

Sunday gatherings @ 10am

Our services this month will be about 'Light'

October 1st

Harvest - All Together Communion

October 8th

Holy Communion

with Kids Creation Station

October 15th

Service of the Word

October 22nd

Holy Communion

with Cinema Sunday for age 3-12

October 29th

All Together Communion

Weekly

Baby & Toddlers group 9:30 - 11am

Monday mornings

Alpha Course Tuesdays

Kintsugi Hope group, Fridays

Friendship Café Weds 10am – 12noon

Bible Study 1.30pm Wednesdays

Coming up

Light Party 31st October 4:30-6pm join us to eat hotdogs, dance, and make crafts!

Team Southmead meet 31st Oct 11am

Churches Together Service 3pm 5th Nov

at St Stephen's, followed by Tea

Dates for PCC

Our next PCC meeting is 6th Nov: if you would like something discussed then do let a member of the PCC know.

How to contact us

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

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There is also a website contact form

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

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St Stephen's Southmead

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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
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

For your prayers

All our Church groups that have started up.

Children as they get used to the routine of School life.

Anyone suffering with mental health problems.

Those waiting to be rehomed in the current housing crisis.

Bridey as she struggles with adapting to changes in her life.

Weekly meeting to pray

Anyone available is welcome to join us for an informal prayer meeting every Wednesday at 9.30 am.

For details, ask Janet.

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

where there is injury, pardon.

where there is doubt, faith.

where there is despair, hope.

where there is darkness, light.

where there is sadness, joy.

O Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive.

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

it is in dying to self

that we are born to eternal life.

Bible Study

Our weekly Bible Study begins again on

Monday 11th September at

1.30pm. Everyone is very

welcome: please speak to Jenny

Low for more details,

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Kintsugi Hope

Following several successful courses, we have a new Kintsugi Hope wellbeing group running.

Please see John or Andie for more info or have a look at <https://kintsugihope.com/>

Kids & Babies Matter

We are excited to be running our Babies Matter parenting programme at St Stephen's which starts 5th October. In October, Kids Matter will be running at Fonthill School. Please pray, and if you would like to be part of either of these you would be welcome to come along.



Trenna will be happy to tell you more.

Alpha Course



Our course has got off to a good start! If you need to know more ask Steve Hamilton.

Toddler Group



Our toddlers group runs Monday morning 9:30-11:30 in term time. All with babies and preschool children are very welcome.



Saint Stephen's Southmead

Our Railings Project

For some years now many of the young families at St Stephen's have held a vision to have low railings and gates around our church premises to make it a safe place to operate rather than be open to the busy road. We don't want to keep people out, but make sure our enterprising toddlers are safe when we're doing something outside! Over the last year or so we have been working to make this a reality, as it requires a good deal of planning as well as permission from the Diocesan Advisory Committee before it can go ahead. During the summer technical plans were drawn up, and these are on display by the door into the St Stephen's room.

This week we have been excited to learn that our project is approved by the DAC, which means we can go ahead with commissioning the fencing contractors at last! We hope the work will be done before the end of the year and will keep you posted.

