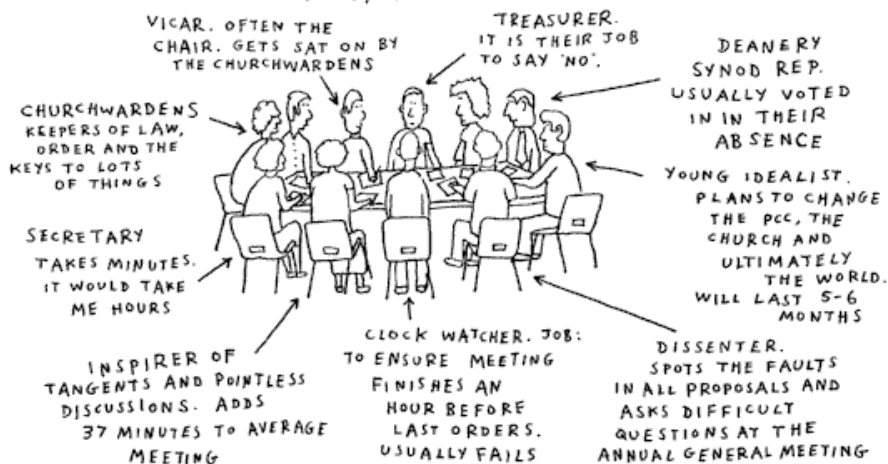


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 THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETS EVERY NOW AND THEN TO DISCUSS THINGS TO DO WITH THE CHURCH. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO ARE PART OF IT



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Christmas at St Stephens

Saturday December 6 th	St Stephens Christmas party from 4pm
Sunday December 7 th	10am Christingle Service for Children
Tuesday December 9 th	6.30pm BBC Carol Service (by popular demand)
Monday December 15 th	9am St Stephens School Carol Service
Sunday December 21 st	10am Sung Eucharist 4pm Children's Crib Service (Sunday school)
Wednesday December 24 th	11.30pm Midnight Mass (Christmas Eve)
Thursday December 25 th	10am Sung Eucharist (Christmas Day)

*Advent Choral Evensong and Hymns
 with the St Peter's Singers
 followed by Refreshments
 Saturday 29th November 2008 at 6pm
 Retiring collection for the Christian Aid Christmas Appeal
 Holy Innocents Church, Paddenswick Road, Hammersmith*



23 November 2008
 Christ the King

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

Christmas at St Stephens kicks off in the weekend of December 6th & 7th. On Saturday there is the Parish Christmas party. This will be held at the vicarage starting at 4pm. Come for as little or as long as you are able. On Sunday (7th) we are having the Christingle Service as a part of our All Age Service at 10am.

Anne and Edd have our Christmas publicity. We have put them in packets of 10. Please take a packet and either distribute them to your friends or post them through the houses near where you live. I am having a Sunday away before Christmas settles in and I am delighted that you will be able to have some time with Ben from St Michaels on the White City.

Processional Hymn

Collect of the Day

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading

Ephesians 1.15-23

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¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority

and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Gradual Hymn

GOSPEL

Matthew 25.31-46

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Jesus said to his disciples: ³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

*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, Sylvia Steed, Tracey Davies, Esmay Young, Roger Cox, Althea Ferns, Dorian Henry, Detroy Henry, Mary Rodney, Esme Hoyte, Esme Fairburn

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Offertory Hymn

Communion Hymn

Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Recessional Hymn

THIS WEEK AT ST STEPHEN'S

Wednesday – Holy Communion – 6 pm

Thursday – Christian Meditation Group – 6.30 pm.

Sunday: (30 November) Advent Sunday

10 am HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant and Preacher – The Reverend Dr Bob Mayo
1 Corinthians 1.3-9 (p442), Mark 13.24-37 (p443)

NOTICES

Christmas

Come and meet the Sheep – We are hoping to have a sheep for our December 21st Children's Nativity Service – put it in your diaries!!

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 21st. Please let Rev Bob know if you would be able to help with this.

St Stephen's Christmas Party – 'SAVE THIS DAY IN YOUR DIARIES' This is on December 6th at the vicarage. It starts at 4pm and goes on till 11pm. Food and mulled wine provided – please bring your own drink.

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

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

Other notices

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Activities at St Michael's Tuesday. 7.30 pm Prize Bingo evening to raise funds for the church