



I HAVE EVANGELISED
WITH THE EVANGELICALS



I HAVE CROSSED MYSELF
WITH THE ANGLO-CATHOLICS



I HAVE WORSHIPPED
WITH THE CHARISMATICS




I HAVE QUESTIONED
WITH THE LIBERALS

I THINK NOW I WILL STOP AND HAVE SOME TEA

THIS WEEK AT ST STEPHEN'S

- Monday:** Mother and Toddlers (9-11)
- Wednesday:** Parent and Child Reading Group (from 3.30)
Holy Communion – 6 pm
- Thursday:** Christian Meditation Group – 6.30 pm.
- Sunday:** 10 am All Age Worship: The Rev Dr Bob Mayo
& Edd Stock Luke 2.22-40 (p63)



25 January 2009
Third Sunday of Epiphany

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: Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 **Revelation 19.6-10** (p.474)

⁶I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. ⁷Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; ⁸to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure' – for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. ⁹And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' ¹⁰Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

Gradual Hymn

GOSPEL **John 2:1-11** (p.473)

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." "Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied, "My time has

not yet come." 5His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."
 6Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.[a] 7Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. 8Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, 9and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside 10and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." 11This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

*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

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Recessional Hymn

Being a church in Shepherds Bush

There are three strands to our being a church together

1. We get to know each other – otherwise known as fellowship
2. We learn about God together – otherwise known as worship and teaching
3. We get stuck in when we see people in need – otherwise known as mission and outreach

How do we achieve our first aim – ‘get to know each other better’?

1. **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.
2. **Residential (Friday April 24th) (Talk to Barry)**. 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. If you are interested in this please contact Barry 07984077582 lcbc41@hotmail.com

How do we achieve our second aim – ‘worship and teaching

1. **Sunday School and Children’s room** – The Sunday School is for children 4 years and above. We have a strong team of volunteers and so parents are asked not to go into the Sunday School and offer to help (we have not got room)
2. **Would you like to be a server in church (Talk to Shereen)**– all ages are welcome. Talk to Shereen or I if you are interested 07757122435 marjebed@hotmail.co.uk
3. **Volunteering (Talk to Michael)** – We need people to take a turn reading in church, doing the prayers, helping with the tea, coffee and hospitality. If you can help with any of these can you talk to Michael 07950978108 mjmelichar@yahoo.com
4. **The garden (Talk to Luke)** - We have a work day planned on March 28th. Talk to Luke or I if you are able to help - info@lukewhite.com

How do we achieve our third aim – ‘mission and outreach’

- 1▷ **The Church Hall (Talk to Juliet)** - *Building starts next month – We will need help with fundraising. Is there anyone out there with a few hours in the week that they can spend helping with this? Talk to Juliet or I▷* 07958430948 julietbyford@blueyonder.co.uk
- 2▷ **Visiting (Talk to me)** - *We are linking younger with older members of the congregation▷ People who spend a lot of time at home may be glad to be visited by a mother and child▷ It could be nice also for the child to have contact with an older member of the community Talk to me – Bob* 07969090907 bob@mayodlondon.org
- 3▷ **Alpha Course (Talk to Anne)** – *This is due to start after Easter▷ If you are interested in coming to this talk to Anne* 07824511029 anne@cowleydnthworld.com