

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

November 2018

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 November

- Sun 4 11am First Sunday – All Saints
Reading: Mark 12:28-34
Leaders: Dave Titmas and John Beauchamp
3pm Messy Church – Service of Light
6.30pm Evening Communion – Kingdom signs and wonders in John
Reading: John 11:1-45 – The raising of Lazarus
Leader: Sarah Strang; Speaker: John Beauchamp
- Sun 11 10.30am Morning Worship for Remembrance Sunday
Reading: John 15:9-17
Leader and preacher: John Beauchamp
6.30pm Service of prayers for peace
Leader: John Beauchamp
- Sun 18 11am Holy Communion and baptism
Reading: Mark 10:13-17
Leader: Margaret Evans; Preacher: David Ainger
6.30pm Evening Worship – Exploring the Psalms
Leader: Timothy Muller; Speaker: Margaret Evans
- Sun 25 11am Morning Worship – Christ the King
Readings: Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37
Leader: Stuart Evans; Preacher: Joy Faulkner
6.30pm Evening Communion – Exploring the Psalms
Leader: Will Smart; Speaker: Stuart Evans.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 11th NOVEMBER The Remembrance Sunday Service on 11th November will begin at 10.30am so we can join with the national silence at 11am. In this service we will remember those from our parish who died between 1914 and 1918 as well as hearing from those who were on the front line on November 11th 1918. See inside for more information.

Please pray this month

Urban Hope

- For the recruitment process for a new female youth worker and interviews taking place this month.
- For work to create closer and stronger networks between projects and youth workers in the area.
- For planning for the future growth of Urban Hope and finding funding for this.

Preschool childrens work

- For the November and December Messy Church events.
- For the opportunities that the run up to Christmas gives to engage families and children in services and activities.
- For a parent and baby group run by Lois at the Almorah Rd Community Centre.

Manna

- For the appointment of a new project worker after interviews on 2nd November.
- For local winter night shelters preparing to open in the colder weather.
- For all Manna clients and others who face fuel poverty and struggle to heat their homes over the winter.

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 and those mourning the loss of loved ones including the family and friends of Lisbeth Palia.
- Give thanks for the progress of the Church steps and pray for the continuing quinquennial repair work.
- For our reflections after the church weekend away as we think about all John Bell shared with us about worship.

World

- For the people of Eretria, both in the country and those living as refugees across the world. For new justice and democracy in this oppressed country. For Father Shenouda and the St Mary's Eritrean Orthodox community at Archway.
- For the national and international marking of the centenary of the end of WWI and for renewed efforts for peace in places of continuing conflict.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE. On Sunday 2nd December Bishop Ric Thorpe will conduct a Confirmation service here at St Stephen's. We currently have 2 candidates. If you are a child 11 or older or an adult and would like to think about Confirmation, please talk to John or Margaret.

READERS PRAY-ERS AND MUSICIANS. We are always keen to welcome new people as readers, pray-ers and musicians in our worship. If you would like to offer your voice and/or musical talent and join the teams that help and serve in this way you can talk to John or contact him by email vicar@ststephenscanonbury.org.uk.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY. As this Remembrance Sunday marks the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War, our morning service will particularly focus on those from our parish who died in the 1914-1918 conflict. We have collated a list of those who died which is on the church website – www.ststephenscanonbury.org.uk. We are looking for any relatives who still live in the area. If you think you know anyone please let John know about them. The morning service will begin at 10.30am so we can join properly in the national silence at 11am. At 6.30pm there will be a reflective service of prayers for peace as we seek peace for a world that still bears the scars of many conflicts.

MESSY CHURCH – FESTIVAL OF LIGHT – SUNDAY 4TH NOVEMBER, 3pm. As the nights start to draw in, we are called at 'All Saints Tide' to reflect on the light of faith we see in the saints, past and present, and then we fill the night sky with fireworks on November 5th. At this time of celebration our next Messy Church will be a Festival of Light with activities and worship for all ages to enjoy. Come and join us on Sunday 4th November at 3.00pm in the halls. Invite friends and family as we enjoy activities and worship together. Talk to Lois to find out more. The next Messy Church event will be an Advent celebration on Saturday 8th December as we look forward to the excitement of Christmas.

CHURCH WEEKEND AT HIGH LEIGH. Thank you to all who helped to organise the church weekend away. 'We had a great weekend in a great location with glorious weather and an inspiring and stimulating speaker. Thank you also to those who ran our childrens and youth work. We would like to know what you thought about the weekend, so you are invited to email John with your comments about what went well and what we might do differently in the future. Email John at vicar@ststephenscanonbury.org.uk and we will take your comments into consideration as we plan our next weekend away. You will be glad to know that the giving at the weekend was enough to cover the cost of our accommodation and other expenses. Thank you.

CHURCH STEPS. You will see that the stone work is now completed on the Church steps. We are really pleased with the results that improve access and enhance the Church as a landmark on Canonbury Road. The next stage is to fit the balustrades and handrails. This should be done in early December so the project will be completed before Christmas. Thank you for your patience during the work and for your support of this project.

NEWS FROM ST MARY'S UPPER STREET. It has been announced that Simon Harvey will be leaving St Mary's to take up a parish in Bury-St-Edmunds in Suffolk. The date for his move has yet to be announced. Please pray for Simon and Jo as they prepare to move and for the St Mary's congregation during the vacancy.

ST PAUL'S ADVENT PROCESSION. This popular service takes place on Saturday 1st December at 6pm and is a wonderful way to begin advent. We can request passes for all who wish to attend. Please email John at vicar@ststephenscanonbury.org.uk and let him know you would like to attend.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES. As November begins we look forward to the beginning of Advent and our journey to Christmas. Special services include:
Sunday 2nd December 11am Advent Sunday Confirmation service with Ric Thorpe.
Sunday 2nd December 6.30pm Advent Service of Light
Saturday 8th December 3pm Messy Advent
Sunday 9th December 6.30pm Advent reflection
Sunday 16th December 5pm Carols by Candlelight
Christmas Eve 4pm Family Crib Service
Christmas Day 11am Family Christmas Celebration with Communion
During Advent, 11am services will follow a series called 'Songs of Advent' looking at songs of prophecy and celebration that foretell and surround the birth of the Messiah.

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 (1st & 3rd Weds - Church)
6.30-8pm Urban Hope Juniors 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)

November meetings and events

Sun 4 3pm Messy Church (Halls)
Sun 11 10.30am Remembrance Sunday service
Mon 12 7.30pm PCC meeting (Vicarage meeting room)
Fri 16 7.15pm Elders meeting (Vicarage meeting room)
Sun 18 11am Service to include baptism of Albert and Edward Ainger

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

Church Wardens – Suzanne Roberts & 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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