

Throughout the month, we ask you to offer prayers and thanksgiving to all who are celebrating their birthday, Happy Birthday!

We pray for those who are celebrating an anniversary or other joyous occasion, Congratulations !

We pray for all who the anniversary of the loss of a loved one falls at this time, God is with you always and may the happy memories you have of your loved one support you to celebrate their life and remember them with joy as they will always be with you in your heart.

This month, we ask that you pray for all our school children, and staff as they return their Christmas break.

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**Easy Fundraising for St Stephen's**

Can you help with our fundraising by using easy fundraising when you shop on the internet, free to use and you can help to raise funds by just doing what you normally do when shopping on the internet.

<https://share.easyfundraising.org.uk/ststephenschurchlittleharwood/48BIQH/d/CR017/facebook/0>

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Who's who at St Stephen's

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WE RESPECT DIVERSITY IN LITTLE HARWOOD

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February Services

Sunday 4th
10.45am Holy Communion

Sunday 11th Racial Justice Sunday
10.45am Holy Communion

Sunday 18th Lent 1
10.45 am Holy Communion

Sunday 25th Lent 2

10.45 am. Service of the Word

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### Regular pattern of services

1st, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5th Sunday of the month

10.45am Holy Communion

4th Sunday of the month

10.45am Service of the Word

**MORNING PRAYER** Every Thursday, except the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, 9.15am-9.45am . Please join us for morning prayer, a peaceful and reflective service to start the day.

**MONTHLY MIDWEEK COMMUNION** - Midweek Communion is held regularly on the third Thursday of the month at 11:30am

*All who would normally receive Communion in another Christian Church are welcome to do so here. If you do not wish to receive Communion, we invite you to come to the altar rail to receive a blessing; please carry your service sheet or keep your hands folded in front of you so that the minister/s will know that is your desire. Please follow the directions of the stewards as you come to the rail. For health reasons, we discourage Intinction of the bread and ask communicants just to receive in one kind if they do not wish to share the common cup*

## Weekly Lunch Club



Weekly Luncheon is held regularly on Thursdays at 12 noon. We provide: a home cooked 2 course lunch, friendship and fellowship. Booking needed as numbers limited to 20. Cost: £4.00. Monthly Communion service takes place on the third Thursday.

## Weekly Cafe

We look forward to meeting old friends and new as our cafe is open for you to drop in between 11am and 1pm on Tuesdays. Come and have a cuppa, cake, butty or warm snack. All are welcome.

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Open the Book. This is an exciting new venture between our church and school to encourage children to learn more about the Bible through interactive worship. More details about Open the book can be found at

www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book/?source_code=99012_openthebook.net

If you are interested in helping with this venture, please speak to Sarah or Peter.

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**Lent Bible study Course.** This will take place at St James Church each Wednesday at 10.30am from starting on 14<sup>th</sup> February until 13<sup>th</sup> March. We will celebrate Holy Communion followed by Bible Study and a light lunch. Please come along as we study Difference, a five session course that explores following Jesus in a complex and divided world. Hard copy participants guide is available for a suggested donation of £4.

<https://difference.rln.global/the-course/>

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Bereavement Café St James Church, Blackburn ,10:30am-12noon

Tuesday 30th January, 27th February, 19th March, 23rd April

Dealing with grief and loss is an individual and an ongoing journey, you are welcome to join the Bereavement Café. We aim to provide safe space for friendship and support each other.

