

## Diary Dates



Thursday	22nd May	14.00	Service of Healing and Wholeness
Friday	23rd May	10.00	Communion
Sunday	25th May	10.00	Parish Eucharist

**The Outreach Arts and creativity Weekend** will be on 12th—13th July—please put the dates in your diary and pray that it will be a success also please invite people to come.

**I.D.A.H.O. Today 18th May at 4.00pm** There will be a special service at St. Edmunds Church to mark the International day against Homophobia - to pray for an end to discrimination and to celebrate diversity. Among others the local MEP will be attending—all welcome.

**Praying for our Bishops.** Remember to pray for Archbishops Justin Welby and John Sentamu and Bishop Stephen Cottrell, every Friday.

**Woodford Liberal and Progressive Synagogue ... Sunday 1st June** we will be welcoming members of the WLPS to join us for worship ( the theme will be Pentecost and the gifts of the Spirit) and the following Saturday we are invited to Woodford Synagogue to celebrate Shavuot. This will be a wonderful interfaith activity in which we can mutually share our spiritual insights and heritage as well as a learning and spiritual opportunity. Please, please come both to our service on the 1st and the Synagogue service on Saturday 7th—transport will be available—more details next week. So that our guests can participate as much as possible we will not have a Eucharist during the service—instead there will be a Eucharist at 08.30 am on the 1st. After the 10.00 service there will be a lunch. All welcome.

**Lentern Jars...**You will be pleased to hear that the lentern jars raised over £400 pounds for **One Life**. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed. Elena—as you know was injured in a car accident a few weeks back, she is recovering well and hopes to be back in full swing by July—do remember her in your prayers.

**Sick and wanting prayer;** Dorothy and Ted Bulled, Rahat Munir, Joan Page-Webster, Pauline Warner, Nancy Khuzwayo (One Life) Khanya, Rachel Michell, Valerie Black, Pamela Finbow, Jenny Harwood, Gill Head, Betty Crawford, Riaz Gill, Sohail Mall , Sheila Treadwell , Gordon Wilkinson, Margaret Bullock, Gwen Coombs, Maureen Oakes, Fred Banks, Imogen Brown (21 months), Elena Utton

### Anniversaries for May.

2nd Eric Norton, 6th Kathleen Rickard, 12th Lillian Fisher, 18th Michael Tucker, Edna Mortimer, 26th Winton Scotchmer, Doris Smy, 30th Winifred Sherman, Peter Potter

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them, may they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen*



## Parish Church of St. Anne Chingford

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### 5th Sunday of Easter 18th May 2014

#### Informal Eucharist and Baptism

<b>Sidesmen:</b>	Velma Davis, Jennifer Harwood, Colin Humphreys
<b>Server:</b>	Eira Endersbee
<b>Chalice:</b>	Ken Howland, Anthony Sullivan
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Jude Bullock
<b>Music:</b>	Peter Stannard

**During this service Stephen White will be baptised. We warmly welcome family and friends who have come to celebrate with Stephen today**

Opening Hymn                      541                      **O for a thousand tongues to sing**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

*Welcome and introduction*

*Penitential rite*

To those are baptised in Christ and to Stephen who is to be baptised today I ask you to affirm your decision to follow Christ and repent of all your sins  
Do you turn to Christ?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you repent of your sins?

**I repent of my sins.**

Do you renounce evil?

**I renounce evil.**

*Absolution*

May the God of love  
bring us back to himself,  
forgive us our sins,  
and assure us of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



In baptism Stephen affirms this important step he is taking along the journey of faith. Will you, this community in which he worships, support and help him take his place within the life of Christ's Church?

**With the help of God, we will.**

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.  
*Stephen is anointed with the oil of catechumens*  
Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**May the love of Christ guide you every day of your life.**

May almighty God restore in you the image of his glory,  
and lead you in the light and service of Christ.

