



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 22nd October 2017



The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 24)

Services Today

9.30am Said Mass with Hymns and Sermon

Hymns: 334: 391

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon

Hymns: 334: 345: 431: 391

711 Trinity 19

Introit I am the saving health of my people, saith the Lord God: out of whatsoever tribulation they shall pray to me, I will surely help them, and I will be their God forever and ever.

Psalm Hear my law, O my people: incline your ears unto the words of my mouth. Glory be to the Father...

Gradual The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him: yea, all such as call upon him faithfully. √. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name.

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. √. O give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his Name: tell the people what things he hath done. Alleluia.

Offertory Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shall thou refresh me, O Lord: thou shalt stretch forth thy right hand upon the furiousness of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

Communion Thou hast charged that we shall diligently keep thy commandments: O that my ways were made so direct that I might keep thy statutes.

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

Collect

O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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 - Isaiah Ch45 v1-7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:

²I will go before you
and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
³I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I surname you, though you do not know me.
⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.

⁷I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

New Testament Reading - 1Thessalonians Ch1 v1-10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers,
constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and
labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know,

brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Gospel - Matt Ch22 v15-22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' ²¹They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Post Communion

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please remember in your prayers

Elizabeth Opie, Joyce Craske, Judy Bobbitt, Maureen Pitman,
Alisha De Guerin, Christine Shaw and Tony Renouf.
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 24th October 11.00am Said Mass BCP - Raphael, Archangel

Wednesday 25th October 7.00pm Bible Study and Prayer Group - Week 3,
followed by Compline at 8.00pm

Friday 27th October 7.00pm Said Mass - Frumentius, Bishop in Ethiopia, c380

Sunday 29th October

The Last Sunday after Trinity

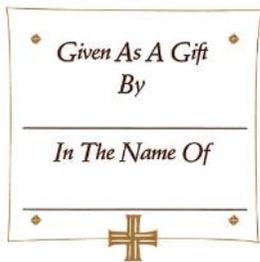
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MAF WEEK OF PRAYER
30th October - 5th November

<https://www.maf-uk.org/pray/week-of-prayer-2017>



Gift Month

Many thanks to all who have already returned your gift envelopes.

If you have not yet received an envelope, there are some available on the black chest at the back of the Church.

The Real Advent Calendar

The Real Advent Calendar is a fun way for parents, grandparents and Godparents to share the Christmas story. Not only is there a Fairtrade chocolate behind every door; you also receive a mini Christmas story booklet illustrated by award-winning artist Alida Massari.

Price: £3.99 per calendar (£3.60 for orders of more than 10).

Please contact **David Le Lièvre** with your orders **before 14th November**.

*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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