

THIS WEEK:

Thurs 6.30 pm Christian Meditation Group, St Stephen's

THIS MONTH**NEXT SUNDAY: 6 July 2007 Seventh Sunday after Trinity****10 am ALL AGE WORSHIP**

Celebrant and Preacher – Rev Niall Weir

Romans 7.15-25a (p), Matthew 11.16-19,25-30 (p)

*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*

The photos of the Church Barbecue last Sunday are now available on the Church website.

The Garage – will be cleared out in August. If you or anyone you know has stuff that is stored there please clear it out or else it will be thrown away!

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.



29 June 2008
Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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

There is a baptism course which will run for three evenings on July 24th, 31st and August 7th from 7.30-9pm. There is room for one more family on this course. Once you have completed the baptism course you can chose whatever date you would like for the baptism.

I am away for the next two Sundays the weeks of July 6th and 13th. On July 6th the service will be taken by Rev Niall Weir and on July 13th the service will be taken by Rev Simon Downham, the Vicar of St Pauls Hammersmith. Please do give them both a special St Stephens welcome. I am deeply grateful to both of them for taking the services and enabling Sylvie and I to go on our summer holidays – don't worry – you will be in good hands

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.

Would you like to become a Chaplaincy volunteer at Charing Cross Hospital? You would visit and chat to people who were in the hospital. If you are interested please ring either Rev Christopher Guinness (02088461041) or Father Nigel Griffin (02088461042). You could be linked either with Charing Cross Hammersmith or Queen Charlotte's Hospital.

Processional Hymn

Collect of the Day

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

Genesis 22.1-14

(p.)

¹God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And Abraham said, 'Here I am.' ²God said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' ⁶Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. ⁷Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And Abraham said, 'Here I am, my son.' Isaac said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' ⁸Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together. ⁹When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' ¹²The angel said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' ¹³And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called that place 'The LORD will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.'

Gradual Hymn

GOSPEL

Matthew 10.40-42

(p.)

⁴⁰'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹'Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple - truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

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

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Recessional Hymn

Coffee in Church after the service