

St Stephen's, Canonbury
17 Canonbury Road, N1 2DF
Exploring Faith – Sharing Hope – Growing in Love

February 2019

Welcome to St Stephen's. We seek to know God through Jesus Christ. Encountering Him in worship, service, love for each other and those around us. If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please leave us your details. Our prayer team can talk and pray with you. If you have a particular need for which you would like prayer, talk to the service leader.

On most Sundays there is Sunday School for children 4-11 and 'Dreams' for young people 11+. On 2nd and 3rd Sundays there is a group for toddlers to reception as well. There are toys for younger children at the back of the church. The sermons are recorded and are available on the website.

Services in February

- Sun 3 11am First Sunday – Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
Reading: Luke 2:22-40
Leaders: John Beauchamp and Margaret Evans
- 6.30pm Evening Communion – Speaking truth in a diverse culture
Reading: Luke 14:25-35 – Speaking truth about discipleship
Leader: Sarah Strang; Speaker: Katie Melville
- Sun 10 11am Holy Communion
Readings: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11
Leader: Stephen Spencer; Preacher: Margaret Evans
- 6.30pm Evening Worship – Speaking truth in a diverse culture
Reading: 1 Cor 15:1-8,35-44 – Speaking truth about resurrection
Leader: Will Smart; Speaker: Timothy Muller
- Sun 17 11am Morning Worship
Readings: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26
Leader and preacher: John Beauchamp
- 6.30pm Evening Worship – Speaking truth in a diverse culture
Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-12 – Speaking truth about salvation
Leader: Sarah Strang; Speaker: Joy Faulkner
- Sun 24 11am Holy Communion
Readings: Revelation 4; Luke 8:22-25
Leader: Margaret Evans; Preacher: Fola Faleti
- 6.30pm Evening Worship – Speaking truth in a diverse culture
Reading: Matthew 22:15-22 – Speaking truth about politics
Leader: Stuart Evans; Speaker: John Woolf

E-NEWS UPDATES. You can register for weekly e-news updates by sending your email address to administrator@ststephenscanonbury.org.uk. The e-news will keep you updated on the latest news and remind you about services and events.

Please pray this month

Urban Hope

- For Anna Herold the new youth worker as she joins the team. That she will be able to build positive relationships with young people and feel welcome
- For young people struggling with school and the support and space Urban Hope is able to offer them.
- For Juniors Club. For new connections and growth in numbers and that the team and volunteers will stay motivated as this happens.

Pre school childrens work

- For the development of plans for a child and parent group on Monday afternoon in St Stephen's.
- For the parent and baby group at Almorah Road.
- For Messy Church this term marking Lent and Easter.

Manna

- For clients on the streets at risk of death from violence or hypothermia.
- Give thanks for good relationships with winter night shelters and pray this will continue.
- That clients will be willing to go into shelters in severe weather.

Church

- For those who are unwell: Yazna, Joy Maitland, Brenda Coomes, Mary Allen, Val Bull, Len Chalkley, Elizabeth Ainger, Mary Fergus, Rachel Green, Sylvia Dolan, Wendy Reeves, Vivien Mehmet, John Lowe, Stephen Spencer and those mourning the loss of loved ones.
- For the annual meetings in March and all the work that needs to be done to prepare for these

World

- For the people of Eritrea, both in the country and those living as refugees across the world. For new justice and democracy in this oppressed country. For Fr Shenouda and the St Mary's Eritrean Orthodox community at Archway.
- For us during the Brexit process, that all concerned may look for common ground and seek the common good.

WINTER GAMES EVENING – SATURDAY 9th FEBRUARY. Come and enjoy an evening of board games on 9th February from 6.30pm. Fun for all ages. Join us and brighten up a dark winter evening. There will be another games evening on 9th March as well.

MESSY CHURCH. There are 2 Messy Church events this term.

Saturday 2nd March, 3pm – Messy Church for Lent.

Saturday 13th April, 3pm – Messy Church for Easter

Messy Church is for everyone with plenty of activities for children and adults to enjoy together. With a chance to be creative with art and craft, a story, prayer and worship and food, Messy Church is guaranteed to be fun for all who come. Lois is always keen to talk to people who would like to help. Talk to Lois if you would like to know more.

ERITREAN EVENING. On Saturday 16th February from 6pm you are invited to come to an Eritrean evening at St Stephen's. We will be joined by Fr Shenouda and members of the St Mary's Eritrean Orthodox Church from Archway who will provide us with some traditional Eritrean food to share together. Then there will be a chance to hear more about Eritrea from Martin Plaut, an ex BBC reporter who is an acknowledged expert on Eritrea, and several people who have left Eritrea as refugees and travelled through Libya, across the Mediterranean to Europe and eventually the UK. This will be a chance to really connect with the stories of refugees and share a little of their experiences, as well as showing our support for the St Mary's congregation. Sign the list in the Church, email John or search on 'Eventbrite' and book to let us know you will be attending.

