

Week beginning 16 March 2020

All events at St Thomas' Church unless otherwise indicated.

Youth Nights are at St Stephen's Church, Weir Road.

Mon 16 March	7pm	Older Youth Night (years 9-13)
Tues 17 March	9am	Church Prayers, St Stephen's
Weds 18 March	9.30am	Little Bears, St Thomas'
Thurs 19 March	7pm	Younger Youth Night (years 6-8)

Dates for your diary

March 18-22	HOPE 2020
April 26	12pm APCM

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

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



Sunday 15 March 2020

10.15 am	Morning Worship
Readings	Ephesians 3:1-13, John 14:1-14
7pm	Informal Evening Service to pray for HOPE 2020, St Stephen's

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 afterwards.

Notices

Thank you from the Gordons!

Thank you for such a great send-off. We really appreciate all of your love and support and generosity. The kids love the kindle voucher. We love the Balham picture. And we are very grateful for your generous financial gift to us as a family. Please do keep in touch! Sign up to our newsletter and prayer updates and find out how you can support us at www.gordonsingoma.org. (website lovingly designed by littlerobin.net - aka Sam Baker). Love from Martin, Anthea, Silas, Zachary and Imogen.

Children and Families' Minister

Welcome to Sue Musgrave as she joins the team on Monday 16 March.

Climate Change action of the week - Reduce waste in March

Each week in 2020 we are inviting you to take an action on climate change. In March we focus on waste. This week – Invest in a reusable coffee cup or water bottle and make a habit of carrying it everywhere you go.

Peru fundraising events for summer mission trip

Friday 3 April + Friday 5 June - Board game café, St Thomas' 6:30 - 10:30.
Friday 1st May - Spring Swish. Opportunity for men, women and children to update their wardrobe in an Eco-friendly way ready for the summer.

Lent Word for the Day,

Try Rob Musgrave's daily readings 'A Pilgrim Way'. For an email version request to join by emailing robert.providence@outlook.com. For an audio version go to Twitter [@robsky51](https://twitter.com/robsky51) or soundcloud.com/word-for-the-day-42

Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Sunday 26 April

At the meeting we will be electing new PCC members. Please speak to wardens if this is something you are thinking about / interested in.

Electoral Roll

If you are not yet on the Electoral Roll of STwSS please pick up a form today and fill it in. Also please check the current list for your name.

HOPE 2020 • THIS WEEK!!

Get involved with the Hope Tents? Help with the Kids Club or Family Café? Renovate the Poynders' Community Flat? Help make the Funday happen? Go to www.stwss.org.uk/hope to find out more and to join a team!

HOPE 2020 • Kids Club with Family Cafe, Wed 18 & Thurs 19 March, 3.30pm - 5.30pm, St Stephen's

Kids Club for 5-11s and a relaxed Family Café for 0-5s. There will be activities for the whole family, including a meal all together at 5pm.

HOPE 2020 • Funday, next to the Cube • 21 March, 1-5pm

Huge gazebo, a petting zoo, live music, food stalls and more!

HOPE 2020 • guest service, Sunday 22 March, 10.15am

Revd. Bruce Gillingham, who is leading the HOPE 2020 mission team from Wycliffe Hall will be speaking to us on Sunday 22 March at our morning service on the theme of hope. Who can you invite?

Community Garden Sunday, TODAY, 15th March

The community garden will be hosting some fun activities with an 'eco' theme. These are especially suitable for young families and fit into our theme for Lent 'Care for God's Creation'. We will be making tiny wildlife pond out of an old sink, planting some young trees and sowing seeds. Come along from 2-4pm. Refreshments will be served.

Eco Survey

Many thanks to all those who took the time to complete the Eco Survey. Feedback, thoughts and ideas from the survey will be shared in the coming weeks.

Prayers

- For the whole church to be involved in Hope 2020
- For the process for appointing a new vicar
- For the Gordons as they prepare for the Congo
- For all of those that are unwell at the moment
- For our visiting preachers during the vacancy