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St Elphege's Catholic Church

Sunday 20th September 2026

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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: "For all those who have just learned they are expecting a baby and have troubled hearts, let us pray that the Lord Jesus would remove anxiety and fear from their lives and pour His saving grace into their hearts... Amen."

Mass Intentions and Prayers

Requested by

Sun 20 25 th Sunday (A) This week's 2 nd Collection is for Home Mission	6:00pm Vigil Mass 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm	Francisca MASCARENHAS (B'day Remembrance) Forgotten Souls John COOMANSINGH (RIP), Emerald DAVIS (B'day Thanksgiving) Lakshmi SATHEESKUMAR (B'day Thanksgiving)	Annie Grace Ann, Sandra Ranji
Mon 21 St Matthew	8:30am 10am	Repose of the Soul of Avelino FERNANDES Charlotte Ekong & Raphael VIEIRA (Happy married life together)	Victor
Tue 22 Feria	8:30am 10:00am	Christor HOUMPHY (Speedy Recovery) The Charles Family (Thanksgiving)	Christina Savi
Wed 23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina	8.30 am 10.00 am 10.30 am - 7pm	Repose of the Soul of Maria Lisette ALBERTO Darren COOMANSINGH (B'day Thanksgiving) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	VICTOR Roselyn
Thu 24 Our Lady of Walsingham	8.30 am 10 am	Christor HOUMPHY (speedy recovery) Mark IDAH (B'DAY Thanksgiving)	Christina Virginia
Fri 25 Feria	8.30 am 10 am 10.30 am - Noon	People of the Parish Pat BANKS (B'day Thanksgiving) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Rose
Sat 26 Feria	10.00 am 10.30 am to 11.30 am 5.15 pm to 5.45 pm 6:00 pm	Joel RENJEEV (Thanksgiving) Reconciliation Reconciliation Satheeskumar (RIP)	Sushma Ranji
Sun 27 26 th Sunday (A) World Day of Prayer for Migrants & Refugees	9:00am 10:30am 12:00 noon	Repose of the Soul of Ray EVANS Gilbert PERREIRA & Dotts CASTELIRIO (RIP) Patrick (Paddy) BROWNE (RIP)	Ann Maria Nuala

In our thoughts and prayers - Please pray for our fellow parishioners especially the sick, the isolated, and their carers within our parish community:

Jackie Van Elswick	Rosemary Day	Kosenat Tetteh	Giovanna Wiafe	Mrs Rosa Faleiro	
Therese Mittcosbe	Maria Pereira	Frank Kinsella	Grace Quansah	David Uzor	
Pathmini Soosai	Diana Camilleri	Doreen Charlish	Aubrey Jiggins	Susie King	
Cynthia Lobendhan	Eddie Hamilton	Anne Jagelman	Mendonca		

Those who have recently died... May their souls rest in peace. Amen.

Parish Notices

TRAINING FOR ALTAR SERVERS

This will be held **every Monday from Monday 21 September to Monday 26 October 2026**. It is a weekday programme that runs for an hour per session, from **6.00 pm to 7.00 pm**. All parents of interested children are expected to note this.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (EMs) TRAINING

Training for new EMs will begin on **Friday 18th September and run every Friday, from 6.30-7.30pm, for the following 5 weeks**. Those interested should register in the Parish Office for scrutiny by the parish priests.

DAY FOR CATECHISTS

Our annual Day for Catechists is on **Saturday 3 October 2026**. Registration for this event is now open at - <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/day-for-catechists-2026>

We urge all parish catechists to register as soon as possible. For the last two years, this event has been fully booked. If, once booked, you are no longer able to attend, please cancel your registration so others may attend. QR code:



RCIA COURSE

Anyone considering becoming a Catholic is warmly invited to meet with Fr Patrick in preparation for the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) course, which will be held weekly (**Tuesdays 7-8.30 pm**) from **8th September 2026 to 27th March 2027**. Please invite friends or colleagues who may have expressed an interest in becoming Catholic to arrange a meeting with Fr Patrick in the first instance.

ARCHBISHOP'S CERTIFICATE

The Archbishop's Certificate (ArchCert) is a two-year online course for all in Southwark who wish to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with both confidence and joy. The course begins online on **10 October 2026 from 2 pm to 4 pm**. The total cost of the 2-year course is **£800**; £400 is payable before the start of each academic year. Registration must be completed in advance, and there is a non-refundable registration fee of £50. A link to register can be found here: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Are you celebrating your birthday in October or November?

Our monthly birthday celebrations have begun in the parish, with each month bringing its own unique style of celebration! If you were born in October or November, please send your WhatsApp number to **079-2767-0539** so that we can add you to the birthday celebration group. We look forward to celebrating with you! God bless you!

VINCENTIAN REPRESENTATIVE VISIT

Next Sunday, we will warmly welcome a representative from the Society of St Vincent de Paul, who will speak to us about the work of the Vincentians and how they support people in need within our communities.

We invite everyone to listen and support the important work of bringing hope, compassion and practical help to those who are struggling. We thank them for taking the time to share their experiences with us.

