

# ST. ANSELM

## Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

### Sheep

#### And Shepherd

The first reading, psalm, and the gospel today all talk about sheep and shepherds. We'll think about these images more during the homily, but there's one point I'd like to make here.

Almost all literary images are both powerful, and dangerous. Powerful because they give us ways of thinking, ways of making connections, ways of visualising complex issues with striking and memorable simplicity. But they can be dangerous for all the same reasons! The image of the people of Israel as sheep, used to great effect in the first reading from Jeremiah and then echoed by Jesus in the gospel as an image of the lost and vulnerable people who followed him, are both examples of the power of imagery.

But they are also examples of the dangers that can result if we push the images beyond what they were intended to teach us. For instance, the image of the people who come to church as being the sheep of a flock whose shepherds are the clergy is so much part of our mental furniture that we might not notice these dangers. But the dangers are real. For us in the catholic tradition, one of the dangers is that parishioners can fall into the habit of thinking that 'Fr knows best'. And if it's a bad idea for all of you to think that I know best, trust me – it's an even worse idea if I start to think that I know best!

After today's mass we will have a meeting of the PCC. A strong PCC is essential for the proper and safe running of the parish community. It is not just an opportunity for the vicar



to tell everyone what to think, or what to do. We must discuss openly and honestly, and work towards a truly shared and tested understanding of how to take our parish forward. I look forward to working with you as together we pursue our great commission to spread the good news of Jesus Christ – and do that in ways that are sustainable and responsibly managed.

**Fr. Stephen**

**Father Stephen Brown SSC**

fr.stephen@stanselm.co.uk

**Father Josiah Myles Abadoo SSC**

fr.josiah@stanselm.co.uk

020 4570 8543

**Susan Chick, Lay Minister**

susan@stanselm.co.uk

020 4570 7618

**Churchwardens:**

**Ruth Gakuru**

**Nicholas Karra**

020 8148 9906

020 8132 7849

**Email the Office**

office@stanselm.co.uk

*Please let us know of illness or other need as soon as possible.*

#### Prayer focus

For the Parochial Church Council (PCC) Meeting Today

#### Worship focus

For God's Direction and Guidance in this Parish Church

## This Sunday

### Sunday 21st July

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (G)

10am -Parish Mass


PCC Meeting After Mass

*Divine Office Psalter Week 4, Year B(II)*

## Keep in Touch

 [twitter.com/anselmhayes](https://twitter.com/anselmhayes)

 [facebook.com/stanselmhayes](https://facebook.com/stanselmhayes)

 07452 709238 (WhatsApp Only)

## Notices

### There is Parochial Church Council (PCC) Meeting Immediately after Mass.

Please be reminded that our Brigade will be launched in September, so please sign up for your child who is 4yrs Six Months Old up to 11yrs. Please take note that it is for both boys and girls. To register your child, please contact Fr. Josiah.

The Day Two Training of Brigade Volunteers is on Saturday 10th August from 9:00am to 4:30pm.

**Please support the church generously through your giving at [www.stanselm.co.uk/giving](http://www.stanselm.co.uk/giving)**

## Years Mind

- 21st - Ada Elizabeth Phyll, Sr Florence Mary
- 22nd - Frederick Henry West
- 27th - Mary Rigby, Charles MacCalvin

## Pray This Week For

Mavis & Daniel Sibley, June Boughton, Verity, Laura & her twins, Debra Ann Potts, Linda, Jenny, Rob, Margaret, Chris Gomez, Freya, K, Gary, Silvy, Ruth, Ato, Omeeta Dunrad, Susaana Mansah, Frances Fenton, Mary, Tiziana Fiorillo, Lennard, Gloria Carr, Lou, Terence Campbell, Lillie Ann, Alki, Christian Carter, Dilma and Dany.

## Monday 22nd July

**Saint Mary Magdalen (W/G)**

9:45 - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

*Prayer focus: St. Anselm Parish*

## Tuesday 23rd July

*Tuesday of Week 16 in Ordinary Time (G)*

9:45 - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

*Prayer focus: For all religious*

## Wednesday 24th July

*Wednesday of Week 16 in Ordinary Time (G)*

9:45 - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

12pm - Angelus | 5pm - Evening Prayer

FOODBANK - 12pm - 2pm

*Prayer focus: Priest and Bishops of the Society*

## Thursday 25th July

**Saint James , Apostle (R)**

9:45 - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

*Prayer focus: New Christians*

## Friday 26th July

*St. Joachim and St. Anne, Parents of BVM (W/G)*

9:45 - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

12pm - Angelus and Rosary

*Prayer focus: Struggling Mothers and Fathers*

## Saturday 27th July

*Saturday of Week 16 in Ordinary Time (G)*

[Offices said Privately]

*Prayer focus: Charity*

## Sunday 28th July

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (G)

10am -Parish Mass

*Divine Office Psalter Week 1, Year B(II)*

