

Week beginning 18th March 2019

Mon 18 Mar	7pm	Older Youth Night (years 9-13)
Tues 19 Mar	9am	Church Prayers, St Stephen's
Weds 20 Mar	9.30am	Little Bears
Thurs 21 Mar	7pm	Younger Youth Night (years 6-8)

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

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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 17 March 2019

10.15 am **Morning Worship**
Readings: **Luke 22:39-62;**

7 pm, St Stephen's **Evening service with Communion**

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.

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

Lent Course, Enjoying God

We will be studying *Enjoying God* by Tim Chester in home groups. Why not join a group for the 5 weeks of Lent? We have groups on Wednesday evenings (starting Weds 13), Fridays 11-12.30 in the chapel (starting Fri 15) and Sunday straight after the service in the chapel finishing by 1pm (starting today!) Speak to Martin, Fiona or Helen for details. If you can't join a group, the book is a great read anyway!

The chapters we will study are: **week 1 – chapters 1 and 2**; week 2, chapter 3; **week 3, chapter 7**; week 4, chapter 10; **week 5, chapter 12**.

Saturday 23 March, 2-4 pm, St Thomas' Church

Do you like to sing? Would you like to sing more confidently and know more about how to get the best out of your voice? If so, sign up for our second vocal workshop on our website or using the link in the weekly email. The first one was great fun and spaces are limited.

Sunday 24 March, 12noon, Welcome Lunch

If you are new to St Thomas with St Stephen in the last 6-12 months we would love to invite you to our next welcome lunch. A great chance to get to know people, enjoy a meal and share some of what happens in our church. Children are warmly welcome. Please sign up online or at the back of church.

Sunday 31 March, 6-8pm, Ignite Youth Event

Ignite is a space for young people aged 10-18, from any church or none with worship, games, a relaxed café, interactive activity bases & a talk. All are welcome to come along & bring friends! Our guest speaker is Jimmy Dale, who is the National Youth Evangelism Officer for the Church of England.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting, 28 April

Advanced notice that our annual church meeting will be after the service on Sunday 28 April. At the meeting we will be electing new PCC members. Please speak to clergy or wardens if this is something you are thinking about / interested in.

Clapham Park Foodbank

Please pick up the Foodbank's latest newsletter (Feb 2019) from the church information desk. Demand remains high so please keep donating food and toiletries; put in the collection boxes at both churches.

Electoral Roll - please fill in the form by Thursday 14th March

Every 6 years we have to completely redo the church electoral roll – a kind of official membership list that is also used by the national church to track churchgoing trends. Please fill in a form at the back of church or use the form sent to you by e-mail. Thank you to the many of you who have already done so.

China comes to Balham, 7-9 June

Hold the date! More details to follow but we are looking for hosts to put up one or two of our Chinese visitors who will be in London for the weekend of 7-9 June as guests of STwSS. Please let Linda Long (07900 490465) or Sue Musgrave (07539 595518) know if you can help.

Prayers

- Thanks for the safe arrival of baby Esra to Ben and Naomi Walker
- For Vera Reed
- For all those who are ill or recently bereaved
- That we would grow in our enjoyment of God over Lent
- For Martin on sabbatical from 11-31 March