



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 14th May 2017

## The Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Alleluia - Christ is Risen!  
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### Services Today

<b>9.30am</b>	Said Mass with Hymns and Sermon
<b>Hymns:</b>	<b>107: 206</b>
<b>11.00am</b>	Sung Mass with Sermon
<b>Hymns:</b>	<b>206: 484 (Tune 167): 376: 113</b>

### **687 Cantate Domino**

**Introit** O sing unto the Lord a new song, alleluia; for the Lord hath done marvellous things, alleluia: in the sight of the nations hath he showed his righteous judgements, alleluia, alleluia.

**Psalm** With his own right hand, and with his holy arm: hath he gotten himself the victory. Glory be to the Father...

**Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia.  $\Psi$ . The right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass. The right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass. Alleluia.

**Offertory** O be joyful in God all ye lands; sing praises unto the honour of his Name: O come hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God, and I will tell you what things he hath done for my soul, alleluia.

**Communion** Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father, alleluia. Believest thou not that I am in the Father: and the Father in me? Alleluia, alleluia.

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## Collect

Almighty God,  
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
have overcome death and opened to us  
the gate of everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going before us  
you put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## The First Reading - Acts Ch7 v55-60

<sup>55</sup>But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' <sup>60</sup>Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

## The Second Reading - 1 Peter 2.2-10

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup> Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

<sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,  
'The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner',

<sup>8</sup>and

'A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

<sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

## **Gospel - John Ch14 v1-14**

<sup>1</sup>Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.' <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"?' <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.

<sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

## **Post Communion**

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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

Elizabeth Opie, Joyce Craske, Christine Shaw,  
Judy Bobbitt, and Maureen Pitman,

### **Passing Thoughts**

Fr. Marc has reproduced a selection of articles he wrote for St Martin's Magazine, a collection of thought provoking topics which I would recommend we all read.

They are available in booklet form at the back of church on the black chest..

## Services for this week

**Tuesday 16th May 11.00am** Said Mass BCP - Caroline Chisholm, Social Reformer 1877

**Wednesday 17th May April 7.00pm** Said Mass - Diego, Friar Minor 1463

**Friday 19th May 7.00pm** Said Mass - Dunstan, Achbp of Canterbury 988

### **Sunday 21st May The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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

**11.00am** Sung Mass with Sermon

### **Quiz Night Thanks**

Many thanks to everyone who came along and all those who helped.

**We raised £380 for Church funds**



Our Lent Box appeal for **MAF** raised **£317.71**

Thank you all for your contribution.



We have received more Smartie tubes raising **£46.60** to be sent to the Tumannii Fund. Thank you.

MAF boxes and Smartie tubes are still available in the Library corner.

### **Sunday 21st May 2-4pm A Tale of Two Churches**

Duration allow 2 hrs, fairly flat walk mostly on pavements.

A guided walk from St Stephen's Church to St Joseph's in a circular route returning to St Stephen's in St Peter Port. A chance to see two churches built in the 1850s – 1860s at the height of the period known as Gothic Revival Architecture designed by two renowned English architects A W Pugin & G F Bodley. The guided walk includes a brief history of the area and local personalities who lived and worshipped in the area.

See Rosalyne or the Parish Magazine for details.

*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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