



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 31st December 2017

The First Sunday of Christmas

Services Today

9.30am Said Mass with Hymns and Sermon
Hymns: 25: 26 (Omit *)

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon with Procession
Hymns: 465: 37: 38: 39

Christmas 1 - Prayers at the Crib

Let us pray:

Holy Jesus, to deliver us from the power of darkness

you humbled yourself to be born among us and laid in a manger.

Let the light of your love always shine in our hearts, and bring us at last to the joyful vision of your beauty, for you are now alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Christmas 1 – End of Procession

∇ The glory of the Lord shall be revealed

℞ And all mankind shall see it.

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love; gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

667 Sunday after Christmas (The First Sunday of Christmas)

Introit When as all the world was in profoundest quietness, and night was in the midst of her swift course: Thine almighty word, O Lord, leaped down from heaven out of thy royal throne.

Psalm The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel: the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength. Glory be to the Father...

Gradual Thou art fairer than the children of men: full of grace are thy lips. ∇. My heart is inditing of a good matter; I speak of the things which I have made unto the King: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. ∇. The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel: The Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength. Alleluia.

Offertory Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who satisfieth thy mouth with good things: making thee young and lusty as an eagle.

Communion O Lord our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world.

Collect

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
though your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so may we share the life of his divinity:
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever .

Old Testament Reading - Isaiah Ch61 v10-11 Ch62 v1-3

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

²The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

New Testament Reading Galatians Ch4 v4-7

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman,
born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that
we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has
sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' ⁷So you are no
longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Gospel - Luke Ch2 v15-21

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. ²¹ After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Post Communion

Heavenly Father.
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth
the life of an earthly home:
help your church to live as one family.
united in love and obedience ,
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please remember in your prayers

Elizabeth Opie, Joyce Craske, Judy Bobbitt, Maureen Pitman,
Alisha De Guerin, Christine Shaw, Tony Renouf, and Brenda Penfold.

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, Bill Brend and Chris Bellingier;
and for Samuel, a 12 year-old boy diagnosed with leukaemia.

Services for this week

Tuesday 2nd January 11.00am Said Mass BCP - Basil and Gregory -
Bishops, 379 & 389

Wednesday 3rd January 7.00pm Said Mass - Genevieve of Paris -
Patron, c 500

Friday 5th January 7.00pm Said Mass - Simeon the Stylite, 459

Sunday 7th January 2018

Epiphany

9.30am Said Mass with Family Ministry

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon and Procession

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

*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