



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 24th September 2017

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

(Proper 20)



## Services Today

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

**Hymns:** 439: 416 (2nd Tune)

**11.00am** Sung Mass with Sermon

**Hymns:** 357: 401: 416 (2nd Tune): 439

### 707 Trinity 15

**Introit** Bow down, O Lord, thine ear to me, and hear me: O my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee; have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I have called daily upon thee.

**Psalm** Comfort the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. Glory be to the Father...

**Gradual** It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord: and to sing praises unto thy Name, O most Highest. √. To tell of thy loving-kindness early in the morning: and of thy truth in the night season.

**Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. √. Thou art Peter, and upon this rock: I will build my Church. Alleluia.

**Offertory** I waited patiently for the Lord, and he inclined unto me: he heard my calling, and hath put a new song in my mouth, even a thanksgiving unto our God.

**Communion** The earth, O Lord, is filled with the fruit of thy works: that thou mayest bring food out of the earth, and wine that maketh glad the heart of man. And oil to make him a cheerful countenance: and bread to strengthen man's heart.



### Harvest Gifts

This year we will again be donating our Harvest gifts to Guernsey Welfare Food Bank.

Many thanks to you all.

Stay in touch with St Stephen's: visit our website at

<http://st-stephens-guernsey.org>

## Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit  
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:  
grant that your people may be fervent  
in the fellowship of the gospel  
that, always abiding in you,  
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;  
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 - Jonah Ch3 v10 to Ch4 v1-11

<sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

<sup>1</sup> But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup> He prayed to the LORD and said, 'O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup> And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' <sup>4</sup> And the LORD said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' <sup>5</sup> Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

<sup>6</sup> The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup> But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup> When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

<sup>9</sup> But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' <sup>10</sup> Then the LORD said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup> And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

## New Testament Reading - Philippians Ch1 v21-30

<sup>21</sup> For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup> If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup> I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup> but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup> Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup> so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in

Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

<sup>27</sup> Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. <sup>29</sup>For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— <sup>30</sup>since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

### **Gospel - Matthew Ch20 v1-16**

<sup>1</sup> Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" <sup>7</sup>They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

### **Post Communion**

Keep, O Lord, your Church,  
with your perpetual mercy;  
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,  
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,  
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Elizabeth Opie, Joyce Craske, Judy Bobbitt, Maureen Pitman,  
Alisha De Guerin, Tony Renouf, and David Le Lièvre.  
Please pray for a family with young children that is going through  
a difficult time, for Jennifer and her three children; for Pam;  
for Michele, Jaike and Glyn, all suffering from cancer;  
for Wendy Clamp; and for Melvyn Boxall.

## Services for this week

**Tuesday 26th September 11.00am** Said Mass BCP - Wilson Carlisle,  
Founder of the Church Army 1942

**Wednesday 27th September 7.00pm** Said Mass -  
Vincent de Paul,  
founder of the Lazarists 1660

**Friday 29th September 7.00pm** Said Mass - **Michael & All Angels**

**Saturday 30th September 4.00pm** **Walsingham 'Holy Hour'**

**Sunday 1st October**  
**The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
**Harvest Sunday**  
**10.30am** Sung Mass with Sermon



### 'Friendship Lunch'

**Tuesday 10th October at 12noon,**  
at the St Stephen's Community Centre.  
It will be a 2 course meal at £6.50.

Please do come and join us and bring a friend.  
Please contact Jean Le Huray (Tel 255207) for information  
or if you have any dietary requirements.

Please book your place by **Sunday 8th October** at the latest.

### **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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