



# St Stephen with St John Westminster

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## Weekly Notes

The 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019  
(The Second Sunday before 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
Friday	8:00pm Soup Kitchen in Church run by STREET SOULS

**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'.

**Apostles Curry:** next one is being held on **tonight** The Apostle is Peter and the restaurant will be Paradise Indian on Denbigh Street. We will go from Church following Evensong to arrive for 7.15pm. Speak to Kevin Walsh or Tony Sewell if you are interested.

**Shrove Tuesday:** is on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> of March. This year we are once again teaming up with Brownies to host The Big Pancake Party, which supports the Church Urban Fund to combat poverty. Come join us in Napier Hall for pancakes and fun from 6-7:30. Sign-up sheet at the back of church. Donations welcome.

**Ash Wednesday** is on 6<sup>th</sup> of March and there will be two services with the imposition of ashes:

**12:30 BCP and 18:30 Eucharist**

**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 28<sup>th</sup> of April. We aim have the completed by **March 31<sup>st</sup>** but in order to do this, we need your help. 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: Brother, Sister, Let me Serve You**

*Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
 Let me be as Christ to you;  
 Pray that I may have the grace to  
 Let you be my servant, too.*

*I will weep when you are weeping,  
 When you laugh, I'll laugh with you;  
 I will share your joy and sorrow  
 Till we've seen this journey through.*

*We are pilgrims on a journey,  
 And companions on the road;  
 We are here to help each other  
 Walk the mile and bear the load.*

*When we sing to God in heaven  
 We shall find such harmony  
 Born of all we've known together  
 Of Christ's love and agony.*

*I will hold the Christ-light for you  
 In the night-time of your fear;  
 I will hold my hand out to you,  
 Speak the peace you long to hear.*

*Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
 Let me be as Christ to you;  
 pray that I may have the grace to  
 Let you be my servant, too.*

**The Collect**

Almighty God,  
 you have created the heavens and the earth  
 and made us in your own image:  
 teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
 and your likeness in all your children;  
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
 who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,  
 now and for ever.

**First Reading: Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-end**

**Psalm:**

Psalm 65



- 1 Praise is due to you, O God, in / Zion;  
 to you that answer prayer shall /vows be /paid.
- 2 To you shall all flesh come to confess their /sins;  
 when our misdeeds prevail against us, you will /purge them a-/way.

3 Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to /dwell there.

We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house,  
even of your /holy/ temple. **R**

4 With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness, O God of our sal-/vation,  
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the /farthest /seas.

5 In your strength you set fast the/ mountains  
and are girded a-/bout with/ might.

6 You still the raging of the /seas,  
the roaring of their waves and the /clamour · of the/ peoples. **R**

7 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth tremble at your /marvels;  
the gates of the morning and /evening · sing your/ praise.

8 You visit the earth and /water it;  
you make it /very /plenteous.

9 The river of God is full of /water;  
you prepare grain for your people, for so you pro-/vide · for the /earth. **R**

**Second Reading:** Revelation 4

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 8:22-25

**Prayers of Intercession**

**In our parish cycle of prayer:** Our Parochial Church Council and The Grey Coat Hospital School

**For those who live in:** Bloomberg Street and Millbank

**As part of St Stephen's link with the Church in Myanmar:** all political prisoners and refugees in Burma

**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 wider episcopal diocese of New York and its congregational renewal programme

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Anglican Church of the Central American Region (La Iglesia Anglicana de la Región Central de America): Julio Murray Thompson (Primate, and Bishop of Panama)

Capital Vision 2020 Ambassadors: we pray for those who work in waste disposal and environmental protection

Westminster (St Margaret) Deanery: Philip Chester (Area Dean)

Deanery Synod: David Richards (Lay Chairman), Linda Ulrich (Secretary), Lawson Crawford (Treasurer)

**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

**Recently Deceased:** Elizabeth Brazier

**For the Years' Mind of:** Sr Lena CA, Alfred James Churchward

*A collection will be taken during the Offertory Hymn*

**Offertory Hymn:** Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

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**During Communion the choir sing the Anthem:**

All Creatures of our God and King - Field

**Post Communion Hymn:** I Cannot Tell

I cannot tell why He, whom angels worship,  
Should set His love upon the sons of men,  
Or why, as Shepherd, He should seek the wand'ers,  
To bring them back, they know not how or when.  
But this I know, that He was born of Mary,  
When Beth'hem's manger was His only home,  
And that He lived at Nazareth and labored,  
And so the Savior, Savior of the world, is come.

I cannot tell how He will win the nations,  
How He will claim His earthly heritage,  
How satisfy the needs and aspirations  
Of east and west, of sinner and of sage.  
But this I know, all flesh shall see His glory,  
And He shall reap the harvest He has sown,  
And some glad day His sun shall shine in splendor  
When He the Savior, Savior of the world, is known.

I cannot tell how silently He suffered,  
As with His peace He graced this place of tears,  
Or how His heart upon the Cross was broken,  
The crown of pain to three and thirty years.  
But this I know, He heals the broken-hearted,  
And stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,  
And lifts the burden from the heavy laden,  
For yet the Savior, Savior of the world, is here.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,  
When, at His bidding, every storm is stilled,  
Or who can say how great the jubilation  
When all the hearts of men with love are filled.  
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,  
And myriad, myriad human voices sing,  
And earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer:  
At last the Savior, Savior of the world, is King.

**Post Communion Prayer**

God our creator,  
by your gift  
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,  
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:  
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth  
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross  
and enjoy the delights of eternity;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Dismissal**

**Recessional Hymn:** Eternal Father Strong to Save

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**Organ Voluntary:** Fanfare by Kenneth Leighton