

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
 16th September 4pm Talk on local history by Ray Wheeler
 30th September Harvest quiz night
 15th October 5pm Confirmation Service

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Please take this notice sheet away with you. There are copies available to give to a friend or neighbour who is not able to be in church. There is an electronic copy available should you wish to save some trees!

Items for the newsletter should be notified to Fr Geoffrey by Thursday morning.

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St Stephen Norbury & Thornton Heath

Newsletter

10th SEPTEMBER 2017

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SERVICES THIS WEEK

TODAY	8am	EUCCHARIST
	10am	SUNG EUCCHARIST
TUESDAY	7.30am	EUCCHARIST
WEDNESDAY	10am	EUCCHARIST
SATURDAY	10am	EUCCHARIST
NEXT SUNDAY	8am	EUCCHARIST
	10am	SUNG EUCCHARIST
	6pm	EVENSONG & BENEDICTION

OUR TWIN PARISHES IN ZIMBABWE AND THE USA We are twinned with St Mark's, Patchway and St Luke's, Chakari in the diocese of Central Zimbabwe. We will pray regularly for Fr Taurayi Kaerezi and his people. It was a joy to receive an email from Fr Taurayi sending us blessings and good wishes. Please pray, too, for the Episcopal parish of Grace in Chicago as it seeks to appoint a new priest.

PRAYING FOR THE PARISH This month we are praying for all who live in BLETCHINGLEY CLOSE, ELLIOTT ROAD and WARWICK GARDENS.

THE BREAD AND WINE are sponsored by Richard and Pauline Webster to celebrate the birthday of their daughter, Barbara. Also by Dahlia Sterling to mark the second birthday of her great-granddaughter, Ava-Rose. It costs £5 per week to sponsor the elements to mark a special occasion or to remember a loved one. Please speak to Fr Geoffrey.

THE PILGRIM COURSE Remaining dates for the 11am and 7pm groups are as follows. **20th September and 18th October.** Please make a note of these dates. The booklets for the session are available from Fr Geoffrey for £5. New people are always welcome to join at any time. The third course will start at the end of November.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE Please remember the 20 pilgrims at Walsingham this weekend as they remember you. We will be booking places for the 2018 pilgrimage soon – confirmation of the date will be publicised shortly.

CONFIRMATIONS 2017 We are hosting this year's deanery Confirmations on 15th October. Please hold our eight candidates in your prayers as they prepare for this important next step on their Christian journey.

THE HALL APPEAL We are making steady but slow progress in fund-raising – charitable trusts now being approached - but don't forget you can still make a pledge to give a regular, dedicated, sum to the appeal over a couple of years if you can't make a large one-off donation. A5 envelopes with

pledge forms are available at the back of church and can be filled in at any time.

LOCAL HISTORY TALK The Friends of St Stephen's are delighted to announce that Ray Wheeler will be giving another of his excellent illustrated talks on local history, entitled *A Look Back at a Parish*, at 4pm on Saturday 16th September. Refreshments will be served.

WEDDINGS AND BAPTISMS If you are planning a wedding or wish to have a child Baptised please come into church on any Saturday morning between 10.30 and 11.30. A priest will be here to help you. We can discuss times and dates and fill in any necessary paperwork. There is no charge for Baptism whether of adults or infants.

RECITAL CDs Andrew Chadney's excellent organ recital on 15th July was recorded and is now available on CD. It's a great tribute to our organ. Andrew's programme was enjoyable and varied. For only £5 a CD is yours! Please see Roger Dwarika to secure your copy. All funds raised will go to the hall restoration fund.

HARVEST QUIZ NIGHT Please make a note that this year's eve of Harvest quiz night will be on Saturday 30th September. Doors will open at 7pm and the quiz will start at 7.30. Tickets are £8 and are on sale. The ticket covers one drink from the bar and a fish and chip supper. A children's quiz is also planned.

HEALING MINISTRY We are very fortunate that the sacrament of anointing is regularly available at St Stephen's on the fourth Sunday of every month. For the time being the ministry of laying on of hands is not provided regularly (but is available on request). We are, however, formulating a system where a one-on-one pattern of healing ministry will be available.

CONFESSION otherwise known as the Sacrament of Reconciliation can be arranged, by appointment, with Fr Geoffrey. He will also be happy to answer questions about this sacrament.

