



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 8th October 2017

Dedication Sunday

(Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity)

Services Today

10.30am Sung Mass with Sermon
Hymns: C13: 205: 471: 208 (kneeling): 206

716 Dedication (also Trinity 17)

Introit How dreadful is this place! this is the house of God, and gate of heaven: and men shall call it the palace of God.

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 This dwelling is God's handywork: it is a mystery beyond all price, that cannot be spoken against. √. O God, in whose presence the choirs of Angels are standing: graciously hear the prayers of thy servants.

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. √. The house of God is surely founded: Stablished upon the rock. Alleluia.

Offertory O Lord God, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now I have seen with joy thy people which are present here. O Lord God of Israel, keep for ever this imagination: of the heart of thy people.

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.

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Collect

Almighty God,
to whose glory we celebrate the dedication
of this house of prayer:
we praise you for the many blessings
you have given to those who worship you here;
and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you,
and, being filled with the Holy Spirit,
may become a living temple acceptable to you;
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 - 1 Kings Ch8 v22-30

²² Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. ²³He said, 'O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, ²⁴the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. ²⁵Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me." ²⁶Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

²⁷ 'But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! ²⁸Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; ²⁹that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there", that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. ³⁰Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive.

New Testament Reading - Hebrews Ch12 v18-24

¹⁸ You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.')

²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in

heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Gospel - Matthew Ch21 v12-16

¹² Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves. ¹³He said to them, 'It is written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer"; but you are making it a den of robbers.'

¹⁴ The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. ¹⁵But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, 'Hosanna to the Son of David', they became angry ¹⁶and said to him, 'Do you hear what these are saying?' Jesus said to them, 'Yes; have you never read, "Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself"?'

Post Communion

Father in heaven,
whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace,
an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem:
grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage
that, fed with the living bread of heaven,
and united in the body of your Son,
we may be the temple of your presence,
the place of your glory on earth,
and a sign of your peace in the world;
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 10th October 11.00am Said Mass BCP -
Paulinus, Bishop of York, Missionary, 644

Wednesday 11th October 7.00pm **Bible Study and Prayer Group –
Week 1 –
followed by Compline at 8.00pm**

Friday 13th October 7.00pm Said Mass -
Edward the Confessor, King of England,
1066

Sunday 15th October
The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
9.30am Said Mass with Hymns and Sermon
11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all who helped clean the Church, the brass and silver in order to make them ready for today.

Saturday Morning Tea & Coffee

Please note that our Saturday Tea & Coffee mornings have been suspended for the winter months and will resume again in the Spring.



'Friendship Lunch'

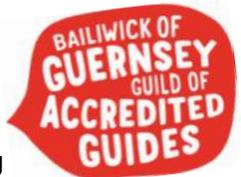
Tuesday 10th October at 12.00pm,
at the St Stephen's Community Centre.
It will be a 2 course meal at £6.50.

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.
To reserve a place please contact Jean **TODAY.**

Secrets of the Forest **2pm – 4pm Sunday 8th 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.



*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