

Dates to remember:

8th February 10:30am: Friendship & Fellowship Group (Church Hall)

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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

2nd February 2025

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

<p>Sun 2nd February <i>Presentation of Christ in the Temple</i></p>	<p>8am: Said Eucharist (Fr Daniel Burton)</p> <p>10am: Sung Eucharist (President – Mthr Joyce Forbes; Preacher – Fr Daniel Burton)</p>
<p>Wed 5th February</p>	<p>10am: Said Eucharist with Homily</p>
<p>Thu 6th February <i>Martyrs of Japan</i></p>	<p>8:30am: Morning Prayer</p>
<p>Sat 8th February</p>	<p>10am: Said Eucharist</p>
<p>Sun 9th February <i>4th Sunday before Lent</i></p>	<p>8am: Said Eucharist (Fr Daniel Burton)</p> <p>10am: Sung Eucharist (President & Preacher – Mthr Joyce Forbes)</p>

PRAYING FOR THE PARISH. This month we are praying for all those who live in Langdale Road and Woodcote Avenue. 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.

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.

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.

Stewardship & Giving. To all who give by using the stewardship envelopes please ensure you now have the new ones for 2025. If you would like to give via stewardship envelopes please speak to our treasurer, Coral Martin. **Thank you to all who have given to St Stephen's over the past year.**

PCC Secretary – we are looking for a new PCC Secretary. If this could be you please speak to Fr Daniel or one of the church wardens. A huge thank you to Paula Walkes who has been our PCC Secretary and will be standing down after this year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Confirmation. Fr Daniel would like to look at setting up confirmation classes for those who are interested in being confirmed. Please speak to him if you or someone you know might be interested in confirmation.

Review of weekly services. Now that Fr Daniel is settled in (and before we put up a new board at the front of church), it would be good to review our weekly services. The Wednesday and Sunday Eucharists are solid fixtures, but the Saturday Eucharist tends to be less well attended. If you can think of a better time to have a service (such as a weekday evening or early morning), or any other ideas about our weekly services, please put a note in the suggestions box at the back of church or have a word with Fr Daniel.

The Friendship & Fellowship Group will next meet on Saturday 8th February at 10:30am in the church hall. Kester will be our guest speaker. His topic will be on Health with nutrition and the effect and healing from food. All are welcome.

Vocations. This Candlemas we will be thinking in particular about lay vocations (recognised vocations in the Church that are not ordained roles like deacon or priest). Please visit Southwark's website - <https://southwark.anglican.org/mission-ministry/ministry/discipleship-ministry/lay-ministries/> - for more information, and please have a chat with Fr Daniel or Mthr Joyce if you feel a calling to a lay ministry.

