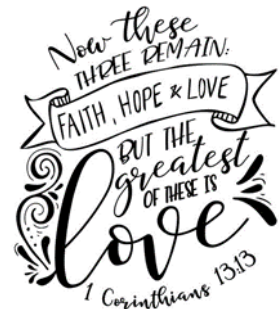


**Sunday 1st
September 2019**



Welcome to St Stephen's Church.

If you would like to know more about what goes on at St Stephen's, speak to one of the welcome team, pick up a leaflet from the back of the church or go to our website www.ststephensnorwich.org

Today's Services

10.00am: Service of the Word

11.30am: Contemporary Worship with Communion

1pm Shared Fellowship Lunch

Today's Hymns: 327, 51, 1334, 31

Collect

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

The reading is taken from 1 Corinthians 1 v 26-31

1 ²⁶ Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸ God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things – and the things that are not – to nullify the things that are, ²⁹ so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰ It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God – that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹ Therefore, as it is written: ‘Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.’

The second reading is taken from the Gospel of Luke 18 v9-14

18 ⁹ To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰ ‘Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: “God, I thank you that I am not like other people – robbers, evildoers, adulterers – or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.”

¹³ ‘But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, “God, have mercy on me, a sinner.”

¹⁴ ‘I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’

Scripture taken from the Holy Bible, NIV UK Version.

Next Sunday – 8th September

10am Morning Prayer with Holy Communion
11.30am Contemporary Worship

Roy and Sam have invited the church community to a **BBQ** at their house on **Saturday 7th September**. The details are as follows:
16 Nile Street, Norwich, NR2 4JT (near to the Old Palace Road/Dereham Road junction)

Arrive from 5pm and we aim to begin eating around about 6pm
Please bring sausages / bread rolls (burger or sausage) / drinks / snacks / salad / sweet items (please do not feel obliged to bring all of this, if you are unable to bring anything that is also fine.)

Actors needed. The Covenant Players who led a drama workshop at St Stephen's many years ago are coming back on 15th September. They will be running a workshop on **Saturday 14th between 2-4pm at the Chapel**. Can you tell Madeline if you are interested in attending. Just as we had drama at a joint Christmas service last year, it would be good to have a joint service with drama at harvest on Sunday 6th October. Thank you.

CAP Money Course at St Stephen's starting Tuesday 17th September

The CAP Money Course is a money management course, teaching budgeting skills and a simple, cash-based system that really works. This course will help anyone to get more in control of their finances, so they can budget, save and prevent debt. The course runs over three Tuesday evening sessions in St Stephen's on 17th and 24th September and 1st October, starting at 7.30pm. All welcome; speak to Paul Light or Chris Killen for more information.

Open Faith starts 16th September. Alex is running another Open Faith course, this time on the doctrine of the Trinity. There are flyers at the back of the Church building. If you would like to attend, please speak to him.



| Diary Sheet for September | |
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| Tuesday 3 rd @ 9.30am | Little Fellowes starts back at the Chapel |
| Wednesday 4 th @ 11am | Chit Chat at the Chapel (in partnership with St Stephen's Gate Surgery) |
| Thursday 5 th @ 8am | Monthly prayer meeting at St Stephen's |
| Thursday 5 th @ 10.30am | Midweek Communion Service in North Chapel |
| Saturday 7 th @ 5pm | BBQ at 16 Nile Street (see notice above) |
| Sunday 8 th @ 10am | Holy Communion Service |
| Sunday 8 th @ 11.30am | Contemporary Worship |
| Monday 9 th @ 2.30pm | Create starts back at the Chapel |
| Wednesday 11 th @ 5pm | Ticket to Ride at the Chapel |
| Saturday 14 th @ 10am-4pm | Sponsored Bike Ride – Norfolk Churches Trust |
| Saturday 14 th @ 2pm | Drama workshop with Covenant Players at the Chapel. All welcome, |
| Saturday 14 th @ 12pm | Healing Rooms in the Meeting Room at St Stephen's |
| Sunday 15 th @ 10am | Covenant Players Prayer with Healing |
| Sunday 15 th @ 11.30am | Contemporary Worship with Communion |
| Sunday 15 th 1-4pm | Chapel open for Heritage Open Day |
| Monday 16 th @ 7.30pm | Open Faith starts – see Alex Irving or pick up a leaflet from the back of the church |
| Tuesday 17 th @ 7.30pm | CAP Money Course starts |
| Wednesday 18 th @ 2pm | Freedom in Christ Course starts – see Tim Coe for more information |
| Wednesday 18 th @ 5.30pm | Film Club in the Chapel |
| Thursday 19 th @ 9am | Standing Committee at The Crescent |
| Friday 20 th @ 10am | Craft club meets in the meeting room. See Anne Murphy for further details |
| Saturday 21 st @ 7.30pm | Norwich Music Group concert. Tickets from St George's Music Shop. |
| Sunday 22 nd @ 10am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 22 nd @ 11.30am | Contemporary Worship |
| Sunday 22 nd 1-4pm | The Chapel open for Heritage Open Day |
| Monday 23 rd @ 2.30pm | Create in the Chapel |
| Tuesday 24 th @ 7.30pm | CAP Money Course Part 2 |
| Wednesday 25 th @ 2pm | Freedom in Christ Course – see Tim Coe |
| Wednesday 25 th @ 6pm | PCC supper followed by meeting |
| Sunday 29 th @ 10am | Morning Worship |
| Sunday 29 th @ 11.30am | Contemporary Worship |
| Monday 30 th @ 7.30pm | Open Faith at St Stephen's |

