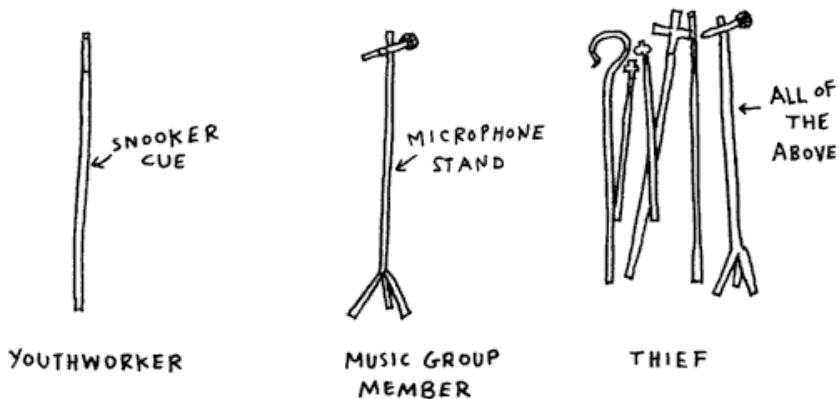
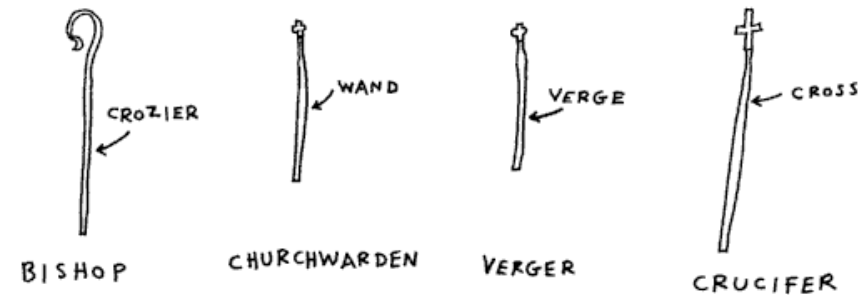


HOW TO RECOGNISE PEOPLE BY THE KIND OF STICK THEY ARE CARRYING



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THIS WEEK AT ST STEPHEN'S

Monday – Mother and Toddlers @11am

Wednesday – Parent and Child Reading Group @3.30

Wednesday – Holy Communion – 6 pm

Thursday – Christian Meditation Group – 6.30 pm.

Sunday 18 January 2009 Second Sunday of Epiphany

10 am COMMUNION SERVICE (with Sunday School)

Celebrant and Preacher – The Reverend Dr Bob Mayo
Revelation 5.1-10 (p469), John 1.29-42 (p48)



St Stephen & St Thomas'
Church

11 January 2009
Baptism of Christ

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

Processional Hymn

Collect of the Day

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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

Genesis 1.1-5

(p.462)

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Gradual Hymn

GOSPEL

Matthew 3.13-17

(p.45)

¹³Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

*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

Offertory Hymn

Communion Hymn

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Recessional Hymn

Coffee in Church after the service

NOTICES

Children at St Stephens:

Baptism Course starts on Monday January 12th – If you are interested in having your child baptised please talk to Bob (07969090907)

Sunday School starts today – 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.

Mother & Toddler group starts on Monday January 12th. This meets on Monday from 9-11. Ring the door on the Coverdale Road side to get in.

Parent and Child Reading Group – This will start next Wednesday 14th January – gather in the church after school from 3.30pm

Church Life

Midweek Group (Talk to Edd) – Would you be interested in meeting with other people from the church during the week? This would become a 'House Group'. You would meet in someone's home, have a meal together and look at the Bible. If you are interested talk to Edd - 07836156835, eddstock@hotmail.com.

Residential (Friday April 24th). We would like to go away for one night with as many members of the congregation as our able to come. It takes time to get to know each other and there is no short cut to our fellowship together.

Other notices

You are invited to join us this evening (11th Jan) for a talk entitled "Two years in Afghanistan" in a bohemian bunker bar. This will be held in church at 7.30pm.

Matt Waldman, Oxfam's head of policy for Afghanistan will reflect on his experiences there over the past two years, which have included visits to remote, mountainous areas that have been largely unchanged for hundreds of years, as well as interactions with diplomats, officials, the UN and military.

He will also share his insights into the current situation in Afghanistan, the role of the international community and the steps needed to build a peaceful future.

Special guest Lucy Lyon will be putting in an appearance to show a tranche of her film illustrating current challenges for rural Afghans.

Cost: £5 on the door (suggested minimum donation) in aid of Friends of Aschiana (U.K.) www.friendsofaschiana.org.uk