

Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 11th March 2018



The Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday Laetare Sunday

Services Today

9