am Eucharist

Saturday 3rd 10am Eucharist

Sunday 4th 08am & 10am Mother Joyce

PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE NO SATURDAY SERVICES IN FEBRUARY OR MARCH DUE TO NON AVAILABILITY OF PRIESTS TO COVER SERVICES. CHURCH WILL BE OPEN ON SATURDAYS DURING THE EASTER PERIOD 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, neighbour, or family member just waiting to be asked?

THE BREAD AND WINE is sponsored by Rianna in celebration of the life of her Grandma, Eugennie Goode as today marks the 3rd anniversary of her passing. 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

INTERFAITH CONFERENCE. An Interfaith Conference will be held at St Stephens church to discuss Justice, Faith and Harmony across religions. All are invited and welcome to come and take part. A meal will be shared with all at the end of the evening. Leaflets for the night will be available soon. Please sign the paper at the back of the church so we can get an idea of numbers attending,

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

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.

CROYDON EPISCOPAL AREA LAY CONFERENCE takes place on Saturday 2nd 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](#) and register [here by Sunday 11th February 2024.](#)

FUNDRAISING EVENT On Saturday 24th February we will host our first event of the New Year a Valentine themed (wear something Red) Games Night. All the favorite games will be available and some new ones. Come along and bring your friends. Tickets are £5.00 per person or £18.00 for a family or group of 4. Drinks and nibbles will be on sale. More information to follow. Speak to Bertie, Geddes or one of the Wardens for more information.

VACANCY INFORMATION St Stephens will be able to interview for our next priest on the 4th June. Our Mission Acton Plan must be completed by the 18th March. The Mission Action Plan supports the Priest Profile. Advertising will take place from the 12th April – 12th May.

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

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.