

Dates to remember:

15th August 2pm: Parish BBQ! Save the date

19th September 3pm: Fashion Show

26th September 10:30am: 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.

Items for the newsletter should be notified to Fr Daniel via email by Tuesday morning.

St Stephen Norbury & Thornton Heath Newsletter

9th August 2026 10th Sunday after Trinity

Sun 9th August 10th Sunday after Trinity	8am: Said Eucharist (Fr Daniel Burton) 10am: Sung Eucharist (President & Preacher – Fr Daniel Burton) 12:15pm: Social & Fundraising Committee
Tue 11th August <i>Clare of Assisi, monastic</i>	10:30am: Tai Chi (hall)
Wed 12th August	10am: Said Eucharist (Fr Daniel Burton)
Sat 15th August The Blessed Virgin Mary	10am: Said Eucharist (Fr Daniel Burton) 2-7pm: BBQ!
Sun 16th August 11th Sunday after Trinity	8am: Said Eucharist (Fr Daniel Burton) 10am: Sung Eucharist with Baptism (President – Fr Daniel Burton; Preacher – Mthr Joyce Forbes) 12:15pm: Black History Month Planning Meeting

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PRAYING FOR THE PARISH. This month we are praying for all those who live in Linden Avenue and Raymead 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 make a dedication. **The elements this week are sponsored by the Brathwaite family in memory of their mother, Cecilia Brathwaite, on the anniversary of her passing.**

The **rewiring of the church** is being considered and you are invited to contribute your view on what should be altered, modified or included. There are copies of further details and a questionnaire form at the back of church for you to complete. Please take one and return it as described on the form.

The last **Tai Chi** session will be on Tuesday 11th August (contrary to what Fr Daniel said last Sunday!). So Tai Chi **will** be taking place this coming Tuesday and next Tuesday. After 11th August, there will be a summer break, with the sessions resuming on 8th September.

We will be having our **Parish BBQ (a highlight of our year!)** on Saturday 15th August. Food will be served **2pm-7pm**. All food will be provided, but please bring your own drinks (including soft drinks). Please save the date, and invite many friends & family! We are asking for donations of £10 per adult, £5 per child. If cost is an issue, please speak with Fr Daniel when he is back from annual leave. More details will follow closer to the time. If you would like to help with the setting up, we will be meeting at 11am on the day. Helpers to pack away in the evening would be much appreciated too.

There will be a **Fashion Show** on Saturday 19th September at 3pm to raise money for St Stephen's. Again, please invite friends & family! Tickets (which will be available to purchase in church soon, or on the day) will be £20 for adults, £10 for children, which will include refreshments and entertainment. We are asking our congregation to think of any outfits you might like to showcase. We are a diverse congregation – it would be great to see outfits from many different cultures!

If you are interested in being **confirmed** at Southwark Cathedral in November this year, please let Fr Daniel know. If there are enough candidates from St Stephen's we will set up a confirmation class. (NB: Confirmation is for adults as well as children. Children/teenagers over the age of 10 can be confirmed).

Fr Daniel will be starting monthly **Bible study** sessions starting this month. The first session will be on Thursday 20th August at 7pm where we will look at the first 3 chapters of Genesis, exploring the Christian doctrine of creation.

For those who have been contacted by our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Lana Ruddock, about completing **safeguarding training**, please complete the training by the next PCC meeting on 10th September 2026. It is **vital** that all PCC members and those with leadership positions in the church complete safeguarding training. We are **also** looking for a second **Parish Safeguarding Officer** to assist Lana Ruddock in our safeguarding work. If you are interested, please speak with Lana or Fr Daniel.

Our parish church relies upon your financial donations to survive and flourish. You can give by standing order on a regular basis, with cash or card on a Sunday, or via QR code. Please scan the QR code below to make a donation:

