



St Stephen with St John Westminster

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Weekly Notes
The 10th March 2019
(The First Sunday of Lent)

Today

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am Parish Eucharist
6.00pm Evensong

The Week Ahead

Morning & Evening Prayer are said in the Tennant Chapel Monday to Friday, 9.15am & 6.00pm	
Monday	12:15pm Film Club 5:35pm Eucharist
Tuesday	7:30am Yoga 5:00pm Silent Hour
Wednesday	12:30pm Holy Communion (BCP)
Thursday	3:00pm Toddler Group at Napier Hall 7:00pm Zumba

Secondary School Aged Young People There is a film, pizza and games evening on **tonight** at 5-7pm in the Parish Sitting Room. If your child wishes to come along please collect and sign a consent form from Cath or Katy. The following date for a social for this aged group is scheduled for Sunday 14th April 5-7pm in the Parish Sitting Room, with a hope that this can also be a rehearsal time for the Young People's Good Friday service at 10am on Friday 19th April.

New Group starting this Thursday 14th March from 4:30-6pm in the Parish Sitting room for late primary and early secondary school children. Permission forms and sign up sheet at the back of the church.

Second Half Club: On Monday 11th and 18th March, 12.30-1.30pm, we have two talks on London's 'Weeds of the Pavement and Street Trees', which will take place in the Ark Vestry.

Revd John Beddingfield, The Church of the Holy Trinity, New York: We look forward to welcoming the Rector of our link parish in New York to London, 18th – 24th March. John will preach at the 10am service on Sunday 24th March.

Floreat Concert: This will be held on 20th March from 7:30pm, all welcome.

Praying the Psalms through Lent There is a daily devotional at the back of church with contributions from members of St Stephen's congregation and the Church of the Holy Trinity New York. Please take one to give to your neighbours!

Lent Lunches with Luke: Revitalising our journey with Jesus - Every Sunday between 10th March and 14th April, 12.15-1.45pm we will gather for lunch in the Parish Sitting Room and explore a passage from Luke's Gospel. There will be time for reflection and discussion, as well as an opportunity to get to know other church members better. Please speak to Katy Hirst for more information.

Ladies Clothes Swap: On Saturday 13th April, 10am-12pm St Stephens will be hosting a clothes swap event in the Napier Hall, more details to come but for now put the date in the diary and invite your friends! Why not consider clearing out your wardrobe as a Lenten discipline? Please speak to Katy Hirst for more information.

Room needed: Our weekday verger Andrew Crawford is seeking a room to rent, if you have one or know of anyone who has one, please do either email the parish office or speak to Graham. Thank you.

Electoral Roll: Church Representation Rules state that every six years, a new church electoral roll has to be prepared in the parish and 2019 is the year. **Everyone** comes **OFF** the roll and must re-apply. This must be done via an application form and the electoral roll displayed before our APCM on the 28th of April. We aim have this completed by **March 31st** Please take an application form from the back of the church and return to the Church or parish office ASAP so that we have as much time to prepare as possible. Thank you in advance.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Entrance Hymn: Forty Days and Forty Nights

NEH67

The Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm:

Psalm 91 (part)



Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most /High
and abides under the /shadow of the Al-/mighty,
Shall say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my /stronghold,
my God, in whom /I put my /trust.' **R**

Because you have made the Lord your /refuge
and the Most /High your /stronghold,
There shall no evil /happen to you,
neither shall any plague come /near your /tent. **R**

For he shall give his angels /charge over you,
to keep you in /all your /ways.
They shall bear you in their /hands,
lest you dash your foot a-/gainst a /stone. **R**

You shall tread upon the lion and/ adder;
the young lion and the serpent you shall /trample · under-/foot.
Because they have set their love upon me, therefore will I de-/liver them;
I will lift them up, because they /know my /name. **R**

They will call upon me and I will /answer them;
I am with them in trouble, I will deliver them and /bring them to /honour.
With long life will I /satisfy them
and show them /my sal-/vation. **R**

Second Reading: Romans 10:8b-13

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:1-13

Prayers of Intercession

In our parish cycle of prayer: Our Vergers and Fairley House School

For those who live in: Carey Place and Osbert Street

As part of St Stephen's link with the Church in Myanmar:

The Holy Cross Theological College, Yangon, its Principal, the Revd. Samuel San Myat Shwe, staff and students

We pray for our New York City link parish:

The Church of the Holy Trinity and their Rector, Revd John F. Beddingfield, praying particularly for their young adult group

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Anglican Province of Congo (L'Eglise Anglicane du Congo): Masimango Katanda (Archbishop, and Bishop of Kindu)

Karlstad (Sweden): Sören Dalevi (Bishop)

Capital Vision 2020 Ambassadors: we pray for those working in the catering industry

Pray for the work of Mary Spredbury, Finance Adviser for the Two Cities and Kensington Areas

Among those who have asked for our prayers:

Gerry Chester; Robin Fairfax; Vera Godsall; Marian Hall; Jean Haswell; Dyfrig Jones; Alan Mack; Sue Potten; Michael Pryce Jones; Miriam Lesmond; Pete Read; Janet Scott; Michael Spicer; Bob Szewczyk; Henry Taylor; John Travis-Clarke; Maadimo Tlale; Judy Torrance; Tracy Victoria; Gay Widmer, William Morris

Recently Deceased: Doreen Schiavetta, Norah Lilian Barnes

For the Years' Mind of:

Babette Lechla, Ethel Mary Christian Rose, George Harden, Gillian Elizabeth Walker, Ena Daisy Jones, Irene Callaghan, David Roach

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

A collection will be taken during the Offertory Hymn

Offertory Hymn: Forty Days and Forty Nights

Forty days and forty nights in Judah's desert Jesus stayed;
all alone he fought temptation, all alone he fasted, prayed.
When the heat of passion rules me, when I feel alone, betrayed,
Lord, you meet me in the desert, strong in faith and unafraid.

In the garden, his disciples slept the darkest hours away,
but our Lord did not condemn them when they would not watch or pray.
Make me constant in your service, keeping watch both night and day.
Give me grace that I may never such a love as yours betray.

When the rooster crowed at daybreak, Peter's fear and panic grew.
He denied three times the charge that Jesus was a man he knew.
When my love for you is challenged, when the faithful ones are few,
give me courage and conviction to proclaim my Lord anew.

Soldiers came, the Galilean was arrested, bound and tried,
and upon a wooden cross the Son of God was crucified.
In the darkest hour of torture, Jesus raised his head and cried,
'Why hast thou forsaken me?', and faithful to the end, he died.

With a sword they pierced his side - himself, they jeered, he could not save;
Joseph then prepared the body with sweet spices for the grave.
This the precious, broken body which for me my Saviour gave;
such a love as his I long for, such a faith as his I crave.

During Communion the choir sing the Anthem:

Come dearest Lord - Moore

Post Communion Hymn: Glory be to Jesus

NEH83

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Dismissal

Recessional Hymn: Be Thou My Guardian

NEH64

Organ Voluntary: Trio: Allein Gott in Der Hoh sei Ehr. JS Bach