

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

April 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 April

- Sun 7 11am First Sunday – Living with blessing 5, Persecution and righteousness
'Let my people go' the first Passover
Readings: Exodus 5:1-9; Matt 5:1-11
Leaders: Margaret Evans and team
- 6.30pm Evening Communion
Readings: 2 Cron 33; Matt 20:20-28 Reconciliation and community
Leader: Joy Faulkner-Mpeho; Speaker: Sarah Strang
- Sat 13 3pm Messy Easter
- Sun 14 11am Holy Communion – Palm Sunday – Living with blessing 6,
Readings: Luke 19:28-40; Matthew 5:1-11 – Insults and evil
Leader: Margaret Evans; Preacher: Stuart Evans
- 6.30pm Creative Evening Worship for Palm Sunday
Leaders: Sarah Strang and team
- Thr 18 7.30pm Maundy Thursday Communion
Readings: 1 Cor 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Leader: Margaret Evans; Preacher: TBA
- Fri 19 11am Good Friday all age service
Leaders: Lois Gallagher and Margaret Evans
No service or walk of witness from Angel Central this year
- Sun 21 11am Holy Communion – Easter Day
Reading: Luke 24:1-12
Leader: Stuart Evans; Preacher: Margaret Evans
- 6.30pm No service
- Sun 28 11am Morning Worship
Readings: Acts 5:27-32; John 20:19-end
Leader: Timothy Muller; Preacher: John Creyke
- 6.30pm Compline with sermon
Reading: Luke 24:13-35 – The road to Emmaus
Leader: Sarah Strang; Speaker: Katie Melville

Please pray this month

Urban Hope

- For mentoring sessions, that the team have the words to speak life into young people's situations.
- For work in schools, especially new work in local primary school.
- For development of positive relationships in drop-in clubs.

Preschool childrens work

- For 'Flourish Play Café' on Monday afternoons
- For Messy Easter on 13th April this term
- For guidance and vision for continuing this ministry in the future

Manna

- Give thanks for God's provision for Manna, volunteers, donations, facilities.
- For donations of men's clothing and accommodation as winter night shelters close at the end of March.
- For volunteer cooks to provide cover for Kemi and a new singing tutor for Manna singers.

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).
- For the newly elected PCC as it meets to appoint officers and subcommittees for the coming year.
- For John's study leave as he researches and writes about disability and ministry.

World

- Continue to pray for the people of Eritrea, those still in the country and those who live across the world.
- For hope of resurrection and new life in places of conflict and oppression.

FLOURISH PLAY CAFÉ – MONDAY AFTERNOONS AT ST STEPHEN'S. As part of our pre-school childrens work project we are running a new parent/carer and child drop-in on Monday afternoons during school term-time, from 1.15-2.45pm in the church halls. Flourish play cafe is a relaxed, warm space with good coffee and teas, music, books, magazines and toys. The group is for parents and carers of babies and children from birth to 4 years so if you know of families who might like to join us please tell them and/or bring them along. If you would like to help us run the cafe or you would like to bake some refreshments for us, please let Lois know.

MESSY EASTER. Come and join us for Messy Church for Easter on Saturday 13th April at 3pm in the halls. Craft and activities, stories and reflection, prayer and worship, refreshments and conversation, as we look forward to our celebration of the Easter joy. Everyone is welcome at Messy Church which is for children and adults together. You can find out more from Lois and volunteer to join the team to help as well if you would like to.

JOHN ON STUDY LEAVE. John has been given a period of study leave this year. This begins on 25th March and he will return to parish duties on 1st July. During this time Margaret Evans will be the key contact for many aspects of church life along with Janice Emslie as church warden. Our pastoral team will be keeping up with people and the PCC and standing committee will continue to make sure our ministry continues. Natalie will continue to manage bookings in the Church and halls. To get in touch with Margaret or Janice or the pastoral team please email or phone Rose in the church office – administrator@ststephenscanonbury.org.uk – 020 8616 5505 (The office is staffed on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays so please be patient if it takes a few days to reply). To contact Natalie about bookings please email centremanager@ststephenscanonbury.org.uk or phone 020 7226 7526.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER. Join us as we journey through the events of Holy Week to Good Friday, before we gather to celebrate the Easter joy.

Sat 13th April: 3pm, Messy Church for Easter.

Sun 14th April: 11am, Holy Communion for Palm Sunday
6.30pm Creative Worship for Palm Sunday

Thur 18 April: 7.30pm Maundy Thursday Communion

Fri 19 April: 11am Good Friday worship for all.

Sun 21 April: 11am Easter Day Communion

This year there will be no service or walk of witness on Good Friday at Angel Central. However, St Mary's will be offering their 3 hours of prayer and reflection, 12-3pm, to which all are welcome.

LENT APPEAL – MODERN DAY SLAVERY. This year our Lent appeal is to support the Bishop of London's Lent appeal to help combat modern day slavery in London. Across our city are thousands of people who have been trafficked to the UK and are made to work for little or no pay in often appalling conditions. Modern day slavery extends to domestic service, building sites, nail bars, car washes, women forced to work in the sex industry and more. The appeal is to support a number of organisations who offer safe havens to people, support them out of slavery and help them rebuild their lives. Modern day slavery is all around us in London, as the appeal says – 'hidden in plain sight.' The appeal not only seeks donations but to raise awareness of the signs of slavery and how to report these. You can find out more by following the link on the church website and/or picking up a leaflet from the Church. You can donate by putting cash or a cheque (made to St Stephen's, Canonbury) in a Lent appeal envelope and placing this in the offering at any service in April. Or by donating direct to the bank: Bank: Nat West; Account name: St Stephen's Church, Canonbury; Sort Code: 50-30-09; Account number: 04811151. Thank you.

NEWS FROM GEORGINA MAUDE. At the end of 2018 Georgina moved to Auckland in New Zealand and in November got engaged to Tim who she met in London several years ago. They will be married at All Saints Church in Hurworth in North Yorkshire on 14th June this year. After this they will return to Auckland where Georgina has secured a job with PWC. We offer Georgina and Tim our warmest congratulations for their wedding and their future together.

LED LIGHTING IN THE CHURCH. As part of our carbon reduction project we have secured funding from Richard Cloudesley and the Islington Community Energy Fund for LED lighting in the Church. We hope the work will be carried out at the end of April, after which we will have a better and more flexible lighting system for services and events.. Along with the solar panels, LED lighting in the halls and improved insulation and draft proofing, we will reduce our carbon footprint from 30 tonnes a year to under 15 tonnes a year.

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.

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

020 7226 7526 – centremanager@ststephenscanonbury.org.uk

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