



# St Stephen's Norwich



Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March



Dear friends

It's the time of year when all Anglican churches start preparing for their Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), which will be held on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May at St Stephens. As well as formally approving the church annual accounts and electing people to serve as churchwardens, on the PCC and Deanery Synod, we will also take a moment to look back at the past year, giving thanks for the blessings we have received and to look forward to another year of worshiping and servicing God.

In preparation for this annual event, the church electoral roll is now formally open for new people to join. Whilst this does not sound that exciting, the electoral role is the formal register of electors and enables you to vote at the APCM and stand for election should you wish to do so.

Whilst being on the electoral roll does not make you a member of the church – simply regarding St Stephens as your spiritual home and place of worship does that, it is another way of demonstrating that St Stephens *is* your spiritual home and confirming your commitment to the church, together with our vision to worship God and be salt and light in the City. Put simply, if you are a regular at St Stephens you should be on the electoral roll and so if your name is not on the list please can I encourage you to prayerfully consider whether you would like to be added to the growing list of names.

If you want any further information, or to get a form (of course there has to be a form to fill out!), please see Tim Coe, our Electoral Roll officer or Lisa Fifield in the Office.

Many blessings  
Rev Ian Fifield

## Update from Bridget who has recently joined a mission in Mexico.

Mission School has started off very well... they're a great bunch... not without its challenges, living back in a dorm after 8 years of UK luxury 😂😂 but in April I will move into my new home in the refugee centre. Did my newsletter get through to you? Some people have found it in their spam folder 😞

We went to a fishing village on the Gulf of Mexico at the weekend to do an outreach which was wonderful.. but again challenging... all of us sleeping on the floor of the church surrounded by roosters and dogs!

### Christian Climate Action: A Christian response to the climate crisis

Christian Climate Action (CCA) is inviting Christians to be part of a peaceful mobilisation calling on the government to take action on the climate emergency

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March. 2-3pm at St Stephen's come and hear how you can be part of this by joining the protest at Parliament between 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> April. There will be opportunity for community, creativity, prayer and song and care for creation during the days of action.

For those who cannot stay for the talk on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March. There will be CCA people to chat with after both church services.

### The Big Garden – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 12.15pm onwards

Come and join us working on the churchyard and getting it ready for the summer. If you could spare 30 minutes or 2 hours you will be more than welcome. Bulb planting, plant moving, trimming and weeding. Bring some lunch, have lots of fun as well as refreshments. Everyone welcome.



There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church, if you would like to come to this. Please note that there are a limited number of places for this event.

Dates for the diary	
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 9.15am	Worship Service with Communion
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 10.45am	Worship Service
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 12.30-4pm	Community Hot Spot and Christian Climate Action meeting
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2-4pm	Christian Climate Action group meeting
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 10am-12pm	Little Fellowes at the Chapel. <a href="mailto:kidsmatter@ststephensnorwich.org">kidsmatter@ststephensnorwich.org</a>
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 10am-12pm	Little Fellowes at the Chapel. <a href="mailto:kidsmatter@ststephensnorwich.org">kidsmatter@ststephensnorwich.org</a>

Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 11am-2pm	Renew Wellbeing Space in the Café. A quiet shared space where it's ok not to be ok.
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 1pm	A Piece of Peace at the Chapel with Phil Gazley
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 1-2.15pm	Discipleship as Improvisation Lent Course at St Peter Mancroft Church led by Dave Humphreys
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Jean's Bible Study group
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 7.30-9pm	Discipleship as Improvisation Lent Course via Zoom led by Naomi Tuma. Contact Naomi for zoom joining details <a href="mailto:curate@stpetermancroft.org.uk">curate@stpetermancroft.org.uk</a>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Kintsugi Hope group.
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 10am-12pm	Little Fellowes at the Chapel. <a href="mailto:kidsmatter@ststephensnorwich.org">kidsmatter@ststephensnorwich.org</a>
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 9.15am	Worship Service with Prayers for Healing
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 10.45am	Worship Service with Communion
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 12.30-4pm	Community Hot Spot
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Last chance to sign up for Passover Meal on 5 <sup>th</sup> April
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 10am-12pm	Little Fellowes at the Chapel. <a href="mailto:kidsmatter@ststephensnorwich.org">kidsmatter@ststephensnorwich.org</a>
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm	Rescheduled Standing Committee on Zoom
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 10am-12pm	Little Fellowes at the Chapel. <a href="mailto:kidsmatter@ststephensnorwich.org">kidsmatter@ststephensnorwich.org</a>
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 11am-2pm	Renew Wellbeing Space in the Café. A quiet shared space where it's ok not to be ok.
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 1pm	A Piece of Peace at the Chapel with Phil Gazley
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 1-2.15pm	Discipleship as Improvisation Lent Course at St Peter Mancroft Church led by Gill Persicke.
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 7.30-9pm	Discipleship as Improvisation Lent Course via Zoom led by Naomi Tuma. Contact Naomi for zoom joining details <a href="mailto:curate@stpetermancroft.org.uk">curate@stpetermancroft.org.uk</a>
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Kintsugi Hope group.
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 10am-12pm	Little Fellowes at the Chapel. <a href="mailto:kidsmatter@ststephensnorwich.org">kidsmatter@ststephensnorwich.org</a>
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 4.30pm	Norwich Community Gospel Choir's Farewell Concert. Tickets from <a href="mailto:hello@ncgc.org.uk">hello@ncgc.org.uk</a>
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 9.15am	Palm Sunday Worship service with Communion
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 10.45am	Worship Service
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 12.15pm	The Big Garden with fellowship lunch.
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 7.30-9pm	Rescheduled PCC meeting on Zoom
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 5pm	Passover Meal at the Chapel.
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April Noon	Maundy Thursday Communion Service
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Café Closed
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 10am	Good Friday Reflective Service
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 10am-3pm	Café open
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 9.15am	Easter Sunday Communion Service
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 10.45am	Easter Sunday Family Celebration
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Café closed

Morning Prayer Monday - Friday 9.30-10.00 am Zoom code 918 123 449  
Sunday Worship 9.15am & 10.45am Zoom code 918 123 449  
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