



## St Stephens FUN RUN Sunday 14th March 10am

We are planning a 'FUN RUN' on Sunday 14th March as a final push to raise money for St Stephens Church Hall and the school.

We need as many as you as possible, all levels of fitness welcome (this is a fun run, not a race) !

The run will start at St Stephens Church at the beginning of the morning service and a route of run will be available nearer the time. (The full distance will be 8 Kilometres)

A cake sale is planned for after the run in the school hall along with other refreshments, so CAKE DONATIONS on the day would be gratefully received.

We will be asking for a registration fee of £15.00 and any additional sponsorship money that can be raised, even better! (all details of this to follow)

To register please contact Ellie Findlater on 07801 521002 or 020 8723-2309 (eleanor.findlater@ntlworld.com)



## Welcome to St Stephen's

28 February 2010  
Second Sunday of Lent  
Baptism of Ricco Michael Bullard Jeffrey

### Collect

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**      **Philippians 3.17 - 4.1**      **p 825**

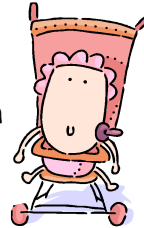
<sup>17</sup>Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup>He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. <sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

**Gospel**      **Luke 13.31-35**      **p 826**

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' <sup>32</sup>He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup>Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." <sup>34</sup>Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'

 **What's new on the web site:**  
Cain's blog  
"Transformed by Dogs"  
(article by Father Bob)  
Easter Services  
[www.ststephensw12.org](http://www.ststephensw12.org)

**Mother & Toddler Group**  
Every Monday morning (9-11) there is a Mother (or father!) and Toddler group that meets in the church & every Friday there is a Bible study for the Mums and children. Come along! All are welcome. If you would like any more information talk to Anne 078245110289.



**Edd Stock** is known to many in the congregation. He is a theology student hoping to be ordained in the Church of England. He is hoping to stay with someone in the congregation after Easter. Could you offer him accommodation? He could pay a subsidised rent only. He could work as a "many" (he is CRB cleared) or generally be supportive in any way you might want.

**After the Gospel we sing:**


*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*

**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.

**Baptism Classes**

Baptism classes are starting soon. If you would like more information please speak to Father Bob after the service.

 Do join us for tea or coffee after the service.

**Please pray for -**  
the sick and suffering:  
especially Felix Okike, Lucilda Bernard, Joan Andrew,, Susie Leach, Norbert Edwards, Pamela Coelho, Tracey Davies, Esmay Young, Roger Cox, Althea Ferns, Dorian Henry, Detroy Henry. Mary Rodney, Esme Hoyte, Esmey Fairburn, Lima Addy, Petronnella Williams, Bernice McAnuff



**Confirmation Classes**  
14, 21 and 28 March  
Confirmation Service at St Paul's Cathedral on 3 April 2010  
If you would like to be confirmed please speak to Father Bob after the service.

 **Countdown to Easter**  
35 days

**Lent Challenge**

We are challenging all waged members of the congregation to live for (a minimum) of one day on the equivalent on the equivalent of Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) during Lent. JSA is £64.30 for single people and £100.95. for couples - save some money and give the balance away! Two members of the congregation accepted the challenge this week. Cain is doing so for the whole 40 days of Lent! Cartiona fed her family (3 people) this week on 90% organic food for just under £40. Her meal planner was: Mon - homemade pizza; Tues - vegetarian lentil dish (much nicer than it sounds!); Weds - fish pie; Thurs - vegetable korma; Fri - sweet and sour noodles with pork and peppers; Sat - baked potatoes and tuna; Sunday - beef stew. Lunch was various soups, hummus that kind of thing. For further details please see our website [www.ststephensw12.org](http://www.ststephensw12.org) and take the opportunity to read Cain's blog.



**Theology on Tap (6.30pm)**

- There are a group of people interested in a Sunday evening service.
- This happens at 6.30pm and takes 45 minutes.
- There are three reasons for this service.
  - There is an opportunity to look at a Bible passage in more detail. We are going to look at the book of Isaiah - come and get to know your Bible better
  - There is opportunity for someone who has been away for the weekend to come to church.
  - There is the opportunity for a quieter and more reflective time than is possible in the morning
- There will be coffee before the service starts come along and try it out!



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There are a few people expressing an interest in starting a choir. The singing is great when Sam is here but we struggle when he is away. If you are interested talk