

Sunday gatherings @ 10am

7 Jan: Starting a new series on
Encounters with Jesus:

Encounters ... with the fishermen
All Together Holy Communion

14 Jan: Our new series for adults, *Freedom in Christ*. **In Christ I am different**
with Kids Creation Station (3-10yr olds)
and Holy Communion

21 Jan: **Encounters ... with Philip**
All Together Service of the Word

28 Jan: **Believe the truth (of who I really am)**
with Kids Creation Station (3-10yr olds)
and Holy Communion

Weekly

Monday mornings

Baby & Toddlers group 9:30 - 11am during
termtime Wednesdays

Friendship Café Weds 10am – 12noon

Midweek communion 12 noon, starting 12
January

Bible Study 1.30pm

New Midweek Communion

We are pleased to be starting up a new
communion service on Wednesday 12th
January followed by a light lunch.
Do come and join us!

Date for PCC

Our next PCC is 15th January. If you would like
anything discussed please speak to a member
of the PCC.

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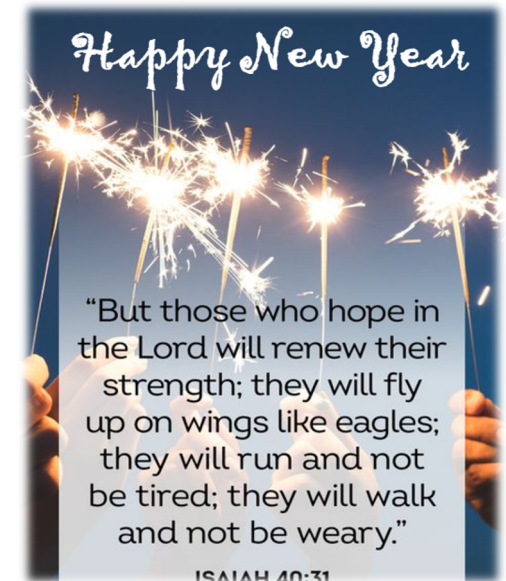
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*A warm welcome
whether it is your first time visiting
or you are a regular part of the
congregation! We are so glad to see you in
person and gather as a church family
Please do ask if you have any questions or
are unsure about anything
Our prayer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

Prayer - changes things

Please pray for

- Anyone who has lost a loved one recently
- Everyone recovering from or waiting for an operation
- Those suffering from Seasonal Affective Disorder
- The homeless, as temperatures plummet, and those struggling to stay warm this winter
- Those suffering from addiction. May they find the help needed and peace this year and Lord give them strength.

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.

Bible Study

Our weekly Bible Study runs on Mondays at 1.30pm Everyone is very welcome: please speak to Jenny for more details, revjennylow@gmail.com

Kids & Babies Matter

Kids Matter continues to run at Fonhill School. Please also pray that a Baby's Matter group will be able to start up soon
If you would like to be part of either of these, Tenna will be happy to tell you more.



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



I believe that I enter a
glorious new year to be filled
with prayer and praise.

With service to God
and mankind, with inspired
creative activity.

I believe that God's presence
goes with me wherever I
shall go this year, by train or
or car or boat, slowly
paced on foot, or high in air.

I believe his love is shining
in my body, his wisdom
guides my mind, his peace
fills me with poise, his
strength is ever at my call.

Oh I believe that this
is God's new year."

ELIZABETH SEARLE LAMB

From our Minister

Dear friends,

As the year ends, I realise that last year was the first that I have ever kept a New Year's resolution! I have tried to serve my family meals with at least three vegetables on the plate. I tried to do something that was simple and would benefit us all and it worked! I wonder what your thoughts are about changes you want to see in your life.

In the Christian church all the best changes start with prayer and worship, and so we are going to be adding a Wednesday lunchtime communion at 12pm every week from 10 January. We will also serve a simple soup lunch so please come and join us. Watch this space for more new things in 2024 and please do pray for the church family and for your neighbours.

If you're not already a 'regular', maybe you could add coming to church to your New Year's resolutions!

Happy New Year

Rev Gaby Doherty