



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 3rd December 2017

Advent Sunday



9.30am Said Mass with Hymns and Sermon
Hymns: 14: 6

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon
Hymns: 14: 9: 15: 5

657 Advent 1 (The First Sunday of Advent)

Introit Unto thee, O Lord, lift I up my soul; O my God, in thee have I trusted, let me not be confounded: neither let mine enemies triumph over me; for all they that look for thee shall not be ashamed.

Psalm Shew me thy ways, O Lord: and teach me thy paths. Glory be to the Father...

Gradual For all they that look for thee: shall not be ashamed, O Lord. *V* Make known to me thy ways, O Lord: and teach me thy paths.

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. *V* Shew us thy mercy, O Lord: and grant us thy salvation. Alleluia.

Offertory Unto thee, O Lord, lift I up my soul; O my God, in thee have I trusted, let me not be confounded; neither let mine enemies triumph over me; for all they that look for thee shall not be ashamed.

Communion The Lord shall shew loving-kindness: and our land shall give her increase.

Please remember in your prayers

Elizabeth Opie, Joyce Craske, Judy Bobbitt, Maureen Pitman,
Alisha De Guerin, Christine Shaw, Tony Renouf, and Val Moullin,

Please pray for a family with young children
that is going through a difficult time;

for Pam; for Michele, Jaike and Glyn, all suffering from cancer;
for Melvyn Boxall, Pam Harper, Bill Brend and Chris Bellinger;
and for Samuel, a 12 year-old boy diagnosed with leukaemia.

Advent Calendars

If you have ordered Advent Calendars please see David today.

Stay in touch with St Stephen's: visit our website at
<http://st-stephens-guernsey.org>

Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ
came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading - Isaiah Ch64 v1-9

¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
²as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
⁴From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
⁵You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
⁷There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

New Testament Reading - 1 Corinthians Ch1 v3-9

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel - Mark Ch13 v24-37

²⁴ Jesus said to his disciples, 'In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸ 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³² 'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

Post Communion

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Services for this week

Tuesday 5th December 8.30am Grammar School Carol Service Rehearsal
7.00pm Grammar School Carol Service

Wednesday 6th December 2.00pm Little Learners' Carol Service
7.00pm Said Mass - **Cancelled**

Friday 8th December 9.00pm Melrose Carol Service Rehearsal
2.00pm Melrose Carol Service
7.00pm Said Mass - **The Feast of the Conception of the Virgin Mary** (with participation of Cantores Coutances)

Sunday 10th December
The Second Sunday of Advent
9.30am Said Mass with Hymns and Sermon
11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon

Friendship Lunch

£6.50 per person

Tuesday 12th December at 12.00pm
St Stephen's Community Centre

This month we will have a Christmas theme. The menu will be:

Roast Chicken

Vegetarian option: Stilton & Walnut Tart

Mince Pie / Apple Pie & Ice-cream

Please contact Jean Le Huray Tel 255207 for further details
or to reserve a place.

Please invite a friend or someone who may live on their own
to join us at the lunch.

Stephen's Sunday Club

Every year the children pretend to be in a sweet factory making marzipan fruits. They learn how very different the lives of children in other countries (where they have to work from a very young age) are compared to those of children in Guernsey.

Please support us by pre-ordering early to avoid disappointment. Our "factory manager" doesn't like waste, so we like to calculate the exact amount. Boxes of marzipan fruits (£3.50 per box) and peppermint creams (£3 per box) will be ready for sale on the 17th December. Profits in aid of "Save the Children –Yemen Appeal Fund".

Jean Le Huray Tel 255207



**Save the
Children**

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