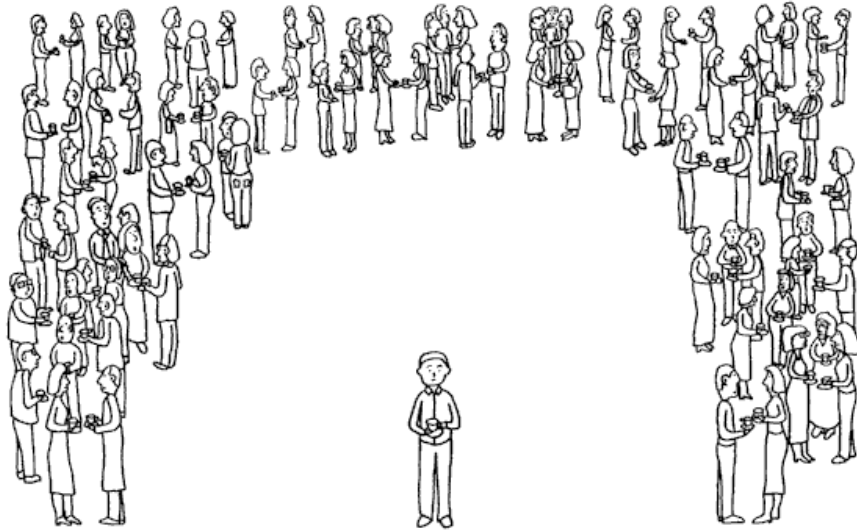


# AFTER-SERVICE COFFEE

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## 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'



St Stephen & St Thomas'  
Church

**29 March 2009**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

[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

## Processional Hymn

### Collect of the Day

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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

**Hebrews 5.5-10**

**(p.524)**

<sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; <sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' <sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

### Gradual Hymn

### GOSPEL

**John 12.20-33**

**(p.525)**

<sup>20</sup>Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. <sup>27</sup>Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – "Father, save me from this

hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

***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, Esmey Fairburn

- Father Ben, whose mother is in intensive care.

#### **Offertory Hymn**

#### **Communion Hymn**

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

#### **Recessional Hymn**

*Coffee in Church after the service*

### **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:** All Age Worship– 10 am  
Celebrant and Preacher - Rev Dr Bob Mayo  
Liturgy of Palms: John 12.12-16 (p527)

### **NOTICES**

**Today** - Lent Lunch at the Vicarage. The last in a series of Sundays looking at our Vision for the Church.

**April 5<sup>th</sup>** - Palm Sunday - All Age Service (with football rattles).

Followed by **Annual Parish Meeting**

**April 9<sup>th</sup>** - 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 10<sup>th</sup>** - 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 11<sup>th</sup>** - Confirmation and Baptism at St Paul's Cathedral.

**April 12<sup>th</sup>** - Easter Day - 5 am dawn service and 10 am Easter Bonnet Parade and All Age Celebration.