





St Stephen & St Thomas'
Church

22 March 2009
Mothering Sunday
Stewardship Sunday

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

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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

Colossians 3.12-17

(p.129)

¹²As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gradual Hymn

GOSPEL

John 19.25b-27

(p.130)

²⁵Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

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

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Recessional Hymn

Coffee in Church after the service



Inauguration and Welcome Service

For the new Bishop of Kensington
by the

The Right Reverend & Right Hon. Richard Chartres
Bishop of London

St Mary Abbots, Kensington at 7.00pm

On **Wednesday 1st April 2009**

You are warmly invited to attend the above service to
welcome the Right Reverend Paul Williams to the
Kensington Area.

The Bishop of Kensington will give a short address
'Exploring a vision for the ministry of the Church'

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.
Next Sunday:	Service of Holy Communion– 10 am Celebrant and Preacher - Rev Dr Bob Mayo Hebrews 5.5-10 (p524), John 12.20-33 (p525)

NOTICES

March 22nd (and 29th) - Lent Lunch at the Vicarage. We are having a series of Sundays looking at our Vision for the Church. On 22nd we will look at the issue of Stewardship. This does not just mean money but the time and energy we give to the Church as well.

March 28th - Work morning in the garden. Please come and help for a short or as long time as you are able to make the church garden look more attractive. A group of us are gathering and things will never have looked so good once we have finished. Talk to Luke info@lukewhite.com or Bob 07969 090907 if you are able to help.

April 5th - Palm Sunday - All Age Service (with football rattles).

April 9th - Maundy Thursday - we are going to have a meal together in church to enact the Last Supper. This will be lamb followed by yoghurt and honey. There will be a short communion service afterwards.

April 10th - Good Friday - Walk of Witness. We meet at the church at 10.45 and walk to Shepherd's Bush Green. 12 o'clock meditation round the cross. This is in 7 sections of 20 minutes each so you can come and go as you please.

April 11th - Confirmation and Baptism at St Paul's Cathedral.

April 12th - Easter Day - 5 am dawn service and 10 am Easter Bonnet Parade and All Age Celebration.