

A **Ministry Team** is available at each service to pray with you. Please come to the chancel at both services, either during Communion or after the service. Please come for prayer whatever the problem, for encouragement or to give thanks for something.

We have a **hearing loop** available in the church and we invite hearing impaired people to sit near the centre (within the loop) and switch their aids to the T setting in order to gain the benefit of this facility.

We do not take a collection at all our services. If you would like to give an offering towards the continuing work of the church here, please place it in the plates at the back of church, or give it to one of the stewards. Thank you.

Church Calendar for March 2012 – the February Calendar is on the website. Please send in your **March Calendar entries!** Do look at the website regularly to keep fully up-to-date with all that is going on at St Stephen's and in the surrounding area.

THE ARK – could we remind parents that the Ark is for children 8yrs and under and should only be used if supervised by an adult.

Please remember that your children are parents responsibility after the service. Please help them to take care in the car park and the surrounding grounds. Thank you.

Parking - If you have a large car or people carrier please could you not park in the bays alongside the road as this obstructs the pavement & also impairs the view of drivers trying to exit the main car park. We ask that if you have a large vehicle please could you park elsewhere to ensure safety for everyone. Thank you.

Also, if you are parking in the company car park opposite for church, please avoid the spaces reserved for the residential flats.

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**The Church Office is open
Monday – Thursday 9.30 - 12.30pm**

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Welcome to

St. Stephen's Church, Shottermill



Sunday 5th February 2012

Stewardship: Finances

10.00am Holy Communion
6.00 pm Taizé Service, St Christopher's
7.00pm Liquid Social

Readings

Mark 12: 41 – 44 (p1018)
2 Corinthians 8: 1-15 (p 1162)

Weekly Mission Prayer

CMCT & Colleen Redit

Next Week

Monday 6th February

9.00am Morning Prayer
9.30am Parenting Coffee Morning
7.00pm 1:1:1: Prayer

Wednesday 8th February

9.00am KidsPraise

Thursday 9th February

10.00am Holy Communion
6.30pm Amplified
8.00pm Men's Curry Night

Sunday 12th February

9.00am Holy Communion
10.45am Morning Worship

If you are with us for the first time, we are especially pleased to see you. **Please fill in a Hello card to be kept in touch.** No matter who you are or where you are on your spiritual journey, we hope that you will be able to meet with God through our services. God, through His Holy Spirit, wants to meet each of us in a special way – to transform us. We believe that God still communicates with us today. God may speak to you as an individual – He may give you something to share with the congregation. If He does, please write it down and give it to Danny, Giles or whoever is leading the service.



PRAYER

Mission Prayer – this Sunday & week we are praying for CMCT & Colleen Redit.

Please also pray for:

- ~ for Maria Augusta & the whole Cowan family
- ~ Alison Brown & her family, Priscy Burchell, Pauline White, Erica Glaysher, Britta Weidner
- ~ Becca & Eliot participating in SoulNet 3rd to 6th Feb
- ~ the New Beginnings follow on course from *Alpha*;
pray weekly for all participants, leaders & helpers

1:1:1: Prayer – a reminder of this monthly prayer event on **Monday 6th February at 7.00pm** or to engage in private prayer if you are unable to join us.

Stewardship 'Time & Talents' and Finance - Please continue to prayerfully review the ways in which you are serving God both within our church and in the communities where you live and work, as well as your financial giving. Then please complete & return your **2012 'Time & Talents' and Giving Returns** forms. Please also see below:

Vacancies

These are important areas of service in the church where we need individuals or a team to serve

1. **Catering** – we love to eat and celebrate together! Do you have gifts of hospitality? We are looking for a team to continue and develop Maura's wonderful work.
2. **Christian Aid Co-ordinator** – needed to organise the annual collection and attend 1 or 2 meetings a year. Speak to Erica for more information.
3. **Sacristan and Verger** – after 16 years of fantastic service, Jean Burchell is stepping down from these vital roles at the end of March. The Sacristan takes care of everything needed for Holy Communion. The Verger makes sure the church is open for services – especially weddings and funerals. A detailed description of the role is available & Jean is offering training.

Please speak to Danny or Giles or one of the wardens – Hilary Bicknell and Duncan Long

Sunday Coffee Time between our services coincides with setting up for Junior Church and Crèche. Please bear with the Junior Church and Crèche Teams as we experiment with a new arrangement to enable us to set up between the two services, without disruption to people enjoying their coffee. The dividing screen in The Cross will now remain open, to facilitate the social mingling of coffee-goers. The usual space will be available in the kitchen side of the Cross (including charity tables), plus one large table and plenty of chairs in the far side of the Cross for people to sit down. However **from 26th February** a small area of the far side in The Cross will be 'cordoned off' to enable Junior Church leaders to set up activities. Additionally from that date we would appreciate voluntary assistance from able-bodied 9 o'clock-ers in clearing away tables & chairs by **10.45** at the latest. If you are able and willing, please contact Michael Clark. Furthermore, it has been agreed that coffee time should finish no later than **10.40** for the benefit of those volunteers who need to clear away/setup. We hope that the slight modifications to the process will

benefit coffee go-ers, volunteers and Junior Church leaders alike. The system will be reviewed after Easter. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. With many thanks for your patience & understanding. Michele Webb.

Church and Community Events

Parenting Coffee Morning - Ali Walker and Emma Andersen's next monthly coffee morning is on **Monday 6th February** from 9:30am. Refreshments at 3 Priors Wood. Contact Emma 07786 533146.

Men's Curry Night – Thursday 9th February 8pm at Bayleaf, Grayshott. Cost £15 includes first pint. Only 20 places so book early to avoid disappointment! Speak to Giles or contact Phil Outram on 656886.

Have a Heart....for Marine Wildlife & Conservation - Valentines Day is coming...for the romantics among us! Sunday 12th February Sandra and Anna are holding a sale at church to support Tom's fund raising venture for a trip next summer to the Sinai Desert & the Red Sea, diving & researching the coral reef. Heart cookies, truffles, small cards and gifts and all for a very good cause. Thank you for your support. Gee family

Haslemere 24/7 Prayer Week 19th to 25th February ~ this local annual week of prayer involving all our local churches will be launched at a celebration service at St Bart's church on **Sunday 19th February at 7pm**. St Stephen's is responsible for covering **10pm Tuesday 21st to 6am Wednesday 22nd February**. Sign up sheets NOW available in church.

Tearfund's "One Voice" Global Poverty Prayer Week 2012 starts **Sunday 26th February to Sunday 4th March**. We are joining in this world wide prayer event, to unite as Christians to reflect, pray and act for those living in material and spiritual poverty. **Sunday 26th February** is launch day. Also a **Day of Prayer on Thursday 1st March** with prayer stations in the church open until 9pm. We will also encourage you all to join in "The Rice & Beans Challenge"! Please ensure these dates with time for prayer are in your diaries - Michele & Sally Webb, Jenny Parsons.

Fair Trade Fortnight also starts **Tuesday 28th February** until **Tuesday 13th March**. Please help to raise Fairtrade awareness. By making choices when we shop can impact the lives of the poor & needy - it is SO easy to make a difference with even just one Fairtrade item in your shopping basket. Details of a coffee morning & walk coming soon!

Alpha Course – commences at 3 Counties Church with a Supper on **Thursday 23rd February** at 7.45pm. Course starts on **1st March** for 10 weeks every Thursday. Away Day Saturday 14th April (tbc). Contact 3 Counties office 653011 or Viv & Tony Jackson 643518 or jacksonsjackson@btinternet.com

Advance notice for the **Women's' World Day of Prayer** on **Friday 2nd March** at 2pm at All Saints Church, Grayswood. Speaker Rev. Barbara Steele-Perkins; service created by the Women of Malaysia; subject "Let Justice Prevail". Everyone (including men) invited to attend this inspiring service. Further details from Jean Clark.