



Welcome
to your local Anglican church

17th September 2023

Welcome. It's really great to see you. A particular welcome if you are visiting or joining with us for the first time.

Pick up a welcome card at the door with details of what happens at St Stephen's and how to get involved. Even better, do introduce yourself and stay after the service for refreshments.

Children's Groups and crèche in the halls. The children leave after the first part of the service and join us for communion together at the end.



Do stay afterwards for refreshments at the back of church and an opportunity to chat, meet new people and encourage one another.

Our services today

- 10.30am** Holy Communion
Bible reading from Genesis 15:1-21 (Page 15)
- 6.30pm** Café Service - We Believe - in God
Learning from the Apostles' Creed

What's On This Week?

Tues 19 th	10.30am Christianity Explored in Noble room
Wed 20 th	9am Morning prayer at the Vicarage for 30mins 10.30am Holy Communion 8pm Home groups restart tonight
Thurs 21 st	10.30am Ladies Bible Study 7.30pm PCC Meeting 8pm Home group
Friday 22 nd	9.30am Little Seeds Baby & Toddler Group
Sun 24 th	10.30am Morning Worship, Genesis 16:1-17:14 12.45pm Baptism of Archie Williams 7.30pm Y@SS Youth at St Stephen's meet at the vicarage

Pick up a copy of the September 2023 Prayer Diary

Those who need our prayers: Shirley, Jane Russell, Grace Blackmore, Cath Cubbin, Thomas Walker, Elsie Ireland, Richard Martin

Those mourning the death of: Wilfred Turnock, Trevor Roberts and Betty McNally

News & Notices

Safeguarding reminder. As activities start up again after the summer break this is just to remind everyone that safeguarding is the responsibility of the whole church. As part of our Christian mission, we are committed to protect everyone in our church community and especially children, young people, and vulnerable adults. If you have any concerns about safeguarding, then please do talk to the Parish Safeguarding Officer, Joan Potts or to Matt. If you know that anyone is in immediate danger, then you should contact Social Services (0151 606 2008) or the Police immediately.

Christianity Explored. As well as a new evening group, we are running Christianity Explored on a Tuesday morning – 7 weeks of video, discussion and looking at the life and teaching of Jesus in Mark's gospel. Just ask for more details of any of our mid-week groups.

Café Service. We Believe in God. Our relaxed 6.30pm service restarts tonight. This term we're thinking a bit more deeply about what Christians believe as we dig into the Apostle's Creed. Join us for the first one tonight as we think about God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Save the date... Hot Pot Supper. Our next guest event is our now annual Hot Pot supper. Friday 13th October at 7pm. As well as the usual sumptuous hot pot, red cabbage and bread, we are joined this year for an after supper audience with a former Naval Captain. Who could you invite to hear about faith in the forces. There is a signup sheet at the back of church.

Giving. Many give regularly by standing order. Envelopes and one-off cash donations can be placed on the plate at the back. Or use your phone or card to make a donation using our contactless Card Reader.

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