Sunday gatherings @ 10am

Sunday 4th June @ 10am: **Altogether Worship** Sunday 11th June@ 10 am: **Holy Communion**. Sunday18th June@ 10am: Holy **Communion** with **kid's creation station** for all 3–10-year-olds.

Sunday 25th June@10am – **Service of the Word** with **Cinema Sunday** for children 3-10 years old.

Dates for your diary

Churches together prayer meeting 6th June at the URC.

Roof repair we are having our roof repaired on 30th May there will be some scaffolding put up outside of church please be vigilant when the scaffolding is present.

The next **Team Southmead** meeting will be held here Tuesday the 27^{th of} June @11:00am everyone is welcome.

Team Southmead holds a monthly **Quiz night** on 23rd June at The URC starting at 7:00pm.

This is to raise money for individual groups in our community.

Team Southmead have informed me that they will be donating some of the money raised to our church, so do go along, and support them.

Thankyou Team Southmead.

How to contact us

Emails and telephone messages are checked at least 3 times a week.

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A warm welcome
whether it is your first time visiting
or you are a regular part of the
congregation! We are so glad to see you in
person and gather as a church family
Please do ask if you have any questions or
are unsure about anything.
Our prayer is that as you spend time with
us you might meet with the Living God.

Prayer - changes things

Please pray for:

Kintsugi hope as they continue to meet on Tuesdays.

Local Schools,
Jon as he returns to work.
Toddlers Group& the Ranch

Weekly Prayer meeting

Anyone available is welcome to join us for an informal prayer meeting every Wednesday at 9.30 am. For details, ask Janet.

Kintsugi Hope



We are pleased that a new group started up on Tuesday 18th April. Please pray as they work through the 12-week course.

Toddler Group



Runs termtime every Monday 9.30 – 11am All pre-school aged children

welcome! Snacks and drinks provided Just come along whenever you can.

Details from Trenna.

Friendship Cafe - new dates

This has been open every Wednesday 10am - 12noon and will continue most weeks.

However, as we will be welcoming Travelling Kitchen once a month there will be no café on 14th June.

Thank you to everyone who is helping to keep this running so well :-)
All very welcome to come along!

Small groups

Bible study group meets Wednesdays at 1.30pm in St. Stephen's room. Contact Jenny if you are interested: revjennylow@gmail.com

If you'd value belonging to a small group speak to one of our wardens, as we're keen to build a network of supportive, prayerful, fellowship groups.

Christian Aid fundraiser.

our Christian aid cake and craft sale raised £82.

A big thankyou to everyone that came along. We haven't counted what was put in the individual envelopes yet.

Kids Matter & Babies Matter

Parenting groups are taking a break this term. Please pray for the leaders as they prepare to bring more sessions in future months.

From the Vicar.

I'll begin by saying that it's wonderful to be back among my church family following some sick leave. I know many of you care deeply for us as a family, and that means a lot to me. Thank you for all your care, prayers, and support.

I'm delighted to say that I'm back to work as your vicar, on a part time basis for now, as I'm still adjusting. As I've said in church, I'm still not able to know what my future's going to look like I'm afraid. I still need some time to deal with everything that's happened, and for the situation to settle enough for me to make plans for my future. Thank you for your understanding. I'll be aiming to work 3 days a week for now, spread across Sun - Thur as required; including, being present most Sundays, present on Mondays and Wednesdays when the building's open, back on staff team and PCC, and available to meet up with folks and chat through anything pastoral or spiritual. I, Archdeacon Neil, and our Wardens, Hannah, and John, will review this in July and keep you updated as things progress.

I think the most important thing to say is that I'd love to catch up with as many of the church family as possible, and to affirm that we are all of us loved and valued as members of this warm and welcoming church family. So please do reach out if you'd like to arrange to meet up and chat, and hopefully I'll be in touch with as many of you as I can.

I pray that we all know the unending love of God in St Stephens this summer, and the peace of Christ that passes all understanding in our lives. God bless you.

Rev Jon