SERVICE FOR THOSE HARMED BY ABUSE:

The Archdiocese of Southwark will be holding its annual service for those who have been harmed by abuse on **30th September 2026**, at **6.30 pm at St George's Cathedral**. The service will be led by Archbishop John Wilson and is an opportunity for the archdiocese community to express their solidarity and compassion to those who have been hurt by abuse, and our commitment to building safe environments for all. Please attend if you are able.

SIGNING OF SCHOOL FORMS

Please note that Fr. Patrick will be available to sign the Priest Reference Form for Catholic Schools every Sunday in September, from 11:50 am to 12:30 pm, in Ellis Hall. The final signing date will be **Sunday, 4 October 2024**.

Please remember to bring your child's **Baptism and First Holy Communion** Certificates. We kindly ask for your cooperation and hope you will take advantage of this opportunity. **Please note:** If you are not a parishioner of **St Elphege's Church**, kindly see your own parish priest. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION IN OCTOBER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Registration for Confirmation will take place on the four Sundays in October, **after the 12:00 PM Mass**.

To complete registration, please:

- Scan the QR code available in the church foyers to register.
- Bring the £20 registration fee.
- Candidates must provide their Baptism and First Holy Communion (FHC) certificates.
- Candidates must come for an interview on any one of the four Sundays **after the 12:00 PM Mass**.

Please note: Registration will not be considered complete unless all the above requirements are fulfilled.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

READERS' TRAINING MEETING

Our Readers' Training Meeting will take place on Tuesday, **22 September 2026**, at **7:00 pm** in the church.

This will be an opportunity to refresh our skills, address any areas for improvement, share ideas, and welcome our new readers, particularly our young people.

We strongly encourage all readers to attend, as there will be important matters to discuss and an opportunity to support one another in our ministry.

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you all.

HOW DO WE PRAY? HOW DO WE BUILD A BETTER, MORE FULFILLING RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?

You are warmly invited to join an experiential programme called Teach Me to Pray facilitated by the Southwark Diocesan Spirituality Commission. The programme will be **online on Tuesdays, starting 6th October from 7 pm to 8.15 pm**. Following 4 online sessions, there is an invitation to conclude the programme with an in-person Reflection Day in a diocesan Retreat Centre on 5th or 12th December. There is no commitment to attend all sessions – join us whenever you can. For details / to sign up, see <https://aecsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/tnpn4hqd> or email for further information: spirituality@rcaos.org.uk

Please note that from January 2026, **Baptisms will be scheduled twice a month on Saturdays**, during the 1st and 3rd weeks. The Baptism Preparation Course will remain unchanged and continue to be held on the 1st Wednesday of each month. Thank you for your attention to this update.

MASS BOOK CYCLE (A)

The New Mass Books for cycle A are available for purchase. It is £5 per copy. Thank you.

REQUEST FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEWSLETTER SICK LIST

As per the diocese's regulations, anyone wishing to have their name added to the newsletter sick list is kindly requested to contact the parish office. A form must be completed to process the request. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

CARD PAYMENTS

Attention all parishioners: a contactless machine is available for all transactions at the church's entry and exit foyers. In the event of a system failure, you can visit the parish website (stelpheges.co.uk) and click on the "Donate to the Parish" option to make a payment. Thank you.

ST ELPHEGE'S INFANT SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR 2027 NOW OPEN (OFSTED - OUTSTANDING 2024)

All parents and carers who wish their child to attend a primary school must make an application through their home local authority midnight on **15 January 2027**. To do this, please visit the Sutton website at www.sutton.gov.uk/admissions. A school admissions administration form is also required to be sent to the school.

The school also offers 15- and 30-hour places for Nursery aged children who will be three from September 2027 and are also open to admissions by submitting the school admissions administration form direct to the school. If you would like to apply to the school, please download the form from the school website or contact the school office for a copy.

Tours of the school are available, again please contact the school directly to book an appointment. Website : <https://stelphegesrcschools.org.uk/>

ADOREMUS

Further to previous communications about Adoremus, we understand that the main procession between St George's Cathedral and Westminster Cathedral will be open to a 'representative group' of 50 people. Others will be encouraged to line the route and honour our Eucharistic Lord in local parishes. The booking link to be a part of the 'representative group', clergy and lay people, can be found here: <https://aecsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/7ehv6onh>. Please encourage booking early

PARISH REGISTRATION UPDATE

We kindly remind every parishioner to ensure they are registered with the parish. The registration link can be found on the parish website's homepage (stelpheges.co.uk). We want to reach out to individuals who have registered for various church activities but may not have been active recently. An email will be sent to you to check and encourage your continued involvement. If we do not hear back from you and do not receive any updates regarding your circumstances, we may need to remove your name from our records. Thank you for your understanding, and your assistance in keeping our records accurate is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

SUPPORT OUR PARISH THROUGH GIFT AID (Gift Aid Envelopes)

Parishioners who donate using Gift Aid Envelopes are kindly asked to collect their new envelopes, marked with their names, from the church foyer.

If you are a UK taxpayer and regularly support the parish, please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme. It allows the parish to claim an extra 25p for every £1 donated at no additional cost to you. Gift Aid Declaration forms and QR codes are available in the church foyers. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our parish.
