



Morning & Evening Prayer are said in the Tennant Chapel 9.15am & 6.00pm

Monday	3.00pm Tea@3 5.00pm Eucharist
Tuesday	5.00pm Crib Service 11.00pm Midnight Mass
Wednesday	10.00am Festive Family Eucharist

Notices

Christmas Eve Service:

- 5pm Crib Service
- 11pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Service

- 10am Festive Family Eucharist

Boxing Day – 10am St Stephen’s Day Service

Epiphany – January 5th – 10am Eucharist

Please note that all activities are currently suspended will reopen 6th of January. The office will also be closed during that time.

The Vicar and staff team at St Stephen's wish everyone a joyful and peaceful Christmas season.

Christmas Services

Sunday 15th December
6pm St Stephen’s Carol Service

Tuesday 24th December - Christmas Eve Services
5pm Children’s Crib Service
11pm Midnight Mass

Wednesday 25th December - Christmas Day Service
10am Festive Family Eucharist

Thursday 26th December - St Stephen’s Day Service
10am St Stephen’s Eucharist

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A verse of the Advent Prose is sung (NEH 501). The Choir sings the antiphon, then the verse, and then all respond singing the antiphon again:

Drop down ye heavens from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.

The Gathering

Entrance Hymn: Long ago, prophets knew

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Eucharistic Setting: St Anne's Mass

James MacMillan

The Collect

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Micah 5.2-5a

Psalm 80.1-8

Response: Restore us, O God of hosts, show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you that led Joseph like a flock;

2 Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim,
before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.

3 Stir up your mighty strength
and come to our salvation. **R**

4 Turn us again, O God;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

5 O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angry at your people's prayer? **R**

6 You feed them with the bread of tears;
you give them abundance of tears to drink.
7 You have made us the derision of our neighbours,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn. **R**

Second Reading: Hebrews 10.5-10

Gospel Reading: Luke 1.39-45

Sermon

Prayers of Intercession

In our parish cycle of prayer: SPCK Headquarters, Causton Street, and Garside House Nursing Home

For those who live and work in: Cureton Street and Rochester Street

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

the children and teachers of the Mary Chapman School for the Deaf in Yangon, and Bishop of Yangon, and for St Mark's Community in the Tongoo Diocese.

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 the staff team and their needs

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of the Province of Uganda: Stephen Kaziimba (Archbishop, and Bishop of Mityana)

Oslo (Norway): Kari Veiteberg (Bishop)

Confident Disciples: as we approach Christmas we pray that we may glimpse the Lord's presence in every aspect of our lives

Today we pray for racial justice in the Diocese of London

St Nicholas, Raynton Drive: your prayers are requested for a parish in interregnum, and for the successful appointment of a new parish priest

St Edmund of Canterbury, Hayes: Peter Mackenzie (Vicar), Vanessa Thornborough; Debbie Pugh (Lay Minister)

Among those who have asked for our prayers:

Marian Hall; Dyfrig Jones; Alan Mack; Michael Pryce Jones; Miriam Lesmond; Pete Read; Marian McHale; Amal Griffin; Pete Barney; Tom Robinson; Mark O'Donnell; Michael Cross; Bishop Joel; Sebastian Carley; Sr Theresa Pountney; Sally Baird; June Woodhead; Sue Alexander; Rosemary Hatlane; Christopher Browne; Sandra Jones; Deborah Johnson; Brian Warnke; Sandra Lake; John Arthur; Heather Wren; Kasia Huras; Ian Dewar; Christine and Maurice Davies; Baby Edward; Annie Jones

For the Years' Mind of: Daisy Ethel Burrows; Winnie Booi; Alexander John Cummings; Sheila Skipper

Offertory Hymn: Sing we of the blessed Mother

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Communion anthem: No wind at the window

Iona: IK&LS

1. No wind at the window, no knock on the door
No light from the lamp stand, no foot on the floor
No dream born of tiredness, no ghost raised by fear
Just an angel and a woman and a voice in her ear
2. Oh, Mary, Oh, Mary don't hide from my face
Be glad that you're favoured and filled with God's grace
The time for redeeming the world has begun
And you are requested to mother God's son
3. This child must be born that the Kingdom might come
Salvation for many, destruction for some
Both end and beginning, both message and sign
Both victor and victim, both yours and divine
4. No payment was promised, no promises made
No wedding was dated, no blueprint displayed
Yet Mary, consenting to what none could guess
Replied with conviction, "tell God I say yes."

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Final Hymn: Tell out my soul

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The Dismissal

Organ Voluntary: Toccata sur "Ave Maris Stella"

Flor Peeters