



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 16th July 2017

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

(Proper 10)



Services Today

10.30am Sung Mass with Sermon
Hymns: 476: 285: 407: 140

697 Trinity 5

Introit Consider, O Lord, and hear me, when I cry unto thee: be thou my succour, O cast me not away, neither forsake me utterly, O God of my salvation.

Psalm The Lord is my light, and my salvation: whom shall I fear? Glory be to the Father...

Gradual Behold, O God, our defender: and look upon thy servants. √.
O Lord God of hosts: hear the prayers of thy servants.

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. √. The King shall rejoice in thy strength, O Lord: exceeding glad shall he be of thy salvation. Alleluia.

Offertory I will bless the Lord, who hath given me counsel: I have set God always before me; for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

Communion One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require: even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:

hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading - Isaiah Ch55 v10-13

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

New Testament Reading - Romans Ch8 v1-11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Gospel - Matthew Ch13 v1-9 & 18-23

¹Jesus sat beside the lake. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow.

⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away.

⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.

⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹'Let anyone with ears listen!'

¹⁸'Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

Post Communion

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered
by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you
in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please remember in your prayers

Elizabeth Opie, Joyce Craske, Alisha De Guerin, Rev. Stephen Masters,
Judy Bobbitt, Maureen Pitman and Tony Renouf.

Please pray for a family with young children that is going through
a difficult time; and for Jennifer and her three children.

Services for this week

Tuesday 18th July 11.00am Said Mass BCP - Elizabeth Ferard, 1st Deaconess 1883

7.30pm - Guernsey Concert Youth Band Concert

Wednesday 19th July 7.00pm Said Mass - Gregory of Nyssa, Bp 394

Friday 21st July 7.00pm Said Mass - Lawrence of Brindisi, Friar 1691

Saturday 22nd July 1.00pm Wedding Kayleigh Morris & Paul Steer

Sunday 23rd July

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Said Mass with Hymns and Sermon

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon

12.30pm Baptism of Louis Peter Cavanagh



Guernsey Concert Youth Band

Come along on this Tuesday 18th July to hear the second of four concerts given by the Guernsey Concert Youth Band

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On Sunday 29th July I will be doing the
MACMILLAN 'Brave the Shave!'

I will be bringing my sponsorship form to the picnic today and
would appreciate any sponsorship donation you can make.

Many Thanks Beth.

*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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