

Welcome to St Stephen's



We are delighted that you are joining us in church or online today. Enjoy sharing time with us today and we hope that you are able to meet with God through one of our services. Please do get in touch if you would like any further information at office@shottermillparish.org.uk

Sunday 18 October

Trinity 19

- 9am **Short Holy Communion Service in Church** (for those booked in)
You can follow the service with the liturgy [HERE](#)
Readings: [Acts 14:1-18](#) Church as Sign
[John 20:26-30](#)
- 10.45am **Online Holy Communion via [Facebook Live](#)**
with music, readings, sermon and prayers in an all in one live stream.
- 12.30pm **Storytime** suitable for the young and young at heart.

Prayer Points for this week

Mission Partners. This Sunday we join in praying for the **Hope International School**. Jean would like to thank those who have given generous gifts to the Bethany Trust in memory of Michael, and the School will be beneficiaries. The School have recently been allowed to return to teaching after Lockdown, please pray for all the staff and children. Pray for new members of staff to come forward, which they desperately need for the coming year, 2021. We give thanks for all those new staff that have recently joined us. More recently there has been torrential rain in Phnom Penh and roads are flooded up to 3ft deep, please pray for conditions to improve.

Parish Roads Critchmere Hill

General For all those suffering in body, mind and spirit. The lonely, anxious and fearful.

Coming up

[Facebook Live](#) Broadcasts Monday to Friday

7.30am Morning Prayer

7.30pm Night Prayer

11am (ish) Children's Story

9am Communion Service in Church on 25 October lead by Rev Canon Nigel Nicholson

Numbers will be very limited (to enable social distancing) so you will need to book your place by ringing the booking line on **07946 710430**. (Mon-Fri between 9am and 3pm). Please make sure you are from the same household or bubble if you would like to sit together. **Priority for those who are not comfortable joining us online for this service**

Licencing of Louisa Mason as Lay Minister Saturday 17 October at 6.15pm

Louisa has spent 3 years training to be licenced as a lay minister in the Church of England. Ordinarily we would all be invited to a service then we have a get together afterwards! Due to Covid we can't do do this and we have to have a small private ceremony. We are invited to watch the live stream service. Click the link at 6.15pm [HERE](#)

Community Hope Trail

This half term St Stephen's and 3 Counties churches bring to you an exciting challenge for children, families and people of all ages. Find the posters and QR codes to discover clues and unlock the code. With fun and meaningful activities designed to encourage wellbeing and community spirit. Our trail will start on Sat 24th Oct and there are 7 clues to find over the course of the week. Check out our website for more details and spread the word about the Community Hope Trail.

St Stephen's Open for Private Prayer

The church will be open for private prayer each Wednesday from 10am-12pm. Please bring your own bible if you would like and we would ask you to wear a face mask when in the church. As the weather gets cooler, please dress appropriately.

Dwell Lite Online 18 October at 7.30pm

Finding God in Everyday Life. Continuing our series, we will be looking Hope. Includes contemporary worship, interviews and readings with the Dwell team. Join us on our Facebook page

Guildford Cathedral Sunday Sermon

In this Sunday's lectionary sermon, Bishop Andrew preaches from Matthew 22:15-22 on the theme of tax, tithing and our dual citizenship in a Covid age, and coins the phrase 'God loves a cheerful taxpayer'. [HERE](#)

Radio 4 Sunday Worship -you can listen on Sunday at 8.10am. (or catch up later) **The one who heals**. A celebration of the eucharist, live from Croydon Minster, on the Feast of St Luke, patron saint of physicians. The preacher is Bishop Precious Omuku. [HERE](#)

Notices

Operation Christmas Child

Now is the time to start thinking about filling a shoe box with gifts for a girl or boy. Pre-printed shoeboxes and instructions are available from Maura Howard, Tel **01428 651257** or email Maura.howard@outlook.com. If needed Maura will deliver boxes locally in Haslemere, Liphook and Fernhurst. More info at: <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/how-to-pack-a-shoebox/>

Be aware that no toothpaste, chocolate or sweets can be included in your box, but handmade stuffed toys are allowed if filled with proper craft filling.

Please return your filled boxes to Maura the weekend of **7-9 November**. A suggested donation of £5 will cover project costs and shipping, but do give what you can. You can donate online at [Follow Your Box](#), print out the barcode and place inside your shoebox or you can enclose a cheque to 'Samaritan's Purse'. Any questions do give Maura a call on the number above.

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