



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 14th January 2018

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

Services Today

9.30am Said Mass with Family Ministry
Hymns: 49: S.30

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon with Procession
Hymns: 343: 55: 341: 49

669 Epiphany 1 (The Second Sunday of Epiphany)

Introit On a throne exalted I beheld, and lo, a man sitting, whom a legion of angels worship, singing together: behold, his rule and governance endureth to all ages.

Psalm O be joyful in God, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness. Glory be to the Father...

Gradual Blessed be the Lord, even the God of Israel: which only doeth wondrous things. V. The mountains also shall bring peace: and the little hills righteousness unto the people.

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. V. O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness. 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 Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? Behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing: And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

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

Collect

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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 Samuel Ch3 v1-10

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

⁴Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

New Testament Reading - Revelation Ch5 v1-10

¹Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; ²and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁴And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'

⁶Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. ⁸When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of

incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹They sing a new song:
‘You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God
saints from every tribe and language and people and nation;
¹⁰you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God,
and they will reign on earth.’

Gospel - John Ch1 v43-51

⁴³ Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, ‘Follow me.’
⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found
Nathanael and said to him, ‘We have found him about whom Moses in the law
and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.’ ⁴⁶ Nathanael
said to him, ‘Can anything good come out of Nazareth?’ Philip said to him,
‘Come and see.’ ⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of
him, ‘Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!’ ⁴⁸ Nathanael asked
him, ‘Where did you come to know me?’ Jesus answered, ‘I saw you under the
fig tree before Philip called you.’ ⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, ‘Rabbi, you are the Son of
God! You are the King of Israel!’ ⁵⁰ Jesus answered, ‘Do you believe because I
told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.’
⁵¹ And he said to him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the
angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.’

Post Communion

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of 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 also for Pam; for Michele, Jaik and Glyn, all suffering from
cancer; for Melvyn Boxall, Pam Harper, Bill Brend and Chris Bellingier;
and for Samuel, a 12-year old boy diagnosed with leukaemia.

Services for this week

Tuesday 16th January 11.00am - Said Mass - Berard - Martyr, 1220

Wednesday 17th January 7.00pm - Said Mass - Antony of Egypt -
Hermit and Abbot, 356

Friday 19th January 7.00pm - Said Mass - Wulfstan - Bishop of Worcester,
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Sunday 21st January

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

9.30am Said Mass with Family Ministry

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon

ELECTORAL ROLL

The annual revision of the Electoral Roll of St Stephen's takes place between 1st January and 4th March. For details please see the notice by the church door. If you are already on the Roll, there is no need for any action but if you are not and would like to enrol (and are seventeen or over), please take a form from the ledge by the door next week and return it to Jill Stephenson before 4th March. If you are on the Roll of another church, you simply need to request them in writing to delete your name.

MESSY CHURCH



On Sunday 21st January, from 2.30-4.00pm in the Community Centre, St Stephen's will be organising a 'Messy Church' session, based on the theme of 'Noah's Ark and God's Promise'.

There will be painting, sticking, cooking and also some fun games for the younger children. Refreshments will be served to all. Everyone is guaranteed to have a wonderful time!

Please invite your neighbours and friends, and RSVP to Andrea Bateman:
Tel 07781 167971 or andrea.bateman@yahoo.co.uk.

Please join us for refreshments:

- *in the Vicarage after the 9.30am Mass*
- *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 Kaines (or by e-mail: akaines@cwgsy.net)