

THIS WEEK:

Thurs 6.30 pm Christian Meditation Group, St Stephen's

THIS MONTHJune 22nd Whole church barbecue celebration for the feast of St Stephen and St Thomas.**NEXT SUNDAY: 22 June 2008 Fifth Sunday after Trinity****10 am SUNG EUCHARIST**Celebrant and Preacher – The Reverend Dr Bob Mayo
Matthew 10.24-39 (p289)*Sunday School meets in St Stephen's school**Sunday Youth meets in the Glebe Maisonette**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.



15 June 2008
Fourth Sunday after Trinity
Baptism of Kiyarna-Lashay Leanna Ferguson

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

Welcome to the friends and family Kiyarna-Lashay Leanna Ferguson. Today is Kiyarna's baptism and I have enjoyed getting to know her and members of her family over the last few months

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

Men's Breakfast – bacon, egg, fried bread, tomato, coffee, orange juice.
 Saturday 28th 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 - Every cow in the European Union is subsidised by \$2.50 a day. That's more than what 75 per cent of Africans have to live on. World Bank reports that Japanese cows get \$7.50 per day. Of course, government costs are passed onto the consumers in terms of milk and beef prices.

ProceSSIONAL Hymn

Collect of the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord 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

Romans 5.1-8

(p.281)

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Gradual Hymn

GOSPEL

Matthew 9.35 - 10.8

(p.282)

³⁵Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

¹Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

*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

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Recessional Hymn

Coffee in Church after the service