

DECIDING WHETHER TO GO TO  
CHURCH OR THE FOOTBALL MATCH



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FOOTBALL

YOU NEED TO MAKE YOUR OWN MIND UP  
REALLY. THERE IS NOTHING THAT I COULD SAY  
THAT WOULD CONVINCE YOU ONE WAY OR THE OTHER

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**Christmas Services**

Sunday December 7 <sup>th</sup>	10am Christingle Service for Children
Tuesday December 9 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm BBC Carol Service (by popular demand)
Monday December 15 <sup>th</sup>	9am St Stephens School Carol Service
Sunday December 21 <sup>st</sup>	10am Sung Eucharist 4pm Children's Crib Service (Sunday school)
Wednesday December 24 <sup>th</sup>	11.30pm Midnight Mass (Christmas Eve)
Thursday December 25 <sup>th</sup>	10am Sung Eucharist (Christmas Day)

2 November 2008

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

**All Age Service  
Baptism of Amelie Grace Haines  
All Saints Day**

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

**Worship Song:**

**GOSPEL**                      **Matthew 5.1-12**                      **(p.)**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.  
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.  
Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.  
Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called sons of God.  
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say  
all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad,  
because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they  
persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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***Sharing of the Peace***

## NOTICES

### Offertory Hymn

### Communion Hymn

### Post Communion Prayer

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Recessional Hymn

*Coffee in Church after the service*

### 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, Casey Francis Mcleod, Eddy

### THIS WEEK AT ST STEPHEN'S

**Mother & Toddler group** – meets on Monday from 9-11. Ring the door on the Coverdale Road side to get in

**Wednesday** – Holy Communion Service 6 pm – This service is an Oasis of calm open to anyone who wants some quiet time in the middle of the week.

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

**NEXT SUNDAY: 9<sup>th</sup> November 2008 Third Sunday before Advent**

### Remembrance Sunday 10 am SUNG EUCHARIST

Celebrant and Preacher – The Reverend Dr Bob Mayo  
Wisdom of Solomon 6.12-16 (p425), Matthew 25.1-13 (p428)

### Children at St Stephens:

**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.

**Playroom (not crèche)** – Parents who want 'time out with their children during the service. 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

**Colouring table** – parents can sit with their children during the service

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### Christmas

**Christmas choir:** Would you like to take part in a choir to sing Christmas Carols. We are planning a children's service 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** – 'SAVE THE DAY' This is on December 6<sup>th</sup> at the vicarage. It starts at 4pm and goes on till 11pm. Drop in for mince pies and a glass of mulled wine – 'bring and share!'

**Advent Quiet Day** – 'God in His Time' – reflections on the patience of God, led by the Rev Rachma Bush at St Mary's Convent, Chiswick on 13<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am-4 pm. Cost £5, includes hot drinks but bring a packed lunch.

Organised by Kensington Area of our diocese.

**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. 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.

### Other notices

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

**Remembrance Sunday** next week. British Legion poppies now available at the back of the church – leave your donation in the collecting tin.

**Activities at St Michael's** Tuesday 3 November - 4.30-7pm after-school drama group for school children run by the Greenhouse Project. 7.30 pm Prize Bingo evening to raise funds for the church

**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