



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 12th May 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter

The Sunday after Ascension

Services Today

9:30am Said Mass

11:00am Sung Mass with Sermon

Hymns: 134: Responsorial Psalm 1: 352: 305: 130 (Omit*)

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Introit Consider, O Lord, and hear me, when I cry unto thee, alleluia: unto thee my heart hath said, Thy face, Lord, have I sought: thy face, Lord, will I seek: O hide not thou thy face from thy servant, alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom then shall I fear? Glory be...

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. *V.* God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon his holy seat. Alleluia. *V.* I will not leave you comfortless: I go away and come again to you, and your heart shall rejoice. Alleluia.

Offertory God is gone up with a merry noise: and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet, alleluia.

Communion Father, while I was with them in the world, I kept those that thou gavest to me, alleluia: and now I come to thee, I pray thee not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from evil, alleluia, alleluia.

Collect

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First Reading - Acts Ch1 v15-17 & 21-26

¹⁵ During this time, when about 120 believers^[a] were together in one place, Peter stood up and addressed them. ¹⁶ “Brothers,” he said, “the Scriptures had to be fulfilled concerning Judas, who guided those who arrested Jesus. This was predicted long ago by the Holy Spirit, speaking through King David. ¹⁷ Judas was one of us and shared in the ministry with us.”

²¹ “So now we must choose a replacement for Judas from among the men who were with us the entire time we were traveling with the Lord Jesus—
²² from the time he was baptized by John until the day he was taken from us. Whoever is chosen will join us as a witness of Jesus’ resurrection.” ²³ So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they all prayed, “O Lord, you know every heart. Show us which of these men you have chosen ²⁵ as an apostle to replace Judas in this ministry, for he has deserted us and gone where he belongs.” ²⁶ Then they cast lots, and Matthias was selected to become an apostle with the other eleven.

Responsorial Psalm 1:

‘For the Lord knows the way, the way of the righteous’

Second Reading - 1 John Ch5 v9-13

⁹ Since we believe human testimony, surely we can believe the greater testimony that comes from God. And God has testified about his Son. ¹⁰ All who believe in the Son of God know in their hearts that this testimony is true. Those who don’t believe this are actually calling God a liar because they don’t believe what God has testified about his Son. ¹¹ And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God’s Son does not have life.

¹³ I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life.

Gospel - John Ch17 v6 -19

⁶“I have revealed you^[a] to the ones you gave me from this world. They were always yours. You gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything I have is a gift from you, ⁸ for I have passed on to them the message you gave me. They accepted it and know that I came from you, and they believe you sent me.

⁹“My prayer is not for the world, but for those you have given me, because they belong to you. ¹⁰ All who are mine belong to you, and you have given them to me, so they bring me glory. ¹¹ Now I am departing from the world; they are staying in this world, but I am coming to you. Holy Father, you have given me your name;^[b] now protect them by the power of your name so that they will be united just as we are. ¹² During my time here, I protected them by the power of the name you gave me.^[c] I guarded them so that not one was lost, except the one headed for destruction, as the Scriptures foretold.

¹³“Now I am coming to you. I told them many things while I was with them in this world so they would be filled with my joy. ¹⁴ I have given them your word. And the world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵ I’m not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. ¹⁶ They do not belong to this world any more than I do. ¹⁷ Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth. ¹⁸ Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. ¹⁹ And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by your truth.

Post Communion

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please remember in your prayers

Father John Luff, Willa Owen, Lydia Grammer, Brian Garner, Phil Humphrys,
Hugh Lloyd-Jones, David Streek, Jill Stephenson, Bill Rollo, Paulo De Augustino,
David Streek, Michael Beacham, and a Mother with two young children
diagnosed with cancer.

NOTICES

Monday, Thursday & Friday 8.00am - Morning Prayer
Tuesday 14th May 11.00am Said Mass -
Saturday 18th May 10.00-11.30am Coffee and Chat in church

Sunday 19th May
Pentecost
Whit Sunday
9.30am Said Mass
11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon & Procession



FRIENDSHIP LUNCH **A LIBERATION FEAST**

Tuesday 14th May at 12 midday
St Stephen's Community Centre -Meeting Room
Menu:-
Braised Steak or Vegetarian Sausage Casserole
Dessert - Apple Pie & Ice-Cream
Specific dietary requirements
please let me know as soon as possible.
Minimum £10 per person,
To book please contact Jean Le Huray
no later than Sunday 12th May Tel. 255207

St Stephen's Revels.

Saturday, June 1st from 2.00 until 5.00 p.m.
Please help to make this event a real success by giving items for these stalls.

Good Quality books.....David Peatfield
Raffle prizes.....Tony Goss
Bottles.....Anne Le Maitre
Handicrafts.....Ann Goss

And Cakes.....cakes.....cakes.....On the day!

There are boxes on the window ledge in the Vestry where you can place your donations.

Thank you

Please join us for refreshments
In the Vestry after the 11am Mass
After Mass please put the kneelers back on the shelf. Thank you!

Deadline for notices for next bulletin – **6.00pm Thursday**
To Fliss or email fmil397026@aol.com

From a Church Bulletin:-
Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again" giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.