



Welcome to Saint Stephen's – If you are new or visiting today, please know that we are so glad that you are here, and that you are welcome in this community of faith. S. Stephen's is an Episcopal parish in the Diocese of Rhode Island and is part of the worldwide Anglican Communion. Located in the midst of Brown University, it serves the communities of Providence and beyond. S. Stephen's has stood within the Anglo-Catholic tradition since its founding, and so the Mass or the Eucharist is at the center of our common life, with ancient and timeless ceremonial used to draw attention to the Living God in our very midst. We strive to be a diverse community and come from many various backgrounds, while united in One Body through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Fr. Benjamin

The Rev. Benjamin Straley, Rector

THIS COMING WEEK AT S. STEPHEN'S

Monday 28 February

Anna Julia Haywood Cooper,
Educator, 1964
Evening Prayer 5:30 pm
Low Mass 6:00 pm

Tuesday 1 March – “Shrove Tuesday”

David, Bishop of Menevia, Wales, c. 544
Noonday Prayer & Low Mass 12:00
note -- Pancake Supper cancelled

Wednesday 2 March

Ash Wednesday

Low Mass 12:00 noon
Solemn Mass 7:00 pm

Thursday 3 March

John and Charles Wesley,
Priests, 1791, 1788
Noonday Prayer & Low Mass 12:00

Friday 4 March

Lenten Feria
Noonday Prayer & Low Mass 12:00

Saturday 5 March

Lenten Feria
Morning Prayer 9:30 am
Low Mass 10 am
Rosary for Peace 10:30 am
Society of Mary 11:00 am
Epiphany Soup Kitchen 2:30-4:00 pm

Next Sunday 6 March

First Sunday in Lent

Morning Prayer and Low Mass 8 am
Sunday School 9:55 am
Solemn Mass 10 am
Coffee Hour 11:15 am
Evensong & Benediction 5:30 pm

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Prayers have been requested for: Charles and Sandra Calverley, Fr. Norman Catir, Trudy Egan, Fr. Harrington Gordon, Richard Hogarth, Beverly Myers, Bryan Ripley, Beth Shirley, Rhoda Steinhart, Christopher Whittingham. **Birthdays this week:** Florence Friedman (2/27), Keira Garmon (2/28). **The faithful departed:** *Year's Mind:* Michael Jolliffe (3/1); Flora Hilda Harding (3/2); Alice Hunt (3/2); Mary Chase (3/2).

In the **Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we are asked to pray for The Anglican Church of Kenya (2/27); The Diocese of Kericho – The Anglican Church of Kenya (2/28); The Diocese of Khahlamba – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa (3/1); The Diocese of Khartoum – Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan (3/2); The Diocese of Kibondo – The Anglican Church of Tanzania (3/3); The Diocese of Kibungo – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda (3/4); The Diocese of Kigali – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda (3/5). In the **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, we are asked to pray for St. David's on-the-Hill, Cranston.

PANCAKE SUPPER CANCELLED UNTIL NEXT YEAR

After doing some further consulting with the Sunday School families and church volunteers, we have reached the conclusion that (despite some initial enthusiasm!) this is not the time to re-launch the Pancake Supper. We will focus our efforts on Sunday Coffee Hours for the time being, and look forward to resuming the tradition in 2023 after a 3-year pandemic hiatus.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL/STUDY GROUP

This year's Lenten series will be a group study of Luke's Gospel, using N.T. Wright's *Lent for Everyone: Luke, Year C*. Books are provided free of cost – so far 15 have been ordered. If you would like a book, please contact the office or the Rector. More can be ordered, and you may also download in electronic form from Amazon to your Kindle. We are looking tentatively at Wednesday evenings, 7:00 to 8:00, beginning on March 9th, and will meet over Zoom. The Zoom link will be on the S. Stephen's homepage as well as in the e-news beginning this week.

COFFEE HOUR RESUMES TODAY!

Please come to the 2nd floor of the Guild House and enjoy a time of fellowship after Mass. The Guild Hall is located through the doors at the back of the church, and up the stairs to the left.

SEARCH COMMITTEE TO BE FORMED

Having announced our beloved and esteemed James Busby's retirement from S. Stephen's at the end of June, we will begin the formidable process of finding his successor, who will continue to build up the rich legacy established by Mr. Busby during his 29-year tenure. If you are interested in being a part of the search committee, please reach out to the Rector or a Vestry Member.

RETURN TO PRE-PANDEMIC PRACTICES

This Sunday, 2/27, mask wearing at mass becomes optional. On Ash Wednesday (3/1) distribution of the Chalice at Communion will resume for those who wish to receive it. Despite these changes, you should continue to make the choices that are best for you and your family regarding masks and the common cup.

PRE-EVENSONG ORGAN RECITAL

Next Sunday, we will mark the beginning of Lent with Evensong & Benediction at 5:30 pm, preceded by an Organ Recital at 5:00 pm offered by Jeffrey Mills. Basking in the beauty of choral music and the presence of Our Lord is the perfect way to end the day. All are welcome.