

# St Stephens, Anglican Church, Belmont

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*This is the day that  
the Lord has made,  
we will be glad and  
rejoice in it,*

Well here we are at the end of October 2020. Who would have thought at the start of the year what was to eventuate. I keep thinking of the children's story my kids loved Chicken Lincken the Sky is Falling!!! Well thus far we have not only survived but continued to find ways to worship, love and support each other through this most difficult time. Great Job Saints of St Stephens!

## Open to the Living God

We had one of these palms growing at our back door of our property. This beautiful shot reminded me of our Lord's beauty and creativity. It made me think to , as we open ourselves up to the Lord and his purposes in our lives, he refreshes, renews and grows us.

*“For I know the plans  
I have for you”*

*Declares the Lord,*

*“ Plans to prosper  
you and not to harm  
you, plans to give you  
hope and a future”.*

*Jeremiah 29:11*

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*We thank God for  
all of you  
mentioning you in  
our prayers. We  
continually  
remember before  
our God and  
Father, your work  
produced by faith,  
your labour  
prompted by love,  
and your  
endurance  
inspired by love.*

*1 Thessalonians  
1:2*

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Diary Dates

Men with a Mission  
Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct.  
11:30

Messy ZoomChurch  
November 1<sup>st</sup>. 10:30

Annual Meeting  
November 29<sup>th</sup>  
11:30

Nominations  
by 10<sup>th</sup> Nov

Reports 4<sup>th</sup> Nov.

## GLOWS

Last Sunday we looked at this great encouraging passage from Thessalonians. A letter written to a small church to encourage them to hold firm in face of great hardship and persecution.

Loved, chosen by God, living in the power of the Holy Spirit and as St Paul says verse 7: And so you became a model to all the believers, the Lord's message rang out from you.

We explored Sandy Millar's acronym for a healthy church in the light of this passage.

Sandy now retired, was the rector of Holy Trinity Brompton, and I had the pleasure of meeting with him on several occasions. He is the most godly, gentle, gracious, loving man. He and his wife Annette of been such an inspiration to so many especially through the Alpha Course and his ministry at HTB

**G** = Generous,

**L** = Loving

**O** = Obedient

**W** = Worshipful

**S** = Servant

**S** = Spirit FILLED

(I ADDED AN EXTRA S, SANDY SEES IT AS A GIVEN)

## RESULT!!

As I see it from the time I have been your Locum, while there is always room for improvement, St Stephens rates very highly as a healthy church.,

Perhaps you may like to consider and offer any suggestions that we may improve as we navigate our way out of the restrictions that have been imposed.

Next month will be our AGM, probably on line, depending on the current restrictions. Please consider prayerfully, nominations and elections for Parish Council. Nomination forms will be available soon...and reports are due in by 4<sup>th</sup> November. If you are involved in any sort of ministry please have your report in by then..



With every blessing, Rev'd Liz