



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 23rd July 2017

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

(Proper 11)



Services Today

9.30am Said Mass with Hymns and Sermon

Hymns: 271: 347

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon

Hymns: 347: 271: 464: 215 (Tune 434)

12.30pm Baptism of Louis Peter Cavanagh

698 Trinity 6

Introit The Lord is the strength of his people, and a stronghold of salvation to his Anointed One: O Lord, save thine own people, and give thy blessing unto thine inheritance; O feed them also, and set them up forever.

Psalm Unto thee will I cry, O Lord; my God, be not silent unto me: lest, if thou make as though thou hearest not, I become like them that go down into the pit. Glory be to the Father...

Gradual Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last: and be gracious unto thy servants. √. Lord, thou hast been our refuge: from one generation to another.

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. √. In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust, let me never be put to confusion: deliver me in thy righteousness; bow down thine ear to me, make haste to deliver me. Alleluia.

Offertory O hold thou up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not; incline thine ear to me, and hearken unto my words: Show thy marvellous loving-kindness, O Lord; thou that art the Saviour of them that put their trust in thee.

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

Collect

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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 - Wisdom Ch12 v13,16-19

¹³ For neither is there any god besides you, whose care is for all people,
to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly;

¹⁶ For your strength is the source of righteousness,
and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all.

¹⁷ For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your
power,
and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it.

¹⁸ Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness,
and with great forbearance you govern us;
for you have power to act whenever you choose.

¹⁹ Through such works you have taught your people
that the righteous must be kind,
and you have filled your children with good hope,
because you give repentance for sins.

New Testament Reading - Romans Ch8 v12-25

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according
to the flesh— ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the
Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led
by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of
slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we
cry, 'Abba! Father!' ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we
are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with
Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with
the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing
for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility,
not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the
creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the
freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation
has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we

ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel - Matthew Ch13 v24-30 & 36-43

²⁴Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" ²⁸He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" ²⁹But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." '

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' ³⁷He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please remember in your prayers

Elizabeth Opie, Joyce Craske, Alisha De Guerin,
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.

Also please pray for the soul of Rev. Stephen Masters
May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Services for this week

Tuesday 25th July 11.00am Said Mass BCP - James, Apostle

Wednesday 26th July 7.00pm Said Mass - Anne & Joachim, parents of BVM

Friday 28th July 7.00pm Said Mass - Samson of Guernsey, Bp 565

Sunday 30th July

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Said Mass with Hymns and Sermon

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon

12.30pm Baptism of Alex James Thaumè

**MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**



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

There is still time to sponsor Beth if you have not already.

*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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