

Keep-fit & Pilates

A BRAND new class to help improve general fitness, heart and lung function by performing light cardio-vascular exercises using your own body weight, has begun in the Church Hall, every TUESDAY afternoon at 1pm.

£6 per session - just turn up!

LENT COURSE

THE focus of our Lent Course is 'Let's talk... Jesus!' with a mixture of short films, discussion, sharing and prayer. It's suitable for everyone, so please come along!

Wednesday evenings in Lent (some or all of them) at 7.30pm in Church.

SPRING CLEAN

SATURDAY 14 MARCH 9.30AM

COME and join in with cleaning our Church together and enjoy some fun and some laughter as we do.

Please bring any tools or items that you think might help you to do this, mops, brooms, brushes, cloths etc, and your marigolds!

A CELEBRATION
OF THE LIFE OF

Jackie Sheppard

FRIDAY 13 MARCH 1PM
in Church

Everyone is welcome to attend

SISTERS OF THE CHURCH

Easter Appeal!

THEY need both medium and large Easter Eggs to give to the poor of our City. Eggs will need to be in Church by 15 March, any later and we can NOT get them to The Sisters in time!

TEA Service

NEXT SUNDAY 15 MARCH 3PM

(In the Church Room)

A GOOD SING, plus great fellowship and of course, tea, cakes and afterwards a time for conversation. *All welcome!*

Friday Night Live

20 MARCH 6.30PM

SOMETHING for you, no matter what your age... so why not try it!?

Starts at 6.30pm in Church and afterwards we share food together at 7.30pm in the Church Hall, *everyone is welcome.*

Mothering Sunday Flowers

FANCY helping to make up the bunches. Saturday morning 21 March 9.30am in Church Room, ready for:

Mothering Sunday

SUNDAY 22 MARCH 10AM

A Special All Age Service!

OPEN SPACE was published last week! The monthly Church Diary for March and other events were also listed there for your interest.

www.saintstephensoundwell.org

 saintstephen soundwell  @SoundwellChurch

CHARITY NUMBER 1131503

08 MARCH 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

BIBLE READINGS: GENESIS 12:1-4a; JOHN 3:1-17

When God calls

'GO from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I shall show you.'

The land that I was shown was in Hindhead, not too far from Guildford.

I was 22 years old, working in a sales office, specializing in *Wangtek* tape streamers, a computer back-up system.

The house was known as The House of Bethany, one of the houses that were part of the Society of the Sisters of Bethany, an Anglican Community for women.

I knew nothing about the Religious Life, the only thing I knew was that this was what I needed to do.

'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I shall show you.'

Years later I was led in another direction.

I was led to another land, another Anglican Community, the Community of the Sisters of the Church. And while with my Community I felt God guiding me to our Bristol house, to help with the ministry of feeding the hungry.

When God calls, there seems to be no other response than to say **YES!**

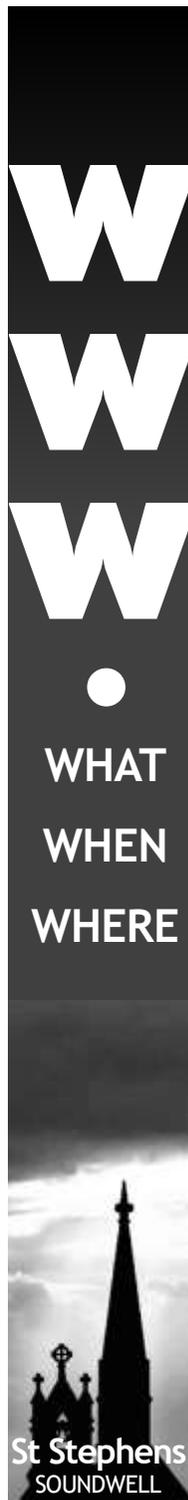
That doesn't mean it is not terrifying, it does not mean there will not be challenges—what it does mean is that God WILL be with you at all times.

God will be with you, guiding you, helping you, supporting you...

'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I shall show you.'

Sister **Teresa Mary**

of the Community of The Sisters of the Church



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
EXODUS 17:1-7; JOHN 4:5-42