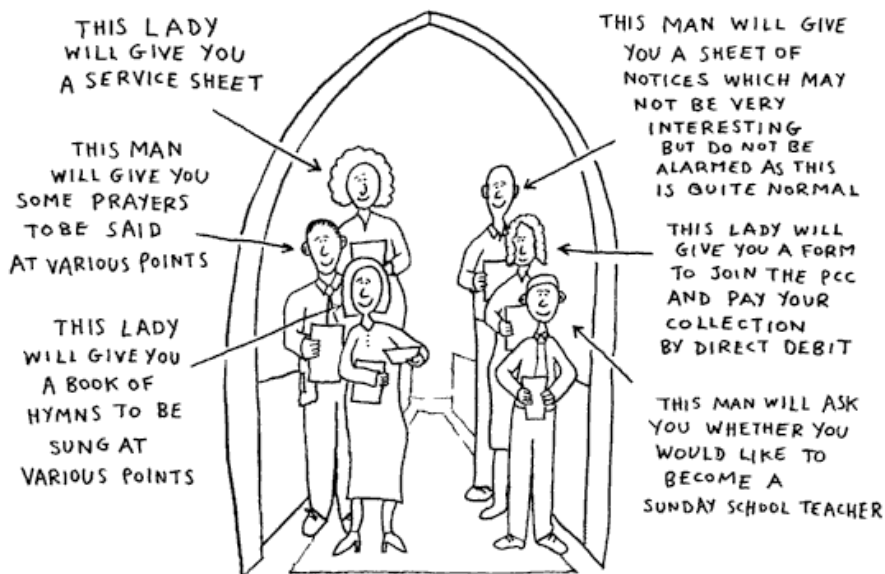


## THINGS YOU WILL BE GIVEN



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### God loves a cheerful giver

Can you give to the church by Standing Order rather than through the pledged envelopes?

It means that the church can rely on a regular income, your giving is not dependent on how you feel that day or on whether or not you are in church.

Currently there are 25 people in the congregation who give a total of £801.00 a month by Standing Order. This makes a weekly average of £7.39 a person.

There are 50 people who give to the church in pledged envelopes. This makes an average of £4.79.

Please can you think of changing your pledged envelope to a standing order.

It cost £50,000 a year to run the church and at the moment we are not covering our costs!



St Stephen & St Thomas'  
Church

1 March 2009  
First Sunday of Lent  
All Age Service

[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

Mark 1.9-15

(p.509)

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' <sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. <sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

Worship Song:

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*Sharing of the Peace*

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

## 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 God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Recessional Hymn

*Coffee in Church after the service*

### Ideas for Lent

1. Come to communion on Wednesday at 6pm. It is a reflective and calm half an hour
2. Come to one of our three Lent lunches; use it as a chance to get to know each other and to learn about the vision of the church.
3. Eat a Fairtrade banana and help to set your own household record of bananas eaten over a 24 hour period
4. Cut down on your use of plastic bags
5. Try saying the Lord's Prayer while the kettle boils. Or pray for someone while you're waiting at the photocopier,

## THIS WEEK AT ST STEPHEN'S

<b>Monday:</b>	Mother and Toddlers (9-11)
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Parent and Child Reading Group (from 3.30) Lent Service – 6 pm 'Who do men say that I am' - <i>Light of the World</i>
<b>Thursday:</b>	Christian Meditation Group – 6.30 pm.
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Service of Holy Communion– 10 am Celebrant and Preacher - Rev Dr Bob Mayo Genesis 17.1-7,15-16 (p510), Mark 8.31-38 (p513)

## NOTICES

**Breakaway Holiday Project** - low-cost supported holidays for disadvantaged families with children. For more information email the Parish Secretary [ststephensw12@london.anglican.org](mailto:ststephensw12@london.anglican.org).

**Health Roadshow** on Thursday 19 March from 11am to 7pm in Hammersmith Town Hall on King Street in Hammersmith. The roadshow will include information on the public consultation on plans to set up new specialist stroke and major trauma services in the capital, as well as general health checks and advice and information on a wide range of NHS services.

**Free Debt Counselling service**, St Paul's Church Hammersmith. You can make an appointment for a Monday evening by calling 0208 748 3855.

The next Confirmation Service involving people from our parish will be at St Paul's on April 11<sup>th</sup>. It is the evening before Easter and a great time to be confirmed

The Consecration of Rev Cannon Paul Williams as Bishop of Kensington will take place on Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup> at 11am – talk to Bob (07969090907) if you are interested in going.

The Bishop will visit St Stephens for an evening service on Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup> at 6.30pm. The fact that we do not have an evening service did not appear to deter him. It will be up to us to give him a good welcome.

Please look at the back of the Church at our application to make the changes needed to the church as a part of our building. Talk to me if you want any more information.