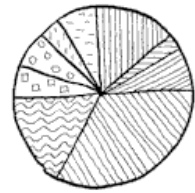
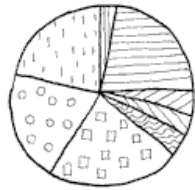


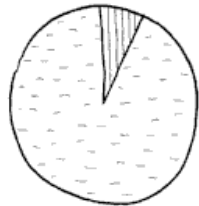
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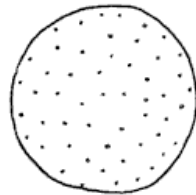
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






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-  GO TO CHURCH, PRAY ETC
-  PREPARE SERMONS
-  GO TO MEETINGS
-  VISIT THE SICK
-  HELP PEOPLE BE BORN, GET MARRIED AND DIE

-  SURF THE INTERNET
-  PLAY GOLF
-  KEEP UP TO DATE WITH POPULAR CULTURE (TV, MUSIC ETC)
-  NOTHING
-  TO BE HONEST IT IS NOT SOMETHING I HAVE SPENT MUCH TIME THINKING ABOUT

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## NOTICES

- 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.

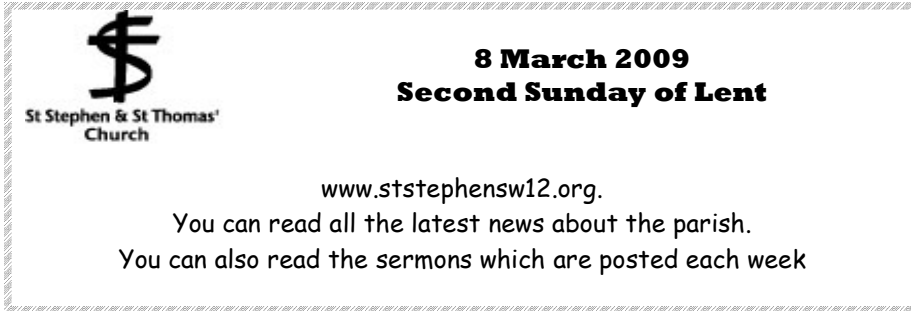
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Cut down on plastic bags</b> (Take you own durable bags when you shop)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Read the Psalms</b> (Understand the words of holy scripture by putting them into practice." - St Mark the Ascetic)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Midweek worship (Holy Communion 6pm)</b> (Oh God open to us today the sea of your love. Strengthen our weakness by your power. Bind us closer to you and to each other." - Prayer of the Syrian Church)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Go on a carbon fast</b> - The UK charity Tearfund are doing a Carbon Fast for Lent. Why not sign up for their daily Lent emails for actions, facts and prayers about climate change? Find out more on Tearfund's Carbon Fast page. ("The greatest thing is to be found at one's post as a child of God, living each day as though it were our last, but planning as though our world might last 100 years" - CS Lewis)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Give blood</b> - Take time today to find out where you can give blood in the next few days and then write it into your diary. ("We should give up the foolish task of trying to be saints and get on with the more important task of trying to be human." - Dietrich Bonhoeffer)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sing!</b> Regardless of what kind of day you are having, sing your favourite song or hymn, out loud. ("I arise today through a mighty strength: God's power to guide me, God's eyes to watch over me; God's way to lie before me." - St Brigid of Gael)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Come to church</b> - Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you (St Augustine).

(Ship of Fools: 40 ideas for Lent)

## 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  
'Who do men say that I am?' – *Light of the World*
- Thursday:** Christian Meditation Group – 6.30 pm.
- Next Sunday:** Service of Holy Communion– 10 am

Celebrant and Preacher - Rev Dr Bob Mayo  
1 Corinthians 1.18-25 (p517), John 2.13-22 (p518)



### Processional Hymn

### Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**First Reading**                      **Genesis 17.1-7,15-16**                      **(p.510)**

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. <sup>2</sup>And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

<sup>15</sup>God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

### Gradual Hymn

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### GOSPEL

**Mark 8.31-38**

**(p. 513)**

<sup>31</sup>Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

***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 God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Recessional Hymn

*Coffee in Church after the service*