

**All the latest news for our
communities for September 2022
as we begin a new school year**



be, belong, encounter, grow

Keep up to date on our websites:

www.ststephens-colchester.org.uk

www.stmargaretscolchester.org.uk

Regular Weekly Services and Meetings

**St Stephen's—Sunday mornings at 11:00 am
together with our Wednesday morning Holy Communion or
Morning Prayer services at 10:30 am.**

2nd and 4th Sundays from 9:30—10:00 am (before Sunday Service) a time of Christian meditation

Messy Church on the first Sunday of the month, on the second Sunday of the month we have Morning Worship, including Holy Communion and Kids Clu7b. The third Sunday we have Café Church in the morning including Breakfast Club and a short service of Holy Communion at 6 pm. On the fourth Sunday of the month we meet for All Age Communion (with activities for the children).

**St Margaret's—Sunday mornings at 9:30 am
and Morning Prayer on Wednesdays at 9:30 am**

1st Sunday of the month is All Aged Worship, 2nd and 4th Holy Communion and Morning Prayer on the 3rd.

5th Sunday of the month (if there is one) joint worship at either St Stephen's or St Margaret's—see notices for further details

**Three Together; St Stephen's, Wimpole Road and St Margaret's
Worship & Meetings**

Weekly Sunday Evening On Line Worship on Facebook at 6:30 pm. This will stream into our Facebook pages. You are able to join us live at the time or take part at an alternative time that better suits you.



Weekly Prayer Meeting at 10:00 on Tuesday via Zoom

[Click here](#) to access Zoom on the internet or Meeting ID: 195 594 506 & Passcode: 011904

Bible Study at 7:30 pm on Thursday via Zoom

[Click here](#) to access Zoom on the internet or Meeting ID: 780 700 295 & Passcode: 011904

You can also access Zoom Meetings via the telephone; please contact Andrew Tople for further information.

Pause for thought with Rev Lorraine

‘Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!’ 2 Corinthians 5:17

This September there are many exciting new plans in place to develop and grow our churches as a central hub in the community.

Some of the plans in the pipeline are restarting ‘Youthy’ and partnering with the YMCA to do so and running up to half term we are also hoping to run a slow cooker course for those on low incomes. We are also hoping to run a course for anyone who has an interest in finding out more about what it means to believe in God or those with questions about God. This course is called START and it is recommended by LYCIG ‘Leading your church into growth’. Café church will also be a new feature at St Stephen’s Church once a month.

Churches although called to develop and grow are often quite resistant to change. Over the last few months, we’ve had many biblical readings that have shown us how the early church developed and grew. It also has shown how many of the forebearers of our faith also struggled with Jesus’ way of meeting people outside of the synagogue. They even sometimes struggled with Jesus’ ways inside the synagogue. For example, on Sunday we heard Jesus again criticize the religious leaders for failing to show compassion to a crippled woman who was suffering because Jesus said they misunderstood the law.

Love in Jesus’ eyes meant reaching out to those who were in need whenever and wherever. The faith leaders didn’t like anyone doing anything on the holy day. So, seeing Jesus heal someone on the Sabbath was a sin.

Jesus on the other hand saw worship and action going hand in hand.

I wonder sometimes whether we struggle and at some points of our lives focus 100% on loving God with our whole heart or alternatively some other times we concentrate on 100% loving our neighbour. Is it either one or the other and have we got the balance right? Surely both are as important. So although we are getting ‘busy’ again with activity – let us also remember how we are sustained by God and our relationship with the creator.

I was reflecting on the busyness of life all through the week and how little time we have available to be still and spend time with God. I wonder whether Jesus might feel that we have lost some of that Holiness, that Sabbath time and might challenge us too in where we place our priorities.

Christine Shillaker gave us a challenge when she preached at our weekly midweek eucharist service to remember to PRAISE God. What does this look like for us in our lives together?

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Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!

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Angels, help us to adore him;
You behold him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!

My hope is that our faith is so complete that it will sustain us and help us to 'Love God with all of our hearts, minds, spirit and soul, but also love our neighbour as ourselves'.

Rev Lorraine

PCC update from St Stephen's...

The PCC over the last six months have been working towards getting some of the community activities up and running again, Youth Club will hopefully start after the half term, we are starting a slow cooker course for people on low incomes, we have re-started the lunch club and are starting an enquirers course.

We have had a thought about reordering the services a little.

The routine will be as a trial:

1st Sunday Messy Church

2nd Sunday Holy Communion with Kidz club.

3rd Sunday Café Church (new service with breakfast) and then short communion service in the evening.

4th Sunday of the month All age Communion.

We have been trying to get to the bottom of some of the problems with the building. Martin has been working hard to get a structural survey of the building completed. Now that we have the report, we are looking to plan a schedule of works to complete

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the needed repairs and possibly use this opportunity to see if there are any improvements we can make to our environmental impact and aim to become CO2 Neutral.

We are also looking at purchasing an additional television in the worship area.

Our Christian presence is continuing, and the PCC continue to work towards a Silver/ Bronze Arocha Eco Award. We Have worked on the back garden and constructed some bug hotels. We have also had a visit from Danielle Carbott of Essex Wildlife Trust and have been given some recommendations from her visit.

We have introduced a digital noticeboard in the foyer and am trialling have paper notices on a Sunday to keep people updated.

We are hoping to find a time to have PCC away time to consider our vision for the next season at St Stephen's.

Transport to St Stephen's Church

If you'd like to come to Church, but you are struggling and a lift would help, please speak to Belinda and she will see if she can start up a lift rota.

If you could help with proving lifts to people, please also speak to Belinda.



Youthy is on it's way back

We have some excellent news for you!

Plans are now well progressed, working with the YMCA, for Youthy to re-start from mid October

Keep watching this space, Facebook and the web site for more information

Ask for ANI Codeword scheme

HM Government

SAFE SPACES

IF YOU NEED
IMMEDIATE HELP
**ASK
FOR
ANI**

OR

OUR CONSULTATION
ROOM IS OPEN
**IF YOU
NEED A
SAFE
SPACE**

**IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING DOMESTIC ABUSE
WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU.**
Ask to use the Safe Space or ask for ANI at the healthcare counter.

Ask for ANI (Action Needed Immediately) is a codeword scheme that enables victims of domestic abuse to discreetly ask for immediate help in participating pharmacies.

Although the ANI code word was established to be used in pharmacies and chemists, it was used with us today.

If someone approaches any of our foodbanks, or yourselves personally using this code word we need to be able to help if safe to do so. Protocol would be, if safe to do so for the person using ANI and yourselves, to get them to a safe area out of eyeshot. Ring 999 immediately and report it as a emergency with the code word ANI to Police.

It takes a lot for any person male or female to reach out and ask for help, the lady this morning was in her 60's and very scared. She reached out because she felt "safe" with us to do so. This not only highlights this doesn't just happen to "young people" but also the older generation too, a generation you may not think it could/would happen to, but it also gives credit to all of us at the foodbanks, that we make people feel they can speak with us and safe to do so.

If you have any concerns for anyone you know, anyone that comes into the foodbanks needing help, and they don't feel comfortable with the police being called yet, you can contact these agencies that will come out and speak to them.

Next chapter : <https://www.thenextchapter.org.uk/>

01206 500585

Essex Compass :

<https://www.essexcompass.org.uk/>

0330 333 7444

Worship Song Suggestions

You may have spotted the box at the back of Church asking for suggestions for worship songs. Thank you to everybody who has already made suggestions, details of the suggestions so far are listed below:

Think of a world without any flowers, More more more about Jesus (more about Jesus would I know), Be still for the presence of the Lord, If I were a butterfly, Who put the colours in the rainbow, Shine Jesus Shine, The Lord is my Shepherd, In Christ Alone, The Lord is good to me' Whole world in his hands, As the deer pants for water, Such Love, Thine be the glory, Majesty, worship his majesty, Lord of the dance, Lord you have my heart Delirious, Tell out my Soul, Saviour of the world (Ben Cantelon), Abba Father, Sing of the Lord's goodness and Not made for the Harbour.



We would like more ideas and suggestions, so if you have songs that you would like the worship teams to consider using please don't hold back! Pop your suggestions in the box which will remain in Church for the next few weeks.

CLIMATE CRISIS

& Creation



Rev Kevin Durrant

Kevin Durrant, Minister of Keynsham Baptist Church near Bristol, began his ministry whilst living here in Colchester. He has long had a special interest in the Creation and in environmental issues. He and his wife Roslyn have attended both the Paris and the Glasgow COPs. Kevin is the author of two books on creation issues.

The Earth will Teach You is a commentary on biblical passages in which wisdom can be discerned in God's creation. In his more recent book, **Courting Chaos**, Kevin explores the prophetic imagination of Jeremiah applying it to the current climate and biodiversity crisis. Kevin is an engaging and insightful speaker often using images from the arts to illustrate biblical themes. He was the keynote speaker at the 2019 Green Christian conference at Launde Abbey. His written and spoken output appeals to the listener's emotions, imagination and understanding to deepen our love and commitment to God's Creation and our place in it.

For further information contact John Clifton on 07980 898469

CLIMATE CRISIS

& Creation

Two talks by
Rev Kevin Durrant

St Stephens Church Centre,
Canterbury Rd, New Town,
Colchester, CO2 7RY

Creation and human life on planet earth are at a crossroads. The recent heatwave only brings home the reality of global heating and loss of biodiversity and human responsibility for it. Faced with this serious practical and spiritual challenge, how should Christians respond?

Sunday 18 September 2022
11am at Café Church

**A Christian Response to Climate
Crisis: Reflection and Action**

Monday 19 September 2022
**at 7-45pm: Green Christian
Colchester open meeting**

**Navigating the Climate Crisis:
Spiritual Resources for Green Living**



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Matt Palmer
on Unsplash



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Rademacher
on Unsplash

For further information contact John Clifton on 07980 898469



FAIRTRADE



There will be two Fairtrade Stalls this month.

18th September during the Café Church service

25th September in the foyer after the service

Please help the farmers and producers struggling most with
climate change and rising prices.

Beryl and Alison

**KEEP UP TO DATE WITH WHAT'S GOING ON AT
CHURCH AND AROUND THE
LOCAL AREA**

Watch our Facebook pages for all sorts
of information about what is going
and as well as the “Events” page on our web site.



Please [click here](#) to see the Events page

Saturday
22nd
October
2022



St Stephen's
CHURCH CENTRE

AUTUMN

Arts & Crafts Fayre



**Free
Entry**

Browse stalls of
handmade items that you
won't find on the high street!

Plus

Homemade snacks
Teas and coffees
All welcome!



See www.ststephens-colchester.org.uk for more info

Date: **Saturday October 22nd 2022**

Time: **From 11.00am - 4.00pm**

At: **St. Stephen's Church, Canterbury Road, Colchester CO2 7RY**



New Town Community Day

**on the Recreation Ground
Saturday 17 September
Open from 12:00 noon
until 3:30 pm**

**Stalls, amusements, rides,
refreshments and lots of
fun for all ages**

**Entertainment includes the
Boxted Methodist Silver Band, choir,
singer, dancers &
Tug of War competition**

St. Margaret's Church

Monthly on a Sunday Afternoon Concerts.

We would love to have more people come and enjoy the music performed by professional people.

The last four concerts for this year are:

September 11th David Ingley

October 16th Chris Powell

November 13th Jamyma Hanson, a new young talent

December 11th Brett Wales

Admission £10 including refreshments



ENGLISH LESSONS УРОКИ АНГЛІЙСЬКОЇ МОВИ

ДОРОГІ ДРУЗИ

ЗАВДЯКИ ХОРОШИМ ВІДГУКАМ

ROTARY CLUB ПОГОДИВСЯ З РАДІСТЮ ПРОСПОНСУВАТИ ДЛЯ УКРАЇНЦІВ
4 МІСЯЦІ УРОКІВ АНГЛІЙСЬКОЇ МОВИ. З ВЕРЕСНЯ ПО ГРУДЕНЬ ВКЛЮЧНО.

ПОЧАТОК ЗАНЯТЬ 5 ВЕРЕСНЯ 9.30 - 11.30 РАНКУ,

ЗА АДРЕСОЮ 86 LONDON ROAD, COLCHESTER, CO3 9DW, KINGSLAND CHURCH .

ПОШИРЮЙТЕ ІНФОРМАЦІЮ, БУДЬ ЛАСКА, І ПРИЄДНУЙТЕСЬ.

DEAR FRIENDS

THANKS TO AMAZING FEEDBACK ROTARY CLUB GLADLY AGREED TO SPONSOR 4
MONTHS OF ENGLISH LESSONS FOR UKRAINIANS

(SEPTEMBER TILL DECEMBER)

CLASSES BEGIN ON MONDAY THE 5TH OF SEPTEMBER AT 9:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.,

AT 86 LONDON ROAD, COLCHESTER, CO3 9DW, KINGSLAND CHURCH.

PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION AND JOIN IN.

Over 60's Lunch Club at St Stephen's on 12 September 2022 from midday for 12:30 lunch



If you are interested in coming along please give Jill a ring on 01206 572 605. Booking is essential for catering purposes. Two courses will be served with tea or coffee to follow for a charge of £5.

Dietary needs can be catered for if known in advance.

Many thanks from **The Lunch Club Team**

PRAYER FOR ACROSS OUR COMMUNITIES

Please pray for the people living in the following roads across out two parishes:



Week 1. From 29th Aug to 4th Sept.

Winsley Road, Beehive Court, Worsnop House, New Town Road, Marasca End, Garrod Court and Thaxsted Walk .

Week 2. From 5th to 11th Sept. Cannon Street, Rebow Street, Victoria Place, Felstead Close and Pebmarsh Close.

Week 3. From 12th to 18th Sept. Belmont Place, Scarlets Road, Recreation Road, Parkland Court, Smith's Field, Darwin Close, Bathurst Close and Perth Close .

Week 4. From 19th to 25th Sept. Brookside Close, Bourn Road, Dudley Close, Bourn Court, Trowel Place, Wall Mews and Spencer Road.

Week 5 From 26th Sept. to 2nd Oct. Artillery Street. Victor Road, New Park Street, King Stephen Road, Peerswood Road, Hornbeam Close and Fallowfield Road

Anybody who wants to Prayer Walk these roads please do.

Donate food | Colchester Foodbank

Colchester Foodbank can be supported by donating the following items, which can be dropped off at Colchester Foodbank, 3 Tollgate Retail Park, Tollgate West, Colchester CO3 8RG (Mon-Sat, 10am to 2pm):

Jam	Small bags of rice
Peanut butter	Longlife milk
Tooth brushes and toothpaste	Longlife juice
Razors	Shampoo
Shower gel	Carrier and reusable bags
Small jars of coffee	Squash
Small packs of washing powder and liquid	Tinned fruit
Small multipack snacks, eg penguin, club, twix	Deodorant
Tinned tomatoes	Tinned potatoes
	Tinned Puddings
	Tins and packets of custard

Congratulation Saulo

Good news, but with mixed emotions from your friends at St Stephen's and St Margaret's

Saulo will be licenced as Assistant Priest of the Parish of Saint Martin, Plaistow, and Parish of Holy Trinity, East Ham, on 7th September at 7.30 pm, at the Church of Saint Martin of Tours 22 Boundary Road, London E13 9PR. Following this he will commence his work in that Parish. If you would like to attend this special service, please can you let Saulo know.

Saulo and Ruth we would like to sincerely thank you both for all that you have done for us here at both St Stephen's and St Margaret's while you have both been with us and



"See You Soon" Party

Ruth+Saulo+Thomas

On 10th September
At 18:00 onwards
At St Margaret's Vicarage
348 Mersea Road CO2 8RA

special guests
Blue Town Jazz



Fixed Access Data Point

This can be found in the Foyer and is for all to us to use to access key sites on the internet . Thank you to the Digital Access Support Team at Colchester Borough Council for providing this.



It's time to Celebrate

11th September

1pm

A live Screening
of the
Ordination
Service

For Samuel &
Belinda



At St. Stephen's
Church Colchester
(arrive early for good
seats).

Followed by tea &
Cakes whilst we wait
for the return of the
Ordained Deacons.

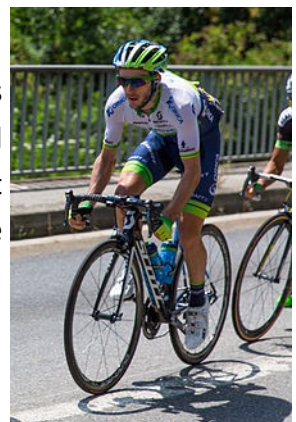
Followed by Buffet
and celebrations into
the evening.

All Welcome

RIDE AND STRIDE—SATURDAY 10th SEPTEMBER

Mal will be cycling in this annual event visiting as many churches as possible during the day and would like to be sponsored to raise money for St Stephen's and Historic Essex Churches. Half the money will come back to St Stephen's.

If you would like to sponsor him, please let him know.



Thank you very much to those who have already sponsored him.

It's YOUR Newsletter

Please don't forget, if you have stories or items that they would like to contribute to future Newsletters please contact me at: office@ststephens-colchaser.org.uk .

Andrew Topple



Rainbow Tots

WEDNESDAYS

@St Stephens Church Centre

1.15pm start

£1.50 per child (+50p per sibling)

**Snack Time for Tots
Coffee & Tea for Adults**

**Fun Play Sessions with Rhyme
Time Included**




St Stephen's
CHURCH CENTRE

be
belong
encounter
grow



Little Lambs

parent and pre-school group



Last session
this term -
18th July.

Starting
again 5th
September

Mondays in term time 9.30-11am

Everyone welcome

£1.50 per family

He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young. Isaiah 40 v.11



Contact:
Carolyn
07748795926



Baby & Toddler Group

Coffee morning

**Mondays 9 – 11 am
(term time)**

**Toys, singing,
fun and refreshments**



Contact us at: wimpoleroadmc@gmail.com /
Facebook message / 07847 846292

A free **Community Café**
in conjunction with
Colchester Foodbank
at
St Margaret's Church Hall

Stansted Road, Colchester, CO2 8RA
Every Friday from 11:00am to 1:00pm

The café will offer free refreshments and everyone is welcome. We will also have different community groups and charities from week to week providing support and care to the local community. So come along for a chat and a cuppa.

Every Friday

the following partners will be available this week



 **mind** Mid and North East Essex

FREE TO ATTEND



1000000



FREE TO ATTEND



1000000

Colchester

JOBS FAIR



WEDNESDAY 14TH
SEPTEMBER 2022



COLCHESTER TOWN
HALL



10AM - 1PM

25+ EXHIBITORS ON THE DAY!

**NO REGISTRATION
REQUIRED**

**HUNDREDS OF
JOBS AVAILABLE**

**VARIOUS SECTORS AND INDUSTRIES RECRUITING
ON THE DAY**



TheJobFairs



The Job Fairs



the.job.fairs

FREE TO ATTEND



THEJOBFAIRS.CO.UK

FREE Suicide Post & Pre-vention Training

Essex has a significantly worse rate of suicide than the national average. Areas of particular concern include Tendring and Colchester – which have the second and third highest rates respectively overall in the country.

“To the outside world they were thoughtful, caring and inspirational. Someone with a loving and supportive family, secure job and content life. But inside, they were fighting an invisible battle that not even those closest knew about.”

This training programme has been devised to support families and individuals affected by suicide, enabling them to deal with the impact of suicide and the subsequent challenges to their own (and family members’) mental health, including increased risk of suicide and/or self-harm, and feelings of isolation/loneliness. Plus learn skills to identify warning signs and how to ask others directly if they have thought about death and/or felt suicidal.

This training workshop offers a comfortable and intimate environment where you can speak and share with others who have experienced similar bereavements. Each workshop lasts for 4 hours and will have a maximum of 10 people in attendance.

If you are interested and would like to find out more information regarding the FREE workshops please contact Lesley Bailey or Liz Rotheram

There were 4,912 suicides registered in 2020 in England & Wales
During 2020 suicide claimed 13 lives every day in England.

Choose one workshop from the following dates:

1st September 2022

30th September 2022

Venue: St. Stephens Church Canterbury Road Colchester CO2 7RY

Times from: 09:30 to 13:30 **Refreshments included.**

To book online: <https://interactchelmsford.wufm.com/forms/359b7660m/buaz/>

Lesley Bailey: InterAct
Moulsham Mill, Parkway,
Chelmsford, Essex, CM2 7PX

☎ 01245 608307

☎ 07572 185945

✉ training@interact.org.uk

🌐 www.interact.org.uk

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🐦 @InterActEssex

Liz Rotheram: Heads2minds
Office 4, Godbolts Business
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🌐 www.heads2minds.co.uk

 **St Stephen's**
Church Centre



ST STEPHEN'S BADMINTON CLUB FOR ADULTS

MEETING IN THE HALL ON
THE LAST FRIDAY OF THE
MONTH

7:30 - 9:30 pm

Contact Information

St Stephen's Church Centre, Canterbury Road, Colchester CO2 7RY

Rector: Rev Lorraine Badger-Watts

Curate: Rev Dan Cant

Administrator: Andrew Topple

The Church Office is open on:

Tuesday 12 noon - 3 pm

Wednesday 12 noon - 3 pm

Thursday 9 am - 12 noon

Tel: 01206 869091

Email: office@ststephens-colchester.org.uk

Website: www.ststephens-colchester.org.uk

Facebook: [St Stephen's Church Members -Colchester](#)

Church Wardens: John Clifton and Martin Kerins

For Centre bookings contact: Andrew Topple in the Church Office

For **urgent** prayer requests (Prayer Tree) contact Andrew in the office or Rev Lorraine

The October newsletter should be available by Sunday 25 September. Please send any items to Andrew for inclusion as early as possible, and no later than

Monday 19 September to:

office@ststephens-colchester.org.uk