EVENING SERVICE SERIES. During February we continue our evening series 'Speaking the truth in a diverse culture.' We will explore: Feb 3 – Speaking truth about discipleship; Feb 10 – Speaking truth about resurrection; Feb 17 – Speaking truth about salvation; Feb 24 – Speaking truth about politics. Evening services begin at 6.30pm and are an opportunity to think together about challenging issues.

ELECTORAL ROLL. 2019 is a year when we have to create a new electoral roll. This means that the current roll lapses and everyone has to make a new application. All existing members have been sent letters and application forms. Please complete yours and return it as soon as you can. If you would like to join the electoral roll for the first time pick up a form from the back of the Church. To join the roll you must be baptised in the Church of England or a church in communion with the C of E (talk to John if you would like this explained)., You must be 16 or over by the date of the annual meeting (this year 24th March), live in the St Stephen's parish or, if you don't live in the parish, attend worship regularly. You can also join if illness prevents you attending whether you live in the parish or not. Vernon and Fran Trafford are the electoral roll officers and can provide forms and information. The last date for applications to be received is Sunday 24th February. Please don't leave it that late though. Return your form as soon as you can to make it easier for us to administer this process. Thank you.

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS. The annual meeting this year will take place on Sunday 24th March with the vestry meeting (for the election of wardens) immediately after the 11am service, followed by a shared lunch and the Annual Parochial Meeting at 2pm. This year there are 5 vacancies on the PCC, 4 for 3 years and 1 for 2 years. Nomination forms will be available from Sunday 17th February. Please talk to John, Margaret, Suzanne or Janice to find out more about serving on the PCC. Annual reports and accounts will be published on 3rd March along with papers for the meetings.

CHURCH WEEKEND 2020. We need to start planning for our next church weekend away that will be in 2020. Do you have views on what we might do? Who might be our speaker? Would you like to join a small team to help shape and plan the weekend? We are still seeking feedback about last year's weekend. Sheets are available in the Church. Please take 2 minutes to complete one and return it to John. If you would like to help us plan for 2020 please talk to John or Margaret.

PARISH GIVING SERVICE. The Parish Giving Service (PGS) is a way of giving regularly to St Stephen's that minimises the administration we have to undertake. PGS collect your donation and then hand that on to us and claim the Gift Aid on our behalf. All donations and the Gift Aid are then paid to us in a lump sum each month. There is no cost to us or you to use this service. We would like to encourage everyone who currently gives regularly direct to bank to change to PGS and any new donors who would like to start giving regularly to do so in this way. You will have to set up a direct debit to PGS and you can allow your donation to increase in line with inflation each year if you wish. This will greatly reduce our accounting and Gift Aid admin so we are keen to use PGS as widely as possible. There are information leaflets and forms in the Church and Ralph Dunham will talk to you about this. You can talk to Ralph after a Sunday service or contact him through the office by emailing administrator@ststephenscanonbury.org.uk. Ralph is happy to meet with people and explain the service and its advantages.

Regular events

Mon	4-6pm After School 'Chillzone' years 6 & 7 (Halls) 7-8.45pm Urban Hope drop-in - years 7-9 (Halls)
Tue	9.30am Urban Hope prayers (Urban Hope room) 7-9pm The Manna (Church Halls)
Wed	10.00am Prayers for The Manna (Manna Office) 1-3pm The Manna (Church Halls) 3pm Holy Communion and prayers for healing (1 st & 3 rd Weds - Church) 6.30-8pm Urban Hope Junior Club – year 4-6 (Halls)
Thurs	6.30-9pm Urban Hope Drop-in – years 10+ (Halls)
Fri	9-11am The Manna Key-work Session (Church Halls)

Events in February

Mon 4	7.30pm PCC meeting (Vicarage meeting room)
Sat 9	6.30pm Games evening (Halls)
Sat 16	6pm An Eritrean Evening (Halls and Church)

PASTORAL CARE TEAM. PCT members are available to support and pray with you in all circumstances. Contact John Beauchamp by email or on 07946161098.

CHURCH FLOWERS. You can contribute towards flowers for anniversaries and special occasions. Please contact Carol Mellor 020 7263 6916.

Vicar – Rev John Beauchamp – 020 7226 7526 or 07946 161098

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Church Administrator: Rose Mwsigwa

Church office – 020 8616 5505 administrator@ststephenscanonbury.org.uk

Office open: Mon 9.30am-3pm, Thur 9.30am-3pm, Fri 12 noon-4pm

Church and hall bookings: Natalie Beauchamp

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Church Wardens – Suzanne Roberts & Janice Emslie (Contact through the church office)

The Manna – Homeless and adult support (see diary for opening times)

020 7226 5369 – themanna@ststephenscanonbury.org.uk

Urban Hope – Youth Support Project (see diary for opening times)

020 7354 9616 – hello@urbanhope.co.uk