



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 30th July 2017

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

(Proper 12)



Services Today

9.30am Said Mass with Hymns and Sermon

Hymns: 339: 391

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon

Hymns: 336: 495: 421: C.22

12.30pm Baptism of Alex James Thoume

699 Trinity 7

Introit O clap your hands together, all ye people: O sing unto God with the voice of joy and triumph.

Psalm For the Lord is high, and to be feared: he is the great King upon all the earth. Glory be to the Father...

Gradual Come, ye children, and hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord. √. They had an eye unto him, and were enlightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. √. Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. Alleluia.

Offertory Like as in the burnt offerings of rams and bullocks; and like as in ten thousands of fat lambs: so let our sacrifice be in thy sight this day, that it may please thee; for they shall not be confounded that put their trust in thee, O Lord.

Communion Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

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.

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

Collect

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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 - 1 Kings Ch3 v5-12

⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' ⁶And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

New Testament Reading - Romans Ch8 v26-39

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against

God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel - Matthew Ch13 v31-33 & 44-52

³¹ Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

³³ He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

⁴⁴ 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.'

⁴⁵ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.'

⁴⁷ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

⁵¹ 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' ⁵²And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

Post Communion

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Services for this week

Tuesday 1st August 11.00am Said Mass BCP - Ethelwold, Bp of Winchester, 984

Wednesday 2nd August 7.00pm Said Mass - Basil the Blessed, eccentric, 1552

Friday 4th August 7.00pm Said Mass - Jean-Baptist Vianney, Cure drs, 1859

Saturday 5th August 11.00am Wedding (Becky Steer & Callum James)

4.00pm Walsingham 'Holy Hour'

Sunday 6th August

The Transfiguration of our Lord

9.30am Said Mass with Hymns and Sermon

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12.30pm Baptism of Karlie Jacqueline Marsh

UPDATE FROM THE FOODBANK



Having been really well stocked since Christmas, we are beginning to see some gaps in our cupboard. We have been quite busy the last few weeks, so here is an update on what our store looks like—what we have plenty of and what is needed. Thanks for the support! **We have large quantities of: Tinned soup, baked beans, pasta, tea bags, cereal, other tinned beans (eg butter or kidney).**

We have reasonable quantities of: coffee, tinned fruit, squash, tinned tomatoes, rice, tuna.

We are mostly in need of: Pasta sauce, biscuits, strawberry jam, small bags of sugar, rice pudding, custard, corned beef, Fray Bentos pies, tomato sauce, tinned spaghetti, tinned vegetables.



Post Cards

Don't forget if you have any Post Cards you no longer require, there is a box for them in the library corner. These are used by MAF to raise money for their projects.

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

To Tony or email akaines@cwgsy.net