

Week beginning 10th December

Mon 10 Dec	7pm	Older Youth Night (years 9-13)
Tues 11 Dec	9am	Church Prayers, St Stephen's
Weds 12 Dec	9.30am	Little Bears, St Thomas'
	12.30pm	Wednesday Club Christmas lunch (please book - £10)
Thurs 13 Dec	7pm	Younger Youth Night (years 6-8)

Youth Nights are at St Stephen's Church.

Dates for your diary

Fri 25 Jan 2019	Burns Night celebration
1 to 3 March 2019	Church weekend at home

All events at St Thomas' Church unless otherwise indicated.

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The Parish Office is open 9-1 pm Monday to Thursday.

We implement 'A Safe Church Procedure' to ensure all are protected.



Sunday 9 December 2018

10.15am
Reading
6pm

Morning Worship
Luke 2: 22-40 ,Isaiah 42: 1-9
Ignite Youth service. St Stephen's

Welcome to our services today.

If you are new, we would love to meet you at the welcome desk at the end of the service. Please fill in a blue 'Get Connected' card.

Please ask one of the welcome team if you would like a large print copy of the service words.

Children and young people leave for their groups after the first songs.

During communion please indicate if you would prefer non-alcoholic wine, or a wafer rather than bread.
We offer prayer after the service, in the sofa area at the front.

We do not take a regular collection during the service. If you are a visitor, please do not feel obliged to give. If you do wish to give, there is a collection box at the back and Gift Aid forms are available.

We hope you enjoyed the service.
Please stay for refreshments afterwards.

Notices

Ignite Christmas Youth Event | TONIGHT, 9 Dec, 6-8pm | St Stephen's

Ignite is a space for young people aged 10-18, from any church or none with worship, games, a Christmas café, interactive activity bases & a talk. All are welcome to come along & bring friends!

St Stephen's Christmas Party, Sunday 23 December, 3-5pm

We are looking for volunteers to spread some Christmas cheer at our Community Christmas Party at St. Stephen's on Sunday 23 December from 3-5pm. This is a new event in our church's Christmas calendar for those living locally who may not be going to church currently. There will be a Santa's grotto, bouncy castle, food and crafts and so we need a big team to help run it and make it a success! Speak to Lizzie Lancaster or James Yeates if you can help – it would be amazing to have you!

Christmas cake orders

Anna will be taking Christmas cake orders, to raise money for her sponsorship of two children with ICC. Please speak to her afterwards.

Trip to China with ICC, August 2019

Some of our church family are joining a team going to China in August 2019 with International China Concern (ICC), one of our church mission partners. The team will work for 2 weeks with disabled children and young adults in the care of ICC. No specialist skills are required, and funding/fundraising support may be available to those in need. If you would like to find out more about joining the team - please speak to Linda Long [07900 490465](tel:07900490465) as soon as possible.

Faithful Bean – volunteers needed!

We would love some more volunteers to help in Faithful Bean. We are open Monday to Friday 9am-3pm. Even if you can only spare a couple of hours a week it would make a huge difference.

Contact carolyn.moore@faithfulbean.co.uk. No experience necessary!

Christmas Fair

Thanks to all who supported the Fair last Sunday, particularly the volunteers who made it all possible.

The Weir Link are recruiting Trustees and Friends

This local children/families and community organisation is seeking to add to its current board of trustees, and adding to its 'friends' (hands on supporters who provide needed skills and experience but do not have governance responsibilities) Closing date for applications is 6 January. For more information and to have an initial discussion please contact Linda, Mike or Margaret

Mince pies for our Christmas services

We would be very grateful for your donations of mince pies for our Carols by Candlelight service. Please bring them in to St Thomas' this Sunday or next Sunday.

Big Church Day Out | 25 – 26 May 2019

Big Church Day Out is a Christian festival in West Sussex for the whole church. There is a wide range of activities, cafes, a zoo and worship music led by a whole host of Christian music artists. If you book through STwSS you will get your tickets significantly cheaper. For more info, go to: stwss.org.uk/bcdo

Prayers

- For volunteers for our youth ministry and Faithful Bean café.
- For Clapham Park Foodbank as it faces high demand and for plentiful donations over Christmas.
- For ourselves, that we would use Advent well to prepare ourselves for Christmas.
- For the churches across London as they respond to knife crime.