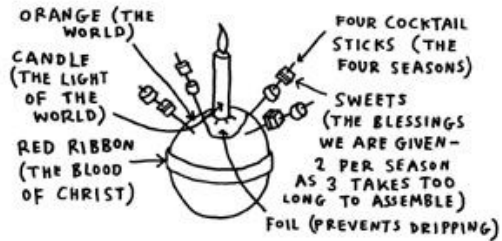
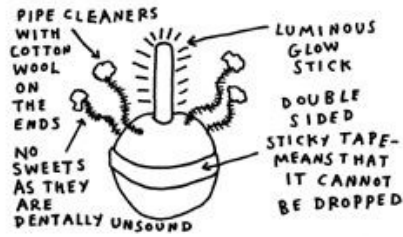


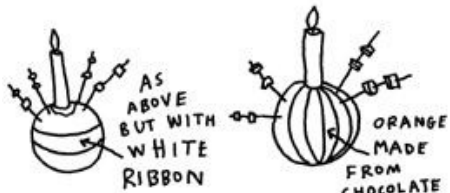
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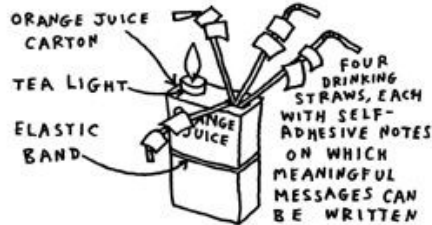
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Christmas at St Stephens

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)



St Stephen & St Thomas' Church

7 December 2008
Second Sunday of Advent
All Age Service with Christingle

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

BBC CAROL SERVICE

TUESDAY DECEMBER 9TH 6.30

SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE

MONDAY DECEMBER 15TH 9AM

CHILDRENS CRIB SERVICE

SUNDAY DECEMBER 21ST 4.00

Worship Song:

GOSPEL

(p.)

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; ³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight"', ⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

Worship Song:

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Sharing of the Peace

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

Offertory Hymn

Communion Hymn

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; 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, Sylvia Steed, Tracey Davies, Esmay Young, Roger Cox, Althea Ferns, Dorian Henry, Detroy Henry, Mary Rodney, Esme Hoyte, Esme Fairburn

THIS WEEK AT ST STEPHEN'S

Wednesday – Evening prayer – 6 pm

Thursday – Christian Meditation Group – 6.30 pm.

NEXT SUNDAY: 14 December 2008 Third Sunday of Advent
10 am HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant and Preacher – The Reverend Dr Bob Mayo
1 Thessalonians 5.16-24 (p450), John 1.6-8,19-28 (p451)

NOTICES

Christmas

December 6th St Stephens Christmas Party - It starts at 4pm and goes on till 11pm. Food and mulled wine provided – please bring your own drink.

December 7th Christingle Service (10am)

December 9th BBC Carol Service

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 Bob know if you would be able to help with this.

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

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

****Growing New Christians** - 5 Tuesdays from 13th January at the Kensington Area Office. An exciting course which helps local church members to look at some practical ways in which they might enable growth.

****Believing in the Creeds** - beginning 19th January - A new four session course on Monday evenings 7.30pm - 9.30pm. This course will provide an introduction to the doctrinal developments in the early church that led to the acceptance of the Creeds we still use today. We will particularly study: the Canon of Scripture, the Person of Christ, The Trinity and Salvation. Please complete the booking form which can be downloaded from the Intranet and send with your cheque to the address on the form.

*Items marked with ** have a booking form or further information which can be downloaded from: <http://gabriel.london.anglican.org/open/Area/Kensington/>*