



16th January 2022

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

At present we are continuing to encourage hand sanitizing and distancing. **Sadly face coverings are again a legal requirement in places of worship.** Guidance stresses their use is primarily for the safety of others, not a replacement for physical distancing and regular hand washing. Thank you for helping keep one another as safe as possible.

Children's Groups and a crèche will run in the halls. Please pray for the children and their leaders and collect them from the hall after the service.



For the rest of January we've decided not to serve refreshments, we hope this can return soon.



10.30am* Holy Communion Service **Psalm 33:1-5** Page 538

* Livestream, go to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) & search for St Stephens Church Prenton

Collect: Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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. **Amen**

Giving: Thank you for supporting the work of St Stephen's financially. If you are new or visiting and wish to give a **one-off** cash donation **and you are a taxpayer**, small Gift Aid envelopes are available. Forms for all other types of regular donation are also available at the back or on request.

You can also support us if you shop online, more details on the back page.

Psalm 36:5-10

**Response: With you is the well of life
and in your light we see light**

- 5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- 6 Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep;
you, Lord, shall save both man and beast. **R**
- 7 How precious is your loving mercy, O God!
All mortal flesh shall take refuge under the shadow of your
wings.
- 8 They shall be satisfied with the abundance of your house;
they shall drink from the river of your delights. **R**
- 9 For with you is the well of life
and in your light shall we see light.
- 10 O continue your loving-kindness to those who know you
and your righteousness to those who are true of heart. **R**

Join us next Sunday, 23rd January

10.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion

What's On This Week?

Tues 18 th	9.30am Tiny Seeds Baby Group 7.30pm PCC meets in church
Wed 19 th	10.30am Holy Communion 8pm Home Groups meeting
Thurs 20 th	10.30am Daytime ladies Bible Study via Zoom 8pm Hope Explored via Zoom
Fri 21 st	9.30am Little Seeds Baby & Toddler Group

For Our Prayers Today

St Stephen's: Sunday Children's Groups: Roots and Shoots, and their leaders

Those who live in: Cotswold Road, Cornwall Drive, The Close

Those who need our prayers: Mark Hughes, Christine Holmes, Barrie Harding, Ted Harrison, June Foster, Lisa Ratcliffe, Diane, Janet Jones, Jean Kealey, Caroline Woodrow, Peter & Barbara Sharp, Pat Ainslie, James McCulloch, Richard Martin

Those mourning the death of: Anne McDonnell and Stephen Lewis

Prayer Diary: for the coming week

Monday 17th

- Our witness in the workplace
- Arrowe Park & Clatterbridge hospitals

Tuesday 18th

- Any who are sick, at home or in hospital
- St John's Hospice & Claire House

Wednesday 19th

- Chris, as he works hard to put our services online
- Those of our Parish we are less effective at serving or reaching

Thursday 20th

- Visitors & new members of the congregation
- Those confined to their homes especially without internet

Friday 21st

- For all NHS staff and other key workers as they serve us
- Carers & good neighbours

Saturday 22nd

- Ministry of Music – Charlie our organist, music group and choir
- Those suffering loss of any kind

St Stephen's News & Notices

Hope Explored. We started this new 3 session course last week, **but it's not too late to join in.** Join us on Thursday 20th from 8pm via Zoom for the second week to explore hope in the life, death & resurrection of Jesus from Luke's gospel. Zoom link available from the church website.

Verse for the Year. Pick up a card at the back with our memory verse for 2022. Can you stick it up somewhere at home, and even learn it as we put our HOPE in the LORD.



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Prenton

Verse for the Year
2022

**May your unfailing love be with us, LORD,
even as we put our HOPE in you.**

Psalm 33 verse 22

Serving. Can you help serve on a team for sound, welcoming, refreshments, counting, gardening etc.? Speak to Matt or a church warden.

Giving. Many of the church family give regularly by standing order. Envelopes and one-off cash donations can be placed in the plate at the back. If you would like information about setting up a monthly standing order, visit the Giving page on our website or just ask for a form. Thank you.

Giving as you shop. St Stephen's can benefit whenever you shop online at no extra cost to you. Just visit www.smileamazon.co.uk or www.easyfundraising.org.uk and search for: St Stephen's Church Prenton or visit www.ststephensprenton.church/giving

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