



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 17th September 2017

## The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

### (Proper 19)



#### Services Today

**9.30am** Said Mass with Hymns and Sermon

**Hymns:** 440 (Omit\*): 443

**11.00am** Sung Mass with Sermon

**Hymns:** 443: 440: 396: 436

**12.30pm** Baptism of Kiara Wakeford

#### 706 Trinity 14

**Introit** Behold, O God, our defender, and look upon the face of thine Anointed: for one day in thy courts is better than a thousand.

**Psalm** O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts: my soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord. Glory be to the Father...

**Gradual** It is better to trust in the Lord: than to put any confidence in man.  
∫. It is better to trust in the Lord: than to put any confidence in princes.

**Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. ∫. O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation. Alleluia.

**Offertory** The Angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them: O taste and see how gracious the Lord is.

**Communion** My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer, saith the Lord: in it every one that asketh receiveth and he that seeketh findeth, and to him that knocketh: it shall be opened.

#### Chocolate Catalogues

See Steph today for your chocolate orders.

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## Collect

Almighty God,  
whose only Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence:  
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Old Testament Reading - Genesis Ch50 v15-21

<sup>15</sup> Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' <sup>16</sup> So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup> "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup> Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' <sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup> So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

## New Testament Reading - Romans Ch14 v1-12

<sup>1</sup> Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. <sup>2</sup> Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup> Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. <sup>4</sup> Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

<sup>5</sup> Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup> Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

<sup>7</sup> We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup> If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup> For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

<sup>10</sup> Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. <sup>11</sup> For it is written,

'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God.'

<sup>12</sup>So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

### **Gospel - Matthew Ch18 v21-35**

<sup>21</sup> Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

<sup>23</sup> 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup> When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup> and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup> So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." <sup>27</sup> And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup> But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." <sup>29</sup> Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." <sup>30</sup> But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup> Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup> Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" <sup>34</sup> And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup> So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

### **Post Communion**

Lord God, the source of truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **Please remember in your prayers**

Elizabeth Opie, Joyce Craske, Judy Bobbitt, Maureen Pitman,  
Alisha De Guerin, Tony Renouf, David Le Lièvre, Jeannie Bonnefin and  
Christine Shaw.

Please pray also for a family with young children that is going through  
a difficult time; for Jennifer and her three children; for Pam;  
for Michele, Jaiké and Glyn, all suffering from cancer;  
and for Wendy Champ.

## Services for this week

**Tuesday 19th September 11.00am** Said Mass BCP - Theodore of Tarsus,  
Abp of Canterbury, 690

**Wednesday 20th September 7.00pm** Said Mass - John Coleridge Patterson,  
1st Bp of Melanesia, and his Companions, Martyrs, 1871

**Friday 22nd September 7.00pm** Said Mass - Thomas of Villanueva,  
Abp of Valencia, 1555

**Sunday 24th September**

**The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**9.30am** Said Mass with Hymns and Sermon

**11.00am** Sung Mass with Sermon

### Harvest Lunch

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017**

At 12.00pm following the 10.30am Combined Mass  
Ham Salad or Vegetarian Quiche & Jacket Potatoes  
Apple Pie & Cream  
Glass of Wine

Tickets £8, children £4, under 5 years old free

To help with catering or dietary requirements  
please contact Jean Le Huray Tel 255207 by

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September.**



### A Tale of Two Churches

**2.30 – 4.30pm Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October**

A gentle walk between the churches of St Stephen's & St Joseph, looking at the history of the area from the French Revolution to the German Occupation. These churches are by famous Victorian architects GF Bodley & AW Pugin, both similar in style but make use of local stone in different ways. Meet at St Stephen's Church, walking ability = easy. Price £8



### Secrets of the Forest

**2pm – 4pm Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September & Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

Explore the quiet lanes with picturesque views of the Forest Parish, and hear stories of days gone by and of famous men, some of whom played an important part in international trade. Meet at Forest Church Car Park, 2.5 miles, walking ability = medium. Price £8

See Rosalyne Tel 07781 127263 for details

[www.visitguernsey.com/walkingfestival](http://www.visitguernsey.com/walkingfestival)

*Please join us for refreshments in the vestry after the 11.00am Mass*

*After Mass please put the kneelers back on the shelf. Thank you!*

**Deadline for notices for next bulletin – 6.00pm Thursday**

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