

## Dates to remember:

31<sup>st</sup> March: Clocks go forward at 1am

21<sup>st</sup> April: APCM held in Church Hall after Sunday Service

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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 Thursday morning.**

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# St Stephen Norbury & Thornton Heath

## Newsletter

31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

## Easter Sunday

**Readings: Acts 10:34-43 or Isiah 25:6-9**

**Psalm 118:1-2. 14-24 or Psalm 118:14-24**

**Second reading Corinthians 15:1-11 or**

**Acts 10:34-43**

**Gospel John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8**

**Sunday 31st 10 am Mother Joyce**

**April**

**Wednesday 3rd 10 am Aileen Ross**

**Saturday 6th No cover**

**Sunday 7th 8 am and 10 am Mother Joyce**

**There will be no Saturday Services during April**

**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 Maplethorpe Road, Kintyre Close and Wiltshire 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.

**EASTER CARDS.** A special thank you to Tanya Grant for the beautiful Easter cards that she designed and produced. There are still cards at the back of church please take and share with neighbours and friends.

**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 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](http://www.ststephensnth.co.uk)

**HOLY WEEK.** A special thank you to Bishop Rosemary for being part of Holy Week at St Stephen's

**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.

**COACH TRIP.** The trip to Canterbury is booked for the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2024. All deposits to be paid to Coral by Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March this will ensure your seat on the coach. Full payment will be required by 28<sup>th</sup> April. The tickets are priced at £25 per person. Pam Pearce and Coral Martin are able to take deposits or full payment. If you require any further information about the trip please contact Pam Pearce.

**FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS.** Dear friends of St Stephen's messages from the families of our departed members. Nora Moore's funeral will be held at the Crematorium Rowan Road at 11am on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April. No flowers. All are invited to the Crematorium and after to the buffet at Park Place. Dress in whatever colours you like. Daniel Archer's funeral will take place at St Stephen's on 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 12pm. Georgina Pitt's funeral will take place at St Stephen's on 24<sup>th</sup> April at 11.30 am.

**DANCE WORKSHOP.** The first workshop was a great success. The next workshop will be held on Monday 8th April in the hall from 6pm – 7 pm. Please come along for an enjoyable hour of dance and keeping the body fit. Cost of workshop is £5.00.

**VACANCY INFORMATION.** The Priest Profile has now been returned from the Archdeacon and the Bishop. The next step will be for PCC to agree for sign off. Copies will be made available for all to view after sign off. Advertising will take place from the 12th April – 12th May. Interviews will be held on the 4th June. Mission Action Plan will be presented to the Archdeacon and Bishop.