

# St Stephen's, Canonbury

## 17 Canonbury Road, London, N1 2DF

### Exploring Faith – Sharing Hope – Growing in Love

June 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 June

- Sun 2nd 11am First Sunday – Community Organising -  
Leaders: Joy Faulkner-Mpeho and Christain Dennys- McClure
- 6.30pm Evening Holy Communion - The Bible Doesn't Say That –  
"Suffering always comes from sin." James 1: 2-4; Book of Job.  
Leader: Margaret Evans; Preacher: John Creyke
- Sun 9th 11am Family Holy Communion - The Feast of Pentecost  
Readings: Acts 2.1-21; John 14:8-17  
Lead and preside: Margaret Evans; Preacher: Mat Barber  
*No evening service*
- Sun 16th 11am Morning Worship – Trinity Sunday  
Readings: Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15  
Leader: Joy Faulkner-Mpeho; Preacher: David Ainger
- 6.30pm Evening Holy Communion – The Bible Doesn't Say That –  
"God won't give you more than you can handle." 2 Corinthians 1:3-11  
Leader: Sarah Strang; Preacher: Joy Faulkner-Mpeho
- Sun 23rd 11am Holy Communion – Hospitality and Gratitude  
Lead and preside: Margaret Evans; Preacher: Girma Bishaw
- 6.30pm Evening Worship - The Bible Doesn't Say That –  
"One job description fits all Christians"  
Leader: Rachel Woolf; Preacher: Timothy Muller
- Sun 30<sup>th</sup> 11am Holy Communion - 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood  
Readings: Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-end  
Lead: Stuart Evans; Preacher: Carol Mellor; Preside: Margaret Evans
- 6.30pm Evening Worship – The Bible Doesn't Say That –  
'Only Christians go to heaven.'" Preacher : Stuart Evans

## **Please pray this month**

### **Urban Hope**

- For Junior Club as we start to run activities from the Almorah Road Community Centre.
- For our work in schools as we look to support more students across Islington.
- For the residentials over the next few months, that young people enjoy them and come back with loads of stories to share.

### **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.
- For John on his study leave writing about disability and ministry

### **Our Mission Partners**

- For Tim and Rachel Green - give thanks for new grandson Michael born to Sarah and Jason. For wisdom and energy for their trip to Australia speaking at conferences and Bible colleges, working to establish a TEE Australian network with different migrant language groups.
- For Geoff and Caroline Shave – give thanks for better water levels in Cape Town reservoirs and for peaceful national elections. Pray for disciples of Jesus to grow and share their faith in the workplaces of the Cape through their Agape initiatives. And for the school work, exams and spiritual lives of Emily (final year) and Nathan (year 10).
- ALMA link – give thanks for the ministry and witness of St Stephen's Luanda and for our friendship. For the formation of an official scheme to make grants to young church members to enable them to remain in education.

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

**A MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR.** Dear Friends, As I pass the halfway point in my study leave here is a short update of what I have been up to. I spent 2 weeks in the US firstly at a conference in New Mexico with the Centre for Action and Contemplation. This was called 'The Universal Christ' and presented some challenging thinking about creation and the presence of God. If you want to know what it was about the book 'The Universal Christ' by Richard Rohr will tell you. I went with my daughter Mandy and we then spent a week touring Arizona with the Grand Canyon, Horseshoe Bend, Antelope Canyon and many other places on the agenda. We flew back on 6<sup>th</sup> April and since then I have been reading and writing on my topic of Disability as Diversity. It has been a fascinating experience of thinking and reflection along with meeting and interviewing people, my word count is close to 70,000. I am conducting a survey amongst London clergy about experiences of and attitudes to disability and drawing together statistics gleaned from the wider church. In between Nelson is getting plenty of walks although I think he misses coming to church. I'm planning on two further weeks of work before putting it all down for a while and taking a break. I return to parish duties on 1<sup>st</sup> July. My thanks to Margaret and everyone else filling in and keeping things going and I look forward to being back with you in a few weeks. John

**THEME FOR MORNINGS IN JUNE.** We will continue to focus on loving and serving our community and our neighbours through prayer and action.

**NEW SERIES FOR EVENINGS.** "The Bible Doesn't Say That" will look at ideas about God and Christianity that have found their way into church culture but conflict with scripture actually teaches. We will challenge the misuse of ideas like "Suffering always comes from sin". Do join us.

**THE PASTORAL CARE TEAM** aims to do our best to make sure St Stephen's is caring properly for people - starting by being aware of people we haven't seen for a while, those who are unwell or grieving and those who might be having some very practical difficulties. Team members are the Vicar, Janice Emslie, Margaret Evans, Bo Sheppard, Stephen Spencer and Mary Thomas and you can contact us via the church office. We want to make sure no one is falling through the net or thinking nobody cares about them. BUT this can only be done if we know the situation – ***so if you are someone in need or you know of someone, please let us know!*** Of course many people are caring for others – and all members of St Stephen's are unofficially on the Pastoral Care Team. Please get in touch if you'd like to share an idea or talk about becoming part of the team. Stephen Spencer – Joint Co-ordinator

## **THE CANONBURY SOCIETY SPRING NEWSLETTER IS HERE -**

please take one. Articles include 'Coping with Austerity - Canonbury's Charities' by Sarah Strang with contributions from Anne Cartwright on The Manna and Mat Barber on Urban Hope. Open to all in the wider Canonbury community – ward, conservation area or parish – the Canonbury Society encourages neighbourliness, community engagement and participation. Do join! Find out more by speaking to Sarah Strang or at [contact@canonburysociety.org.uk](mailto:contact@canonburysociety.org.uk)

**PCC MEMBERS' WORKSHOP 7-9pm 4<sup>th</sup> July** at The Stepney Area Centre for Training and Development, St Anne's, Hemsworth Street, Hoxton is specially tailored to new or continuing PCC members and officers. See details and enrol on the Area Website or speak to Margaret, Joy or Suzanne.

**PARISH GIVING SERVICE.** PGS is a way of giving to the work of St Stephen's and reducing our administration. If you give regularly through a standing order we would like you to consider changing to PGS. You can pick up information from the Church and/or talk to Ralph Dunham. Contact via the church office.

### **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)

Vicar – Rev John Beauchamp – 020 7226 7526 or 07946 161098  
(On study leave until 1<sup>st</sup> July) [vicar@ststephenscanonbury.org.uk](mailto:vicar@ststephenscanonbury.org.uk)

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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 Warden – Janice Emslie (Contact through the church office)

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

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

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