

# 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](mailto:office@shottermillparish.org.uk)

**Sunday 25 October**

**Bible Sunday**

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- 9am **Short Holy Communion Service in Church with Rev Canon Nigel Nicholson** (for those booked in)  
You can follow the service with the liturgy [HERE](#)  
**Bible Sunday Readings:** [Nehemiah 8:1-12](#)  
[Matthew 24:30-35](#)
- 10.45am **Online Morning Worship via Facebook Live**  
with music, readings, sermon and prayers in an all in one live stream.  
**Readings:** [Nehemiah 8.1-4a ,5-6, 8-12](#)  
[Colossians 3.12-17](#)
- 12.30pm **Storytime** suitable for the young and young at heart.

## **Prayer Points for this week**

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**Mission Partners.** This Sunday we join in praying for the **Acorn Christian Healing**. Please pray for the trustees meeting coming up at the end of the month. We appreciate prayer for guidance as we discuss developments of Acorn over the coming months and new year. Acorn has started to produce new resources and events, with further resources being developed for 2021. Please pray that these will be a blessing to those who receive them and for the production process. Many people are being impacted and touched by the love of God through events and resources that we have been providing, praise God! We are thankful for His presence and touch through new platforms. We are also thankful for the continued support that Acorn is receiving through prayer, time, and finances, of individuals and organisations. Staff and volunteer team, we ask God for continued energy as we navigate through an ever changing and uncertain year.

Parish Roads

Critchmere Lane

# Coming up

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## [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 1 November

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 but there are often spaces available so do please ring and check if you would like to attend**

## 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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. [www.communityhopetrail.org](http://www.communityhopetrail.org)

## St Stephen's Open for Private Prayer

The church will be open for private prayer each Wednesday in November 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.

## Guildford Cathedral Sunday Sermon

In this Sunday's lectionary sermon, Bishop Jo preaches from *Matthew 22:34-46* on the theme of *Loving God, neighbour AND self*. [HERE](#)

**Radio 4 Sunday Worship** -you can listen on Sunday at 8.10am. (or catch up later) **Bible Sunday** Revd Dr Sam Wells explores the difference between reading the Bible and letting the Bible read us, allowing our idea of ourselves and the world to be turned upside-down.

[HERE](#)

## Crossways Counselling AGM on 22 November at 7pm via Zoom

We invite you to join us at 7 pm for an update on our work over the past year and how we have continued to offer our service throughout the Pandemic and adapted to the challenges it has presented. Hear also about our plans for the year ahead and the celebration of our 21st birthday in 2021. RSVP [maura.howard@outlook.com](mailto:maura.howard@outlook.com)

# Notices

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## Small Group

Louisa and Ralf Mason run a fortnightly small group on Thursdays (via Zoom at present). From Nov 4th they are starting a new series based on 'At Sea with God' by Margaret Silf. This weaves Ignatian Spirituality with sea analogies as a model for our spiritual journey. New people very welcome to join for just this series or permanently. Contact Louisa for more info.

## 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](mailto: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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