



Note : these photos were taken before lock down – 11.59 pm 25 March 2020

### St Stephens : your place

St Stephen's is a place we belong. Here are some pics.

Sue, the vicar, first came to St Stephen's in 1987 in her twenties, a new mother, new minister. Then life took her elsewhere. Three decades later after four kids, farming, ministry, teaching and counselling she came back as the vicar.

**What's your story with St Stephen's? When did you arrive?  
What do you love or connect with in the place?**

Prayer connects us with God and each other. Some people have no place and no connections at this time. We gather them in our prayers.

Liz leads us in this beautiful song, there are three verses.

**Option – add this prayer**

**Pray this prayer from the Northumbria Community Prayerbook:**

Circle (*name a person, or groups*), Lord  
Keep comfort near  
and discouragement afar.  
Keep peace within

and turmoil out.  
Circle (*name*), Lord.  
Keep protection near  
and danger afar.

Circle (*name*), Lord.  
Keep hope within,  
keep despair without.

Circle (*name*), Lord.  
Keep light near  
and darkness afar.

Circle (*name*), Lord.  
Keep peace within  
and anxiety without.

The eternal Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
shield (*name*) on every side.  
Amen.

May the peace of God that passes all our understanding, be in our hearts, homes, communities and world now and at the end of the covid 19 situation. Amen.

