

Welcome to St Stephen & St Thomas Church
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Worship Song:

READING

Genesis 1: 26-30, 2: 15-17

26Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' 27So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. 28God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' 29God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. 30And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. 2:15The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. 16And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; 17but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Worship Song:

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Sharing of the Peace

Parents are invited to go to the school hall for coffee and cakes

Reading from the Bible: Leviticus 23 verse 22

HARVEST

My name is: _____

FRUIT & VEG

Things that grow in my garden

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

TOP FOODS

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Things that are "harvested" or made in the area where I live:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Things to be thankful for:

Number of tins of baked beans at this year's Harvest Service: _____

But what sort of alien does the Bible verse mean?

Alien

Thought 1: Do you know where your food comes from? Look at the labels.

Thought 2: Is it a good idea to transport food around the world?

Thought 3: How can we make sure people who grow our food get paid fairly?

When you reap the harvest do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor & the alien...

What are 'gleanings'?

Why were they to leave them?

Can you think of ways we could do the same kind of thing today?

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Offertory Hymn

Communion Hymn

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Recessional Hymn

Coffee in Church after the service

THIS WEEK AT ST STEPHEN'S

Wednesday – Evening prayer – 6 pm

Thursday – Christian Meditation Group – 6.30 pm.

NEXT SUNDAY: 12 October 2008 Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

10 am SUNG EUCHARIST

Celebrant and Preacher – The Reverend Dr Bob Mayo
Philippians 4.1-9 (p), Matthew 22.1-14 (p)

Christmas Services 2008

Monday 15th December
9 am St Stephen's School Christmas Service

Sunday 21st December
10 am Sung Eucharist
4 pm Children's Carol Service

Christmas Eve
Wednesday 24th December
10 am Sung Eucharist
11.30 pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day
Thursday 25th December
10 am Sung Eucharist

Festival of St Stephen
Sunday 28th December
10 am Sung Eucharist

NOTICES

Servers – We need people to help serve on Sunday mornings. Anyone interested?

Playroom (not crèche) – Our new room is designed for parents who want time out with their children. There is a speaker system set up so that you will be able to hear the service while sitting in the room with your children

Sunday School – This is for children 4 years old and above. Younger children can stay with their parents on the colouring table or go into the playroom.

Sunday School teachers- Core Skills Children's Work Training, led by Sam Donoghue, Diocesan Children's Ministry Adviser at St Francis of Assisi Church, Great West Road, Isleworth 18th October - 10am to 1.00pm (Second session of a two session training course)

Prison Ministry Conference 7th November at HTB

Talks on Biblical Ethics by Dr Paula Gooder at St Luke's Chelsea, 13th October & 6th November

Introducing the New Testament – a four session course on Monday evenings 7.30 -9.30 pm starting 10 November at the Kensington Area Office, Isleworth. Contact Parish Secretary for details if interested.

St Stephen's Christmas Party is on December 6th (with music – please note Esmee).

St Stephen's School – The entry criteria for the school is on a table at the back of the church. Please talk to Bob if you would like to be linked up with a governor

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