

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

**February 2020**

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+. There are toys for younger children at the back of the church and a crèche room where the service can be heard. The sermons are recorded and are available on the website.

Services in February

- Sun 2 11am First Sunday all-age service for Candlemas  
Reading: Luke 2:22-40  
Leaders: John Beauchamp and Rachel Woolf
- 6.30pm Evening Communion  
The table talk of Jesus  
Leader: John Woolf; Speaker: Sarah Strang
- Sun 9 11am Holy Communion  
Readings: Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 5:13-20  
Leader: Timothy Muller; Preacher: Margaret Evans
- 6.30pm Evening Worship  
Manna and Quails in the wilderness  
Leader: Sarah Strang; Speaker: Timothy Muller
- Sun 16 11am Morning Worship and baptism of Ionic and Corinthian Carson-Strang  
Leader: Margaret Evans; Preacher: Joy Faulkner-Mpeho
- 6.30pm Evening Communion  
Jesus at the house of Simon the Leper  
Leader: John Beauchamp; Speaker: John Woolf
- Sun 23 11am Holy Communion  
Readings: 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9  
Leader: Suzanne Roberts; Preacher: John Beauchamp
- 6.30pm Evening Worship  
Turning over the tables –  
the message of Jesus to the religious leaders of his time.  
Leader: TBC; Speaker: Stuart Evans
- Wed 26 7.30pm Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday  
Readings: Isaiah 58:1-12; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21  
Leader: John Beauchamp; Preacher: John Creyke

Please pray this month

### **Urban Hope**

- Give thanks for girls club and pray for a new leader to run it with Anna
- For all taking exams this year as pressure starts to build
- For work in Highbury Grove and a good relationship with the school

### **Manna**

- For clients who have been in shelters through the winter, that this is the beginning of successful resettlement and healing in their lives.
- For those who are mourning, whether recent loss or from the past, that they will find healing in 2020.
- For those who feel hopeless, in addiction or in life, that they will find the right help and have the grace to accept it.

### **Church**

- For those who are unwell and those who support them: Mary Allen, Val Bull, Mary Fergus, Joy Maitland, Vivian Mehmet, Angelina, Elizabeth Ainger. Sylvia Dolan, Bryan Gault, Joyce Lowe, John Lowe, Stephen Spencer, Yazna, Anna Wilson, Carol Mellor, Susan Dafe, Joy Eni and Verbena. Also for all mourning the loss of loved ones, particularly family and friends of Dorothy Douglas.
- For people willing to be new Church Wardens and PCC members this year.

### **World**

- For all whose lives are effected by climate change and consequential extreme weather. For renewed efforts to combat global warming.
- For unaccompanied child refugees, that the UK and other countries will offer them sanctuary and reunion with family members.

**LOOKING FORWARD.** As the new year begins we start to prepare for the annual meeting and the election of new PCC members and church officers. The annual meeting is on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April but now is the time to start thinking about whether you might get involved in supporting the life of St Stephen's through the church council or as a church officer. Church council members meet together to think about the life and direction of the church, support our projects and decide how we use our resources. We will also be electing our Church Wardens who play an important role in supporting the vicar and take responsibility for a number of aspects of church life. All appointments are made by election at the annual meeting. Nominations open on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March. If you think you might like to explore how you might get involved please talk to John. Thank you.

**EVENING SERVICES.** In February we continue the evening series reflecting on 'tables' in the Bible. What can we learn from the meals and gatherings to eat that we find in the Old and New Testaments? Evening services are at 6.30pm and provide an opportunity to listen, reflect and discuss together. All are welcome.

**WEEKLY E-NEWS.** If you don't receive our weekly e-news update you can join the mailing list by emailing your email address to the church office, [administrator@ststephenscanonbury.org.uk](mailto:administrator@ststephenscanonbury.org.uk)

**BAPTISM OF IONIC AND CORINTHIAN CARSON-STRANG.** Ian and Sarah warmly invite all their St Stephen's family to the baptism of Ionic and Corinthian on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February at the 11am service. This will be a wonderful celebration of the gift of life and the blessing that the twins are to Ian and Sarah and all of us. Join us for the service and for some special celebration cake afterwards.

**FIRST SUNDAY SERVICES.** As yet we do not have sufficient volunteers to sustain our café style First Sunday services. We need a team of at least 6 people who will take over the practical tasks each month. If you would like to volunteer to help please talk to John or phone or email. First Sunday in February will be an all-age service for Candlemas beginning at 11am. Do your best to arrive on time so you can be fully involved in our worship.

**CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY – 23- 25 OCTOBER 2020.** In February we will publish the brochure and booking information for the church weekend at High Leigh in October. The weekend will be the usual mix of teaching, worship, social activities, free time, groups for children and young people and more. All in the comfort of High Leigh with its good food and lovely grounds. Watch out for the brochure and book your places in good time.

**ASH WEDNESDAY COMMUNION.** Lent begins on 26<sup>th</sup> February with our Ash Wednesday Communion service at 7.30pm. A time to reflect as we enter this season of prayer and contemplation. The service will include personal prayer and the imposition of ashes. All welcome.

**ELECTORAL ROLL.** As we approach the annual meeting we need to update our Electoral Roll to ensure it reflects our membership at the current time. The electoral roll is the list of those who have a connection to St Stephen's through residency in the parish and/or as regular worshippers. Being on the roll gives you the right to take part in our elections for PCC members and officers and to be nominated for these roles. Anyone who is 16 or over (or who will be 16 by 26<sup>th</sup> April) and qualifies as resident or a regular worshipper can apply. There is a very simple form to complete and help can be provided if you need it. After the full review of the Electoral Roll last year all current members will remain on the roll unless there is a request for names to be removed. If you would like to ask about applying to join the Electoral Roll please talk to Vernon and Fran Trafford.

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK.** Each week we publish a prayer for the week based on the Sunday readings and theme. It is always available on paper in the Church and on the website via the 'Praying Together' link. You can also find our daily pattern of prayer for morning, daytime and evening. This need only take a few minutes but will focus your day and unite us as God's people through the week. Have a look and give it a go if you haven't before, or look at it again for 2020.

**CHRISTMAS APPEAL.** Thank you to all who donated to our Christmas appeal for Street Storage. Including Gift Aid the total raised is £1,270. If you would like to support the charity further you can visit [www.streetstorage.co.uk](http://www.streetstorage.co.uk) for information about how to do this.

**MAISONETTE FELLOWSHIP GROUP.** On Thursday evenings from 7.30-9.30pm Will leads a Bible study and fellowship group in the Maisonette. New members are always welcome to join to explore the Bible and support each other as we share the stories of our lives together. If you would like to come along, talk to Will after a service, or contact him on [will.ststephens@gmail.com](mailto:will.ststephens@gmail.com)

**VOLUNTEERING AT ST STEPHEN'S.** If you are looking for new things to do in 2020 there are lots of opportunities to volunteer to support our projects and worship. Manna are always looking for volunteers, particularly people who could help on Wednesday during the day or Friday mornings. Jobs include meeting and greeting clients, helping with laundry and showers or working in the kitchen. Contact Kaaren at Manna at [themanna@ststephenscanonbury.org.uk](mailto:themanna@ststephenscanonbury.org.uk) 02072265369. Urban Hope welcome volunteers who would like to explore working with young people in their clubs and drop-ins. Contact Mat at Urban Hope on [hello@urbanhope.co.uk](mailto:hello@urbanhope.co.uk) 020 7354 9616. We are always keen to welcome people to help with welcome, music, reading, praying and other tasks in our worship. Talk to John if you would like to offer to get involved.

#### Regular events

Mon	7-9pm Urban Hope drop-in (Halls)
Tue	7-9pm The Manna (Halls)
Wed	1-3pm The Manna (Halls) 5-7pm Girls Club (Urban Hope room) 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)

**PASTORAL CARE TEAM.** PCT members are available to support and pray with you in all circumstances. Contact the team through the church office, or John on 02072267526, [vicar@ststephenscanonbury.org.uk](mailto:vicar@ststephenscanonbury.org.uk). Or talk to any of the team – 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

[vicar@ststephenscanonbury.org.uk](mailto:vicar@ststephenscanonbury.org.uk)

Church Administrator: Rose Mwsigwa

Church office – 020 8616 5505 [administrator@ststephenscanonbury.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:themanna@ststephenscanonbury.org.uk)

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

020 7354 9616 – [hello@urbanhope.co.uk](mailto:hello@urbanhope.co.uk)