



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 12th November 2017

## The Third Sunday before Advent Remembrance Sunday



**9.30am** Said Mass with Hymns and Sermon  
**Hymns:** 417: 493

**11.00am** Sung Mass with Sermon  
**Hymns:** 417: 489: 488/493: S.31: 526 (Kneeling) : 490

**12.30pm** Baptism of Tom Gale

### 733 Remembrance Sunday

**Introit** Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord: and may light perpetual shine upon them.

**Psalm** Thou, O God, art praised in Syon, and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem. Rest...Thou that hearest the prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come. Rest...My misdeeds prevail against me: O be thou merciful unto our sins. Rest...Blessed is the man whom thou chooseth and receivest unto thee: he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple. Rest eternal...

**Gradual** Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord: and may light perpetual shine upon them. √. The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance: they will not be afraid of any evil tidings.

**Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. √. Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice. Alleluia.

**Tract** Absolve, O Lord, the souls of all the faithful departed: from every bond of sin. √. And by the help of thy grace: may they be able to escape the avenging judgement. √. And enjoy the bliss: of everlasting light.

**Offertory** O Lord Jesus Christ, King of Majesty, deliver the souls of all the faithful departed from the hand of hell; and from the pit of destruction: deliver them from the lion's mouth; that the grave devour them not; that they go not down to the realms of darkness. But let Michael, the holy standard-bearer, make speed to restore them to the brightness of glory: which thou promisedst in ages past to Abraham and his seed. Sacrifice and prayer do we offer unto thee, O Lord: do thou accept them for the souls departed, in whose memory we make this oblation. And grant them Lord, to pass from death unto life: which thou promisedst in ages past to Abraham and his seed.

**Communion** May light eternal shine, O Lord, upon them; for endless ages with thy blessed ones, for thou art gracious.

## Collect

Almighty Father,  
whose will is to restore all things  
in your beloved Son, the King of all:  
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,  
and bring the families of the nations,  
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,  
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Old Testament Reading - Amos Ch5 v18-24

<sup>18</sup> Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!  
Why do you want the day of the Lord?

It is darkness, not light;

<sup>19</sup> as if someone fled from a lion,  
and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,  
and was bitten by a snake.

<sup>20</sup> Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,  
and gloom with no brightness in it?

<sup>21</sup> I hate, I despise your festivals,  
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

<sup>22</sup> Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings,  
I will not accept them;  
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals  
I will not look upon.

<sup>23</sup> Take away from me the noise of your songs;  
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

<sup>24</sup> But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

## New Testament Reading - 1 Thessalonians Ch4 v13-18

<sup>13</sup> But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died.

<sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and

with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

### **Gospel – Matthew Ch25 v1-13**

<sup>1</sup>Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." <sup>12</sup>But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

### **Post Communion**

God of peace,  
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom  
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:  
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,  
and by your healing power  
make whole both people and nations;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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

Elizabeth Opie, Joyce Craske, Judy Bobbitt, Maureen Pitman,  
Alisha De Guerin, Christine Shaw, Tony Renouf, and Bernice Beacham.

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 Melvyn Boxall; and for Bill Brend.

## Services for this week

**Monday 13th November 7.00pm** APCC meeting

**Tuesday 14th November 11.00am** Said Mass BCP - Samuel Seabury,  
1st Anglican Bishop in N. America, 1796

**Wednesday 15th November 7.00pm** Bible Study and Prayer Group - Week 5  
- followed by Compline at 8.00pm

**Friday 17th November 7.30pm** Taizé Service in support of the Guernsey  
Weekend of Prayer

**Saturday 18th November 11.30am - 12.30pm** 'Hour of Prayer'

**Sunday 19th November**

**The Second Sunday before Advent**

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

**11.00am** Sung Mass with Sermon



### Taizé Service

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017**  
**7.30-8.30pm**

*in support of the*  
*Guernsey Weekend of Prayer*



### 'Friendship Lunch'

**Tuesday 14th November at 12.00pm,**  
at the St Stephen's Community Centre.

It will be a two-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**.

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**

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