

Sunday gatherings @ 10am

Sun 6th @ 10am:

Holy Communion with Cinema Sunday

for children 3-10 years old.

Sunday 13th @ 10 am:

Altogether Worship

Sunday 20th @ 10am:

Service of the Word

with **Cinema Sunday**

for children 3-10 years old

Sunday 27th **Holy Communion with**

Cinema Sunday *for children 3-10 years old.*

Dates for your diary

Rev Jon Roberts' **last service** is here on the 13th August.

Our **Baby & Toddlers group** are meeting in Doncaster Road Park on Monday 21st

August for **parachute games** from 10:30 - 12: we would love to see you.

How to contact us

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

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There is also a contact form on our website

<https://www.ststephenssouthmead.co.uk>

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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

The Widdows as they prepare to welcome twins over the coming weeks.

Alison, Xander & Bridey as they seek a place to live at a time of crisis.

Jon as he moves on from his role at our Church. Our PCC and congregation as we enter a period of vacancy.

Weekly Prayer meeting

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

St Stephens' Church Wardens

We're delighted that Jo Hamilton is now officially a St Stephens Church Warden. As many know, Hannah Widdows has been a wonderful Warden for several years and is taking some maternity leave to have their twins! We wish them the best. On Sun 9th July, Jo was proposed and seconded. On Tues 11th July, Jo was sworn in as Warden with the Bishop and Archdeacon. On Sun 16th July, we thanked Hannah and prayed for them as a family, then we welcomed Jo and prayed for her and John - our new awesome warden team!

Please stop going to Hannah with anything warden related, and instead get in touch with John or Jo with any Warden related questions you might have. And please do pray for all those in leadership in this wonderful church family.

Kintsugi Hope



A new Kintsugi hope group is starting in September on Friday afternoons. Please see John G or Andie for more information.

Everyone warmly welcome to join in.

Toddler Group



Our toddlers' group is taking a break over the Summer, starting back in September.

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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.



Alpha Course



We are excited to have a new Alpha course starting Tuesday 12th September. Please contact the office if you would like to take part.

From the Vicar

goodbye message from me

It's been such a wonderful privilege and joy, and yes at times a struggle, to be your vicar here in Southmead.

I love all you guys here at St Stephens. You truly are a wonderful church.

I am truly sad to be saying goodbye. My children have loved being a part of St Stephens, and still love coming here. Your faith, your welcome, your generosity, and the love shared here is an inspiring expression of the Christian church.

We will all miss you; but as a baptised people of faith, we will always be together as the one body of Christ. Keep going on this wonderful journey; don't lose hope; keep loving; all manner of things shall be well. The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

God bless,
Rev Jon