

Dates to remember:

28 th September	Cleaning morning 9.30am – 1pm.
5 th October	BHM Service at Southwark Cathedral
7 th October	Father Daniel's Licensing 7.30pm at St Stephen's
19 th October	BHM evening 6.00pm – 10.00pm
14 th December	Cleaning morning

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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 the wardens by Tuesday morning.

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St Stephen Norbury & Thornton Heath

Newsletter

29th September 2024

Michael and All Angels

Readings:

Genesis 28:10-17

Or Revelation 12:7-12

Psalms 103:19-end

Hebrews 1:5-end

Or Revelation 12:7-12

Gospel John 1:47-end

Sunday 29th

10am Mother Angela

October

Wednesday 2nd

10am Aileen Ross

Saturday 5th

No cover

Sunday 6th

8am & 10am Mother Joyce

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 Father 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 those who live in **Melfort Road** and **Thornton Row**. 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. The bread and wine is sponsored by Marie Goode in celebration of Rianna's 30th Birthday and Dora and Doreen in celebration of their 70th Birthday. It is also sponsored by John Keene in memory of the anniversary of his mother's death on 1st October. 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 by emailing vicar@ststephensnth.co.uk or by calling Mother Joyce on 07503747773. 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.

PRIEST ARRANGEMENTS. Father Daniel's licensing is Monday 7th October at 7.30pm. Bishop Rosemarie will preside and preach and Rev'd Canon Mother Joyce Forbes will be invited to present. We pray to make this a most wonderful service and for all our congregation both past and present to join in welcoming our new priest.

CLEANING MORNING. On Saturday the 28th September we are having a cleaning morning. The church will be open from 9.30 till 1.00. Please join us as any time you can offer would be so greatly appreciated. We will be there all morning but if you can only spare an hour it all goes towards making St Stephen's Church a beautiful place, in particular we want to make a good impression for our new priest and all the visitors to St Stephen's. We need support both inside and around the church gardens and would love to see you. Refreshments will be provided.

FINGER FOOD/CAKES FOR THE 7TH OCT. If you are able please support the licensing evening with donations of finger food and cakes. Donations can be brought in from Sunday or during Monday from 10am till 5.00pm Please see Katie or Pam regarding donations or speak to one of the wardens. We would ask that no foods with nuts are donated.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH. Thanksgiving Service, will take place at 10.30am on Saturday 5th October at Southwark Cathedral. To register and find out more, visit <https://southwark.anglican.org/news-events/events/whats-on/welcome-annual-black-history-month-celebration/>

BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT ST STEPHEN'S. The BHM group meet after church every Sunday. The event will take place on Saturday 19th October. The theme this year is Music. Tickets are £5.00 for adults £3.00 for children. Food will be on sale. Event time is 6pm - 10 pm

YOUTH ALIVE. Youth alive will make a presentation to church during Black History Month more information to follow.

SECURITY AT ST STEPHEN'S Information for repairs to doors, windows, CCTV and internal security for St Stephen's is still going through the C of E administrative processes.