

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PCC
Corpus Christi
St Albans Pilgrimage

11th June 8pm
20th June 8pm
22nd June

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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 should you wish to save some trees!

Items for the newsletter should be notified to Fr Geoffrey by Thursday morning.

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St Stephen Norbury & Thornton Heath

Newsletter

9th June 2019

Gospel: John 14.8-17

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SERVICES THIS WEEK

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| TODAY | 8am | EUCCHARIST |
| | 10am | SUNG EUCCHARIST |
| TUESDAY | 7.30am | EUCCHARIST |
| WEDNESDAY | 10am | EUCCHARIST |
| SATURDAY | 10am | EUCCHARIST |
| SUNDAY | 8am | EUCCHARIST |
| | 10am | SUNG EUCCHARIST |
| | 6pm | EVENSONG & BENEDICTION |

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 – part of our sister Church in the US led by Bishop Michael Curry.

PRAYING FOR THE PARISH This month we are praying for all who live in Ederline Avenue and St Christopher's Gardens. Our thanks to Helen Doe who regularly delivers the cards to the streets being prayed for.

THE BREAD AND WINE This week the elements are sponsored Millicent Arthurs for Gary. It costs £5 per week to sponsor the elements to mark a special occasion or to remember a loved one. Please speak to Fr Geoffrey.

SIDESPEOPLE NEEDED Training will be offered to anyone who would like to be a part of our ministry of care and welcome by being a sidesperson. Please speak to Hazel Pudney or Andrea Anderson.

THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL This list has to be updated every few years which means that EVERYONE has to fill in a new form or otherwise not be counted any more. If you don't recall filling in a form check the list at the back of church. Blank forms are at the back of church, too.

WALSINGHAM 2019 Booking for the pilgrimage is beginning to pick up. The dates are 13th – 15th September and you will find the booking list at the back of church. The cost for accommodation and full board is £142. Travel will be £40 – frozen for the third year. Please sign up and pay a deposit of £40. Final numbers have to be given to the Shrine in the next week so the time is growing short.

MISSION IN 2019 We are sharing our revised Mission Action Plan (MAP) that every parish is encouraged to create. It's designed to highlight strengths and opportunities in our work to invite more people to experience the love of God at St Stephen's..

PILGRIM Our discipleship course has restarted. This is a great opportunity to sit for an hour to reflect on scripture and examine what our faith means. Sessions at 11am and 7.15pm. Future sessions on: 26th June, 24th July, 4th September and 2nd October.

CONFIRMATION The precise dates will be announced in due course but Confirmation classes will begin in September. They are open to anyone from the age of 10 upwards. As last year we will have the privilege of going to Southwark Cathedral in November for the Confirmation service.

RECEIVING THE BLESSED SACRAMENT It is usual in the Church of England for communicants to receive both the host and the chalice directly. This is both convenient and hygienic. The habit of dipping the host in the chalice is not encouraged but it is worth remembering that, if you are concerned about passing on infection, it is perfectly proper to receive the host only. The full benefits of the Sacrament are to be got from the host OR the chalice alone.

CORPUS CHRISTI This year we celebrate Corpus Christi on 20th June with a Sung Eucharist at 8pm. This is an opportunity to focus our thanksgiving to God for the gift of the Blessed Sacrament – the life of God truly present in bread and wine. The service will end with the beautiful devotion of Benediction.

ST ALBANS DAY PILGRIMAGE This year the pilgrimage falls on St Alban's day itself – 22nd June. As usual we will meet at Streatham station to catch a through train to St Albans for what is always a great day of worship and fun. There's no need to book but if you'd like to indicate to Fr Geoffrey that you would like to go we can look out for each other on the day.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION More commonly known as Confession this sacrament is available by request to Fr Geoffrey. To confess our failings and short-comings out loud and to hear God's forgiveness declared to us can be very powerful.

