


# CHURCH POLITICS


EXPLAINED USING CHESS PIECES



**BISHOP:**  
MOVES DIAGONALLY.  
COMES INTO PLAY  
EVERY NOW AND  
THEN FOR  
CONFIRMATIONS  
ETC



**VICAR:**  
FOR EVERY  
STEP FORWARD  
TAKES TWO  
TO THE SIDE.  
LOOKS A BIT  
LIKE A HORSE



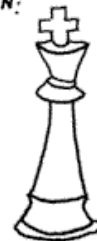
**CHURCH  
FIXTURES AND  
FITTINGS:**  
MAY NOT BE  
MOVED  
WITHOUT  
A FACULTY



**ORDINARY  
CHURCHGOER:**  
LOTS OF THEM,  
MOVE SLOWLY  
IN ONE  
DIRECTION.  
FAIRLY  
DISPENSABLE



**CHURCHWARDEN:**  
MOST  
POWERFUL  
PIECE.  
CAN ATTACK  
IN ANY  
DIRECTION



**THIS PIECE  
IS THE ONE WE  
ARE TRYING  
TO PROTECT.  
I FORGET WHAT  
IT IS CALLED**

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The programme for the Christmas services is as follows:

Sunday December 7 <sup>th</sup>	10am Sung Eucharist (ie not a children's service) 4pm Christingle Service (children's service)
Tuesday December 9 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm BBC Carol Service (by popular demand)
Monday December 15 <sup>t</sup>	9am St Stephens School Carol Service
Sunday December 21 <sup>st</sup>	10am Sung Eucharist 4pm Children's Crib Service
Wednesday December 24 <sup>th</sup>	11.30pm Midnight Mass (Christmas Eve)
Thursday December 25 <sup>th</sup>	10am Sung Eucharist (Christmas Day)



19 October 2008  
Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity

Baptism of India Fleur Akers-Douglas

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

## Processional Hymn

### Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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

1 Thessalonians 1.1-10

(p.395)

<sup>1</sup>From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup>We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, <sup>3</sup>constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. <sup>9</sup>For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Gradual Hymn

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Dear Lord and Father of mankind

## GOSPEL

Matthew 22.15-22

(p.396)

When the chief priests and Pharisees had heard the parables, they realized that Jesus was speaking about them. <sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. <sup>16</sup>So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' <sup>21</sup>They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

*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**                      **507**                      **Lord of all hopefulness**

### Communion Hymn

### Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Recessional Hymn**                      **362**                      **Tell out my soul**

*Coffee in Church after the service*

**NEXT SUNDAY:**                      **26<sup>th</sup> October 2008**                      **Last Sunday after Trinity**  
**10 am SUNG EUCHARIST**

Celebrant and Preacher – The Reverend Dr Bob Mayo  
1 Thessalonians 2.1-8 (p400,) Matthew 22.34-46 (p401)

## THIS WEEK AT ST STEPHEN'S

**Wednesday** – Holy Communion – 6 pm

**Thursday** – Christian Meditation Group – 6.30 pm.

## NOTICES

- ✓ **Christmas choir:** Would you like to take part in a choir to sing Christmas Carols. We are planning a children's Servers at 4pm on Sunday December 21<sup>st</sup>. Please let Rev Bob know if you would be able to help with this.
- ✓ **St Stephen's Christmas Party** is on December 6th
- ✓ **Confirmation service** at St Pauls Cathedral on 1<sup>st</sup> November.
- ✓ **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
- ✓ **Mother & Toddler group** – meets once a week. See Rev Anne for details.
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **Prison Ministry Conference** 7th November at Holy Trinity Brompton
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **Public debates at St Pauls.** 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> October. Seeking Truth: science, mystery and human identity Leaflets at back of church.
- ✓ **International Student for Christmas HOST** is a well-established charity, backed by the Foreign Office and many universities, which links adults studying in the UK with hospitable volunteers throughout Britain. Guests come from all over the world, including many from China. They speak English, are keen to share their own culture, while longing to know more about our way of life. Welcoming a student who might otherwise spend Christmas on a deserted campus, fosters international understanding, and will make Christmas special. See [www.hostuk.org](http://www.hostuk.org) or call 0207 254 3039, for more information.
- ✓ **William Temple Foundation 60th Anniversary Public Lecture.** St James's Piccadilly, London. November 5th, 2008 17.30 – 19.00. Rt Revd Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury "From Welfare State to Welfare Society – the contribution of faiths to happiness and wellbeing in a plural civil society". Admission free. Further information: [temple@wtf.org.uk](mailto:temple@wtf.org.uk). Tel: 0161 249 2502