

# St. Stephen Anglican Edmonds Church Report 2025

## Meeting Details

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#### Participants

- Rev. Sophia Kaguai (Rector),
- Lay reader John Chege,
- Lucy Wanambisi (Treasurer)
- Elvis Wasilwa (People's Warden)
- 5.Evah Nganga (Mothers' Union
- 6 Gladys Musau (Secretary),
- 7 Margaret Njenga (assistant secretary)
- 8Jerkson Wanambisi (Youth),
- 9. Susan Raymond (Children's Ministry), 10. Lilian Obala (Choir),
- 11. Terry Ndirangu,
- 12. David Ndegwa
- 13, Faith Kamau,
- 14 Joyce,
- 15. Grace Wamala,
- 16.Mark wanambisi,
- 17 Bill Wanambisi,
- 18. Lawrence Wanambisi
- 19. Eli Wanambisi
- 20 Mary Kingatu

- 21. Jesse
- 22. Jason

### **Church History and Report**

- Early History and Growth of St. Stephen Anglican Edmonds Church
- St. Stephen Anglican Edmonds Church

### **Notes**

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2. Church Growth and Activities
3. Church Progress
4. Church Administration and Governance
5. Inter-Church Relations
6. Future Plans and Goals
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### **Early History and Beginnings**

- St. Stephen church started as a fellowship back on 10-3-23. • The members used to meet every Monday evening at Lucy Wanambisi's house.
- The members read the Bible, praised and prayed together.
- The time went on, the number continued to grow, this led to the idea of starting a church that can meet every Sunday.
- The other reason was to meet other members who could not attend the fellowship during the week due to work.
- As the fellowship continued to grow, the members agreed to start a Sunday worship within the diocese.
- This led us to Cascadia.

## **Seeking Assistance and Finding a Home**

- The fellowship leaders approached Fr. Kae who willingly assisted us; he talked with Fr. Ryan and Bishop Kelvin.
- Father Ryan, after consultations with the Vestry, agreed to accommodate us.
- St. Stephen started worshipping at Holy Trinity as from 7/2/24 from 1 pm.
- And that has continued to date.

## **Church Leadership and Vestry**

### **Following are the leaders;**

- Rev. Sophia Kaguai or - Rector
- Lay reader- John Chege
- Lucy Wanambisi Treasurer
- Elvis Wasilwa - people's warden
- Evah Nganga - Mothers - Union
- Gladys Musau - Secretary
- Assistant secretary - Margaret Wangari.
- Jerkson Wambisi - youth
- Children ministry - Susan Raymond
- Choir - Lilian Obala
- Ushering - Terry Ndirangu
- David Ndegwah
- Faith Kamau
- Joyce
- Grace Wamala

## **Church Progress**

- The church was officially Launched ..... on by Rt. Rev. Kelvin.
- He presented certificates to the Members and the church too.
- In addition, He welcomed the Vicar and the lay reader to serve and lead the church.
- The church has continued to increase in numbers, at the moment a total of 20 members worships every other Sunday.
- The church is registered as a non-profit organization in Washington.
- St. Stephen opened its own account, where all the monies are deposited, and has a mobile deposit too.

### **Financial Records and Fellowship**

- The Treasurer keeps the records and prepares quarterly reports.
- The church conducts its fellowship every Wednesday night from 9 to 10 pm. Through teleconference.
- This has kept the members connected and keeps the fire burning.

### **Ministry and Community Outreach**

- As most of the people come from Kenya, we are involved in healing and hospitality ministry.
- This is whereby; we visit members with various needs.
- Sickness, job related challenges, bereavement, celebration of our family achievements, like graduations, welcoming new born, weddings, house blessings and fellowships.

### **Celebrations and Milestones**

- We are glad that last year we celebrated one of our youth Eli Wanabisi's wedding with Melody.
- It was quite a blessing for the church to celebrate its first wedding.

### **Church Events and Growth**

• Last year during summer, the church organized a day out, the members prepared a mea