

Week beginning 9th September 2019

Tues 10 Sept 9am Church Prayers, St Stephen's
Weds 11 Sept 9.30am Little Bears
 7.45pm Vision & Prayer night

All events at St Thomas' Church unless otherwise indicated.
Youth Nights are at St Stephen's Church, Weir Road.

Dates for your diary

Sun 29 Sept Harvest

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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 8 September 2019

10.15 am **Holy Communion**
Readings: **Genesis 1:26-31, Matthew 22:34-40**

7 pm **The Church's Response to Climate Change**

Welcome to our services.

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.

During communion please indicate if you would prefer a wafer.
Non-alcoholic wine is available at the front on the right-hand side

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 and the Fairtrade stall afterwards.

Notices

The church's response to climate change, TONIGHT, 7pm

Martin's sermon today will start to raise some of the issues regarding how we respond to climate change – both as individual Christians and together as the local church. Come along to St Stephen's at 7pm to share ideas and experiences and to discuss what it means for us as a church family.

Fairtrade stall, TODAY

After a Summer break, the Fairtrade stall is back! Please do visit the stall after the service. We have lots of new products.

Kids Church and Mini Church

We are back to normal today, with Mini Church in the café for pre-schoolers and Kid's Church upstairs for reception-year 5.

Whole church vision night, Wednesday 11 September, 7.45pm

A chance to come together as church over some cheese and wine to worship and pray together and hear about where God is leading us in the next season of the life of the church.

Little Bears, starts this week, Weds 11 September, St Thomas'

A toddler group with toys, craft and snacks followed by a short celebration with Bible story and singing. Every Wednesday during term time from 9.30am at St Thomas'.

Youth Nights,

Our 2 youth nights start up again on Monday 16 and Thursday 19 September. Mondays from 7- 8.30pm for years 6-8 and Thursdays from 7-9pm for years 9 upwards. Speak to Sam for more info.

St Thomas Community Garden Mini Beast Safari, Sun 15 Sept

On Sunday 15 September 2.30-3.30pm. Come and discover the tiny creatures that have made their home in our church garden. Suitable for children of all ages and their parents/carers. The community garden will also be open as usual between 2.00 and 4.00 pm for all.

Informal Evening Service, Sunday 15 Sept, 7pm

Our monthly informal service of worship, testimony, prayer and communion with a short talk. At St Stephen's.

21 September, ICC Walk the Wall Event, 10am Richmond Park

Starting at Robin Hood Gate Car Park, 10km, wheelchair friendly. Register here <https://www.walkthewall.org/london/Account/Register> or speak to Linda Long (07900 490465)

Prayers

Thanks for the lasting impact of the ICC summer mission trip – both for those from the STwSS team and those in China. Give thanks for safety and health protection, a great team spirit throughout, and so many bonds formed with the children and staff in China.

For ongoing faith in the lives of the young people and leaders at Haslemere Youth Camp over the summer.

For Faithful Bean as we re-open for our second year!

For our government, parliament and country in the ongoing Brexit negotiations.

For all those unwell and for their families