*Gloria* 222

*Opening Prayer*

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*First Reading* Acts 7. 55—end

*Hymn* 777 **To God be the glory**

*Gospel* John 14. 1-14

*Talk... followed by a few moments of silent prayer*

*Hymn* 131 **Come, my way, my Truth**

*Blessing of Water and Creed*

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ was baptized in the river Jordan, we thank you for the gift of water to cleanse us and revive us. We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery to freedom



*Notices for the week then ...*

Those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God. Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?

**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

**With the help of God, I will.**

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

**Amen.**

*The baptismal candle is lit from the Pascal candle and presented to Stephen*

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

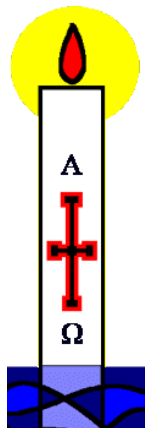
**Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.**

*Blessing*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**In the name of Christ. Amen**

*Final Hymn* 275 **Guide me O thou great Redeemer**



*The Lord's prayer*

We pray for the coming of God's Kingdom on earth as Jesus taught us

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver  
Source of all that is and all that shall be, Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God who is in heaven:  
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by people of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on  
earth. With bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

*(From the New Zealand Prayer book)*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

*(sung)*

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Communion*

**Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever  
Amen**



in the Promised Land. We thank you that through the deep waters of death you brought your Son, and raised him to life in triumph.  
Bless this water, that your servant Stephen who is to be washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin. Send your Holy Spirit upon him, bring him to new birth in the household of faith and raise him with Christ to full and eternal life;  
for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

Let us affirm, together, our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

**I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

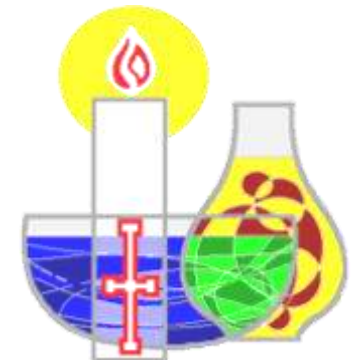
*The Celebrant addresses Stephen alone*

Stephen is it your wish to be baptised in the faith we have all professed with you?

*Stephen:* It is

*Celebrant:* Then I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**



### *Intercessions*

And now, following Jesus' example and command we take this bread and wine, the ordinary things of the world which Christ will make special. And as he prayed before sharing, let us do so too.

In the silence of our hearts, let us pray for those who need to be remembered:

For those who have made the headlines today because of what they have done or said:

For those who care for us and for those we care for:

For those who are sick or in trouble:

For those whom the words 'Peace and Justice' bring to mind:

For those for whom we have a special concern and for ourselves.

Merciful Father **accept these and all our prayers for the sake of your son our Saviour Jesus Christ**

### *Sign of Peace*

*Song at the presentation of the gifts* 652 **Seek ye first the kingdom of God**

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Lord of all life, you created the universe,  
where all living things reflect your glory.

You give us this great and beautiful earth,  
to discover and to cherish.

You give us sun and moon and star-lit sky,  
everything that gives us light,

light for our eyes, our hearts, our minds.

You give us the fish in the sea, the birds of the air,  
and every plant and tree;

the life that sleeps in the winter earth,  
and awakens again in the spring.

You give us friends and families

busy streets for young and old,

the life of an earthly city fulfilled in your city to come.

You give us your love, even when things go wrong.



Jesus knew hurt and pain.

Through him you wipe away our tears,  
and fill us with your peace.

You give us happy times and things to celebrate.

In these we taste your kingdom,  
a feast for all your children.

You made us all, each wonderfully different,  
to join with the angels and sing your praise:

**SONG 309 vs 1**

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son.

He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine  
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen,

Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,

gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

**SONG 309 vs 2**

So Father, with this bread and this cup

we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.

As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit,

and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another,

as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended,

and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with Mary, Anne and all your saints

we give you glory, through Jesus Christ,

in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

**SONG 309 vs 3 & 4**

