

# Welcome to St Stephen's



We are delighted that you are joining with us.

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 10 January**

**Baptism of Christ**

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- 9am **Morning Prayer** with short reflection via [Facebook Live](#) (You don't need a Facebook account to view)  
**Readings:** [Genesis 1:1-5](#)  
[Mark 1:4-11](#)
- 10.45am **Online Morning Worship Service** 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**

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**Mission Partners.** This Sunday we join in praying for the **Clare and Andrew Koens, Wycliffe Bible Translators:** Travel routes are gradually opening up, making it a little easier for colleagues to come and go from Papua New Guinea. At the school and the Autoshop, we are gaining some colleagues but saying goodbye to others. Andrew would particularly appreciate prayer for the Autoshop (where missionary colleagues receive assistance with their land transportation needs), as there is now no manager. Work continues across the country, enabling Papua New Guineans to better engage with scripture in their own languages. In December the Gizrra language group dedicated their New Testament (and Old Testament portions). This translation work began 27 years ago!

Parish Roads Sunvale Avenue

General For all those are struggling at the moment, both mentally and physically.

# Coming up

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[Facebook Live](#) Broadcasts Monday to Friday and 9am on Sunday

7.30am Morning Prayer

7.30pm Night Prayer

11am (ish) Children's Story

**9am Communion Services in church are suspended until further notice.**

Due to the rise in coronavirus cases in the Waverley area and our admittance to Tier 4, the PCC has taken the decision to suspend in person services until further notice. This is to protect all those in our church congregation and those that help with supporting those services each week

**St Stephen's is CLOSED for Private Prayer**

The church will be closed for private prayer until we receive further guidance from the diocese.

**New Year, New Dwell Lite Series.**

How do we thrive as Christians in...? Join us on Sunday 17 January at 7.30pm via our live Facebook page as we look at 'Thriving as Christians in our spiritual lives.' Includes contemporary worship, interviews and readings with the Dwell team.

**Guildford Diocese Sunday Sermon**

Who do you think you are?' is the theme of Bishop Andrew's sermon for this Sunday, based on the lectionary readings for Epiphany 1, including the story of Jesus' baptism in Mark 1:4-11; and what does it mean to be 'God's Beloved'? [HERE](#)

**Radio 4 Sunday Worship** -you can listen on Sunday at 8.10am. (or catch up later) **Death knell for the 160.** Martin Palmer, CEO of FaithInvest, puts the horrifying statistic of the death of 160 species across the last ten years into a spiritual perspective. You can listen [HERE](#)

**Church of England Online Weekly Services**

Watch our weekly online worship services from across the Church of England. [HERE](#)

**Three Ways to Combat Weariness**

When Dr Kate Middleton, a psychologist from the [Mind and Soul Foundation](#), spoke at a diocesan Wednesday Webinar she talked through a number of reasons why we feel so weary at the moment, and a number of really practical ways that we can combat this. Her 3 ways to combat weariness focussed on 3 Ps – Positive Emotions, People and Productivity. You can listen [HERE](#)

**The London Institute of Contemporary Christianity – Prayer Journeys**

Life isn't always easy. At times we all face tough choices, pressure in relationships, and demands on our time, it can be hard to pause and pray. So we need fresh ways of praying in and for our everyday situations. Our [prayer journeys](#) give you a quick and easy way to begin. We'll send you daily prompts to spark your imagination, encouraging you to pray.

# Notices

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## Did you know that St Stephen's has a prayer chain?

During this difficult time people have all sorts of different needs for prayer. The prayer chain is available to pray for people's needs or thanksgiving. Prayer can be asked for by anyone, not just members of St Stephens, but please ask first, as not everyone is happy to be prayed for in such a public way. It works like this: just contact Hilary Bicknell ([hilary.bicknell@gmail.com](mailto:hilary.bicknell@gmail.com) or telephone 01428 651276) with your request and it will be emailed or phoned to members of the prayer chain. If you would like to be a member of the prayer chain, please just let Hilary know.

## Vaccine Scam Warning:

Please be aware that there is a vaccine scam circulating to extort bank details and money from the vulnerable. Further information is available [HERE](#)

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