

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

September 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 September

Sun 1 11am First Sunday

Theme: 'What a wonderful world'

Leaders: John Beauchamp and Lois Gallagher

6.30pm Evening Communion

Theme: Introducing Creationtide

Sun 8 11am Holy Communion

Readings: Jeremiah 18:1-11; Luke 14:25-33

Leader: John Beauchamp; Preacher: Joy Faulkner

6.30pm Evening Worship

Theme: Stories of the beginning

Sun 15 11am Morning Worship – Stewardship Sunday

Readings: 2 Corinthians 9:1-15; Mark 12:41-44

Leader: Margaret Evans; Preacher: John Beauchamp

6.30pm Evening Communion

Theme: Stewards of creation

Sun 22 11am Holy Communion – Youth Work Sunday

Theme: The work and vision of Urban Hope

Leader: John Beauchamp; Preacher: Mat Barber

6.30pm Evening Worship

Theme: An exploration of Psalm 148

Sun 29 11am Harvest Festival

An all-age harvest celebration service

Leaders: John Beauchamp; Lois Gallagher; children & young people

6.30pm Evening Worship

Theme: Exploring science and faith

Please pray this month

Urban Hope

- Young people as they transition into a new chapter – university, GCSE/A level courses, new schools and new classes.
- Young People known to UH who are struggling with a range of issues.
- For work in schools and plans to grow this as a new year begins.

Preschool childrens work

- For Lois as she works through September to consolidate this work and recruit a team of volunteers to sustain it for the future.

Manna

- For Manna centre users locked in addiction to recognise their dependency and seek the right help.
- For courage and grace for those who are unwell and frightened to see a doctor or accept treatment.
- For staff to maintain a balance of compassion, patience, wisdom and insight towards centre users.

Church

- For those who are unwell: Mary Allen, Val Bull, Mary Fergus, Joy Maitland, Vivian Mehmet, Angelina (daughter of Moses and Liya), Elizabeth Ainger. Sylvia Dolan, Bryan Gault, Joyce Lowe, John Lowe, Stephen Spencer, Yazna and Anna Wilson.
- For the PCC day on 28th September.
- For our 'Stewardship Sunday' as we consider our needs and resources.

World

- For Sri Lanka, particularly for Christians facing danger because of their faith.
- For farmers across the world. For the will to use sustainable farming methods and value the natural environment.
- For all who do not live in freedom because of oppression, poverty and inequality.

HARVEST FESTIVAL. Our harvest festival service will be on Sunday 29th September. The 11am service will be a family harvest celebration followed by lunch in the halls. This year's harvest appeal will be to support Christian churches and communities in Sri Lanka facing attacks and persecution. Watch out for more details to come.

CREATIONTIDE EVENING SERIES. September is Creationtide when we are called to give thanks for creation and reflect on God's call to each of us to be good stewards of the natural world. In Sunday School our children will be following a Creationtide series and this will also be picked up in evening services in September and early October. (See the service diary for themes). Evening services are an opportunity for reflection and discussion as well as worship and prayer. This series will challenge us to think about our place in creation and the part we can each play to help nurture and care for God's gift.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY. Part of our calling as Christians is to be good stewards of the gifts, talents and resources that we have. God calls us to give to the work and ministry of the church in many different ways. Stewardship Sunday will be on 15th September and is a chance for us to think together about both the financial support we are able to give and how we give our time and talent to support the church's ministry. An important part of this is the financial support we receive through your personal giving and you will have the opportunity to complete and return a pledge slip to tell us how much you might be able to give in 2020. This helps us greatly as we prepare the budget for next year and plan our activities. But Stewardship Sunday is about much more than money. It is about all that we can give to help further God's kingdom here and in the lives of the people of Canonbury and beyond. If you are on the electoral roll you will receive a letter explaining more about this. If you are not on the electoral roll spare copies will be available. If you would like to talk to someone about how you can support St Stephen's you can contact Ralph Dunham, the church treasurer, via the church office – 02086165505, administrator@ststephenscanonbury.org.uk, or John Beauchamp, 02072267526, vicar@ststephenscanonbury.org.uk. Thank you.

YOUTH WORK SUNDAY – 22nd SEPTEMBER. This will be an opportunity to catch up with what is happening at Urban Hope and learn more about the issues and circumstances faced by many of the young people in this part of London. Urban Hope's work is growing in local schools as well as in the clubs, drop-ins and other activities and through this St Stephen's is able to play an important role in the lives of individuals, families and the local community. Mat Barber, director of Urban Hope, will speak at the 11am service, so come along and find out more about what this important project is achieving.

HOMELESS SUNDAY. This year Homeless Sunday is 13th October and we will mark this at our 11am service. Kate Moore and Kaaren Morris will join us to share both the challenges and successes that we see in the Manna and we will hold the whole issue of homelessness in all its forms in our prayer. Homelessness is a scandal that we see across London and is often right on our doorstep. As a church we seek to be a voice for the voiceless and speak for those that no one will listen to. Nowhere is this more needed than for those who are homeless and on the edge of society. So as part of our response to Homeless Sunday you will be encouraged to use your voice and join together to raise awareness of this issue by writing to MPs and councillors. Come and join us and help us make a difference.

GRAPHIC DESIGN HELP. From time to time we need a flier or poster designed and formatted for printing. We have a few busy people who can do this but it would help if we had one or two others with the skills to help out from time to time. So do you have some computer design skills? Would you like to help us produce good, attractive publicity? If so, contact John on vicar@ststephenscanonbury.org.uk. Thank you.

CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY IN 2020. We are going to High Leigh in Hertfordshire, 23rd – 25th October 2020. Details are yet to be finalised but the weekend will have plenty for all with worship and talks, children and youth groups, social time and fun activities, plenty of good food and more. It would help us to get an idea of who might be joining us. The full cost is approx £190 adults, £95 5-16s, under 5s free. As before, we want everyone to be able to attend regardless of what you can afford. So you are invited to pay what you can during the weekend and, if you can, to help others by giving more. If you might attend please put your names on the list in the Church.

CONFIRMATION in 2020. Confirmation is a chance for those who were baptised as children (or who have not yet been baptised) to declare and affirm their faith and their intention to follow Jesus in their lives. Anyone over 11 can be Confirmed, or Confirmed and Baptised at the same time. If we have any candidates, we hope to arrange a Confirmation service in the Spring. If you would like to know more please talk to John.

Regular events

Mon 7-9pm Urban Hope drop-in (Halls)
Tue 7-9pm The Manna (Halls)
Wed 1-3pm The Manna (Halls)
6.30-8pm Urban Hope Junior Club – year 4-6 (Halls/ARCC)
Thurs 6.30-9pm Urban Hope Drop-in (Halls)
Fri 9-11am The Manna Key-work Session (Halls)

Events in September

Sat 28 PCC day in the Church
Sun 29 Harvest Festival service followed by lunch

PASTORAL CARE TEAM. PCT members are available to support and pray with you in all circumstances. Contact the team through the church office – 02086165505, administrator@ststephenscanonbury.org.uk, or John on 02072267526, vicar@ststephenscanonbury.org.uk. Or talk to any of the team – Stephen Spencer, Janice Emslie, Bo Shepherd, Mary Thomas and Margaret Evans.

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 and hall bookings: Natalie Beauchamp

020 7226 7526 – centremanager@ststephenscanonbury.org.uk

Church Warden – 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)

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