



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen



Sunday 1st October 2017

Harvest Sunday (Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity)

Service Today

10.30am Sung Mass with a play performed in lieu of a sermon
Hymns: 259: 262 & 261: 260: 265

708 Trinity 16

Introit Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I have called daily upon thee: for thou, O Lord, art gracious and merciful, and plenteous in thy loving-kindness toward all them that call upon thee.

Psalm Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me: for I am poor and in misery. Glory be to the Father...

Gradual The heathen shall fear thy Name, O Lord: and all the kings of the earth thy majesty. √. When the Lord shall build up Syon: and when his glory shall appear.

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. √. O sing unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done marvellous things. Alleluia.

Offertory Look down, O Lord, to help me; let them be ashamed and confounded together, that seek after my soul to destroy it: look down, O Lord, to help me.

Communion He that will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross, and follow me.

Collect:

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in
their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need
and for our own well-being;
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.

Post Communion:

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving
for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and the
wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a
reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise
stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament Reading - Genesis Ch1 v1 - Ch2 v3

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

²⁷So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' ²⁹God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

New Testament Reading - 2 Corinthians Ch9 v6-15

⁶The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.'

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹²for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Gospel - Luke Ch12 v16-30

¹⁶Jesus told the people a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?"' ¹⁸Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods." ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." ²⁰But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?"' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

²²He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds!' ²⁵And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! ²⁹And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

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, Jaiké and Glyn, all suffering from cancer;
for Wendy Clamp; and for Melvyn Boxall.

Services for this week

Tuesday 3rd October 11.00am Said Mass BCP -
Thomas. Bp of Hereford, 1282

Wednesday 4th October 7.00pm Said Mass -
Francis of Assisi, Friar, Deacon, Founder of
the Friars Minor, 1226

Friday 6th October 7.00pm Said Mass -
William Tyndale, Translator of the Scriptures,
Reformation Martyr, 1536

Sunday 8th October
Dedication Sunday
The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
10.30am Sung Mass with Sermon



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

'Friendship Lunch'

Tuesday 10th October at 12.00pm,
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.



Harvest Gifts
This year we will again be donating all our Harvest gifts to
Guernsey Welfare Food bank.
Many thanks to you all.

Church Clean for Dedication Sunday

If you could spare some time to help, we will be cleaning the Silver on
Wednesday 11th October at 9.30am
and cleaning the Church on
Thursday 12th October at 9.30am.
Many thanks!

Stay in touch with St Stephen's: visit our website at
<http://st-stephens-guernsey.org>

*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**
To Tony or email akaines@cwgsy.net