

**THIS WEEK:**

Thurs 6.30 pm Christian Meditation Group, St Stephen's

**THIS MONTH**

June 14<sup>th</sup> St Stephen's Committee away day  
 June 15<sup>th</sup> Tea party for the new St Stephen's School reception parents  
 June 22<sup>nd</sup> Whole church barbecue celebration for the feast of St Stephen and St Thomas.

**NEXT SUNDAY: 8 June 2008 Third Sunday after Trinity****10 am SUNG EUCHARIST**

Celebrant and Preacher – The Reverend Dr Bob Mayo  
 Genesis 12.1-2 (p271), Romans 4.18-25 (p274), Matthew 9.9-13,18-26 (p.276)

*Small Children are welcome to play in St Thomas's Chapel, near the porch*  
*Baptised Communicants of other Churches are encouraged to receive communion*  
*Children and other non-communicants are invited to come to the altar for a blessing*  
*The Ministry of Healing is offered in the Chapel, after Communion is given*

**Home Communion** – Available to any unable to come on a Sunday. Talk to Father Bob (8743 3166) if you or anyone else might be interested.

Any enquiries about pastoral concerns, baptisms, weddings or funerals please get in touch with Father Bob. The only time that Bob will be unavailable is between Friday pm and Sunday am.



**1 June 2008**  
**Second Sunday after Trinity**  
**All Age Worship**

**Welcome to St Stephen & St Thomas Church**  
**Visit the church web site at [www.ststephensw12.org](http://www.ststephensw12.org).**  
**You can read all the latest news about the parish.**  
**You can also read the sermons which are posted each week**

I am gathering names for people who are interested in being confirmed later in the year. Confirmation is the Church of England version of adult baptism. It is a chance to explore the Christian faith further, to go to a big service, to have your family make a fuss of you and to meet the bishop of London. If you are interested let me know 07969 090907.

**Dates for the diary**

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Men's Breakfast – bacon, egg, fried bread, tomato, coffee, orange juice.  
 Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 11 am. Who would be interested?

In September we get a curate!! Anne Cowley will double the size of our staff team (from one to two). Her ordination will be held at St Paul's Cathedral at 5 pm on Saturday 28 June. I will be going to the service and would love it if some people were able to come with me. If you are interested please talk with Marjorie or me.

**It's a crazy world! –**

**Brazil has more Avon ladies than members of its armed services.** 450,000 personnel on active service, and 700,000 revendedoras (a.k.a. Avon ladies). Global beauty market is \$95 billion and growing 7% every year. Avon's own research shows that 90% of Brazilian women

considered beauty products to be a necessity, not a luxury.

## ProceSSIONAL Hymn

### Collect of the Day

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### First Reading                      Genesis 6.9-21                      (p.264)

This is the story of Noah: Noah was a good man. As far as God was concerned, the Earth had become evil. There was violence everywhere. God took one look and saw how bad it was. God said to Noah, "I'm going to bring a flood on the Earth that will destroy everything alive under Heaven! "But I'm going to establish a covenant with you: You'll build an ark and your sons, your wife and your sons' wives will come on board with you. You are also to take two of each living creature, a male and a female, on board the ship, to preserve their lives with you: two of every species of bird, mammal, and reptile—two of everything so as to preserve their lives along with yours. Also get all the food you'll need and store it up for you and them." Noah did everything God commanded him to do.

## Gradual Hymn

### GOSPEL                      Matthew 7.21-29                      (p.270)

<sup>21</sup>"Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. <sup>22</sup>On that day many will say to me, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name?" <sup>23</sup>Then I will declare to them, "I never knew you; go away from me, you evildoers."

<sup>24</sup>Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. <sup>25</sup>The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. <sup>26</sup>And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup>The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell – and great was its fall! <sup>28</sup>Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, <sup>29</sup>for he taught them as one having authority,

and not as their scribes.

*Amazing love, oh what sacrifice  
The Son of God, given for me  
My debt He paid, and my death He died  
That I might live, that I might live*

## INTERCESSIONS

### Please pray for

- The sick and suffering: especially Felix Okike, Lucilda Bernard, Joan Andrew, Ivy Smith, Susie Leach, Norbert Edwards, Brother Paul Anthony, Sylvia Steed, Caroline Nevill, Tracey Davies, Esmay Young, Roger Cox, Althea Ferns, Dorian Henry, Detroy Henry. Mary Rodney, Esme Hoyte, Esme Fairburn

## Offertory Hymn

## Communion Hymn

## Post Communion Prayer

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Recessional Hymn

*Coffee in Church after the service*

