



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 25th February 2018

The Second Sunday of Lent

Services Today

9.30am **Family Service**
Hymns: S 20: S 14

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon
Hymns: 74: 410: 76 (omit*): 476

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Introit My heart hath talked of thee, seek ye my face; thy face, Lord, will I seek: O hide not thy face from me.

Psalm The Lord is my light and salvation: whom then shall I fear? Glory be...

Gradual Let the nations know that thou, whose Name is Jehovah: art only the Most Highest over all the earth. *V.* O my God, make them like unto a wheel: and as the stubble before the wind.

Tract Thou hast moved the land, O Lord: and divided it. *V.* Heal the sores thereof: for it shaketh. *V.* That they may triumph because of the truth: that thy beloved may be delivered.

Offertory My delight shall be in thy commandments, which I have loved: my hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved.

Communion Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of Man be risen again from the dead.

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Collect

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
 into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
 that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading - Genesis Ch17 v1-7 & 15-16

¹⁷When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

¹⁵ God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

New Testament Reading - Romans Ch4 v13-25

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about

a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.
²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' ²³Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Gospel acclamation

Choir: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Priest: The Lord is a great God, O that today you would hear his voice.
Harden not your hearts.

All: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Gospel - Mark Ch8 v31-38

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Post Communion

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Services for this week

Monday 26th February 10.00am 'Little Treasures' Toddlers Group

Tuesday 27th February 11.00am Said Mass - George Herbert - Poet, 1633

Wednesday 28th February 7.00pm Said Mass - Romanus - Abbot, 460

Thursday 1st March 2.00pm Lent Course - 'On the Way' - Session 2

Friday 2nd March 7.00pm Said Mass - Chad - Bishop of Litchfield, 672

Sunday 4th March

The Third Sunday of Lent

9.30am Said Mass & Family Ministry

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon

Please remember in your prayers

Elizabeth Opie, Joyce Craske, Judy Bobbitt, Maureen Pitman,
Alisha De Guerin, Christine Shaw, Tony Renouf, Brenda Penfold,
David Le Lievre, Barbara Streek and Wendy Clamp.
Please pray also for Pam; for Michele, Jaikie and Glyn, all suffering from
cancer; for Melvyn Boxall, Bill Brend, Chris Bellinger;
and for Samuel, a 12 year-old boy diagnosed with leukaemia.

Chocoholics

It's Chocoholics time again!

If you haven't already got your brochure please see Steph.

We have not got much time to order as Easter is fast
approaching, so don't leave it.

All proceeds to St. Stephen's Church.



Thanks, Steph.

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**

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