



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 12th February  
The Third Sunday before Lent  
Septuagesima (Proper 2)

9:30am Said Mass with Hymns and Sermon  
Hymns: 339: 456

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon  
Hymns: 347: 339: 341: 456

## 672 *Circumdede runt me*

**Introit** The sorrows of death came about me; the pains of hell gat hold upon me: and in my tribulation I made my prayer unto the Lord, and he regarded my supplication out of his holy temple.

**Psalm** I will love thee, O Lord, my strength: the Lord is my stony rock, my fortress, and my Saviour. Glory be to the Father...

**Gradual** The Lord will be a refuge in the time of trouble; and they that know thy Name will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, hast never failed them that seek thee. *∇* For the poor shall not always be forgotten; the patient abiding of the meek shall not perish for ever: up, Lord, and let not man have the upper hand.

**Tract** Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice. *∇* O let thine ears consider well: the voice of my complaint. *∇* If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss: O Lord, who may abide it? *∇* For there is mercy with thee: therefore shalt thou be feared.

**Offertory** It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord: and to sing praises unto thy Name, O Most Highest.

**Communion** Shew thy servant the light of thy countenance, and save me for thy mercies' sake: let me not be confounded, O Lord, for I have called upon thee.

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## Collect

Almighty God,  
who alone can bring order  
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:  
give your people grace  
so to love what you command  
and to desire what you promise,  
that, among the many changes of this world,  
our hearts may surely there be fixed  
where true joys are to be found;  
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 – Deuteronomy Ch30 v15-20

<sup>15</sup> See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup> If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God\* that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup> I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup> loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

## New Testament Reading – 1 Corinthians Ch3 v1-9

<sup>3</sup> And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup> I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, <sup>3</sup> for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? <sup>4</sup> For when one says, 'I belong to Paul', and another, 'I belong to Apollos', are you not merely human? <sup>5</sup> What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup> I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup> So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup> The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. <sup>9</sup> For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

## Gospel – Matthew Ch5 v 21-37

<sup>21</sup> 'You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not murder"; and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgement." <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, "You fool", you will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

<sup>27</sup> 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

<sup>31</sup> 'It was also said, "Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce." <sup>32</sup>But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

<sup>33</sup> 'Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord." <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.

<sup>36</sup>And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.

<sup>37</sup>Let your word be "Yes, Yes" or "No, No"; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

## Post Communion

Merciful Father,  
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,  
that those who come to him should never hunger:  
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,  
that we may eat and drink with him  
at his table in the kingdom,  
where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

### Please remember in your prayers

Edgar Blampied, Elizabeth Opie, Don and Monica Brook, Joyce Craske,  
Sheila & Alex Mather, Christine Shaw, Judy Bobbitt, Penny Taylor,  
Maureen Pitman, Pippa Hearn and Dulcie.

## Services for this week

**Tuesday 14th February 11.00am** Said Mass BCP - Cyril and Methodius -  
Missionaries, 885  
**Wednesday 15h February 7.00pm** Said Mass - Thomas Bray - Founder, 1730  
**Friday 17th February 7.00pm** Said Mass - Janani Luwum - Martyr, 1977

**Sunday 19th February**  
**The Second Sunday before Lent**  
**9:30am** Said Mass with Hymns and Sermon  
**11.00am** Sung Mass with Sermon



## Friendship Lunch

The lunch will be held on **Tuesday 14th February 12.00pm** in the St Stephen's Community Centre Meeting Room  
2 course meal at **£6.50per person** payable at the time of booking.

**(Please note** this will be non-refundable if not cancelled by Sunday 12th February as food is ordered on the Monday)  
Please contact Jean Le Huray Tel 255207

## Making St Stephen's Known

On **Saturday 18th February at 2.00pm**, we will be distributing a leaflet about St Stephen's Church to some houses in our geographical parish.

Why not join us? There is a sign-up sheet on the ledge at the back of the church. All are welcome!

*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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