

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

May 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 May

- Sun 7 11 am First Sunday - After the Resurrection
Reading: John 21:1-19
Leader: Margaret Evans; Speaker: Lois Gallagher
- 6.30pm Evening Holy Communion: Radical openness to the other.
Leader: Margaret Evans; Preacher: John Woolf
- Sun 12 11am Holy Communion Easter 4 - Paul meets the Resurrected Jesus
Readings: Acts 9:1-9; John 10:14-18
Leader: Joy Faulkner-Mopeho; Preacher: Stuart Evans
- 6.30pm Evening Worship : Reconciliation as peace with justice.
Leader: Will Smart; Preacher: Timothy Muller
- Sun 19 11am Morning Worship
Readings Acts 11:1-18; John 13:31-35
Leader: Margaret Evans; Preacher: Angus Ritchie
- 6.30pm Evening Holy Communion - The Bible Doesn't Say That –
"God helps those who help themselves."
Reading: Matthew 6:25-33
Leader: Sarah Strang; Preacher: Stuart Evans
- Sun 26 11am Holy Communion
Readings: Acts 16:9-15; John 14:23-29
Leader: Margaret Evans; Preacher: Kate Moore
- 6.30pm Evening Worship - The Bible Doesn't Say That –
"Do not judge others."
Reading: 1 Corinthians 5:1-13
Leader: Timothy Muller, Preacher: Revd Vauqhan Jones

Please pray this month

Urban Hope

- For Junior Club - especially the assembly we will take at Rotherfield Primary School on Wednesday 8th May to promote Urban Hope & Junior Club. We will also be starting a session at the Almorah Centre on Wednesday 8th May.
- For all the workers and volunteers of Urban Hope as we continue to support young people. We thank God that young people feel that they can open up to us. Pray for our words to speak life into the young people's situations.
- For the planning and preparation for May Half Term.

Preschool childrens work

- For 'Flourish Play Café' on Monday afternoons.
- For guidance and vision for continuing this ministry in the future.

Manna

- For staff, volunteers and clients to grow and flourish together, experiencing the love and presence of God in a way that is accessible to all.
- For unity amongst The Manna team, MMC and PCC as we seek to respond to those most in need in our community and society and to be adequately resourced to do so.
- For wisdom and discernment in working with those with challenging behaviour and to be constantly renewed with God's love compassion and grace.

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, Vivien Mehmet, John Lowe, Stephen Spencer, and those mourning the loss of loved ones including the families and friends of Christine Matthews (Suzanne Roberts' sister), Elizabeth Eddo (James Eddo's wife) and Wendy Reeves (Katy Evans' mother).
- That St Stephens will become a place where our life and worship respond increasingly to local circumstances, culture and experience
- For John on his study leave as he researches and writes about disability and ministry

World

- For the people of Eritrea, living in the country and across the world especially for those held in camps and detention centres
- For people living in places of danger, conflict or oppression including in Shri Lanka, Syria, Israel and Palestine, Mozambique and Venezuela.

THEME FOR MORNINGS IN MAY. During May we will focus on loving and serving our community and our neighbours through prayer and action. Invited guests and church members will inspire us afresh as we 'Explore Faith, Share Hope and Grow in Love'.

FROM BISHOP OF ISLINGTON + RIC. An invitation to join in a global wave of prayer 'Thy Kingdom Come' for 10 days between Ascension and Pentecost (30 May – 9 June). We are encouraged to pray individually and together in whatever ways we can focussing especially on listening to London and listening to God. If you have any ideas or inspiration for how we at St Stephen's can join in please share.

JOHN ON STUDY LEAVE. Our Vicar, John Beauchamp, is on Study leave until 1st July. Until then Margaret Evans and Janice Emslie, Church Warden, will be key contacts for many aspects of church life. The Pastoral Care Team, coordinated by Stephen Spencer and Bo Shepherd, will be keeping up with people. For enquiries and to get in touch with Margaret, Janice or the Pastoral Care Team please contact Administrator Rose Mwesigwa by email or phone - administrator@ststephenscanonbury.org.uk 020 8616 5505. (The church office is staffed on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays so please be patient if you have to wait for a reply). Natalie will continue to manage bookings in the Church and halls and can be contacted via phone 020 7226 7526 or email centremanager@ststephenscanonbury.org.uk

CHURCH LED LIGHTING UPGRADE. We are excited to announce that on Monday 20th May we will begin work on upgrading the lighting in the church. The project is funded large part by Cloudsley and the Buildings Committee are very appreciative of their support. We are working with an experienced contractor who has done work for us and within the diocese previously. All existing fixtures will be changed to a higher specification and all fittings will now contain efficient LED lamps. We should notice a pleasant change in aesthetics and ambience - especially for evening services. Also, this will save a substantial amount of electricity and will be a big step forward in achieving our collective carbon-cutting goals. This project combined with the newly completed solar panel installation will slash the utility costs and provide clean, cheap and reliable operations to St. Stephens parish for years to come. Our contractor is aiming to complete all work in time for Pentecost on the 9th June, with services scheduled in the church halls throughout this window. Thank you in advance for your support and understanding during this time.

Rich Senez Chair of Buildings Committee

PARISH GIVING SERVICE. PGS is a way of giving to the work of St Stephen's and reducing our administration. PGS handle your donation and claim the Gift Aid for us and then pass all the money to us at no cost to you or the PCC. If you give regularly through a standing order we would like you to consider changing to PGS. All you need to do is to complete a form and send this off, the rest is done for you. You can pick up information from the Church and/or talk to Ralph Dunham. Contact via the church office on administrator@ststephenscanonbury.org.uk.

Regular events

Mon 1.15-2.45pm Flourish Play Café (for preschool children and parents) (Halls)
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)
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)

PASTORAL CARE TEAM. PCT members are available to support and pray with you in all circumstances. During John's study leave contact the church office – administrator@ststephenscanonbury.org.uk – 020 8616 5505 – and messages will be passed on.

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

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Church Administrator: Rose Mwsigwa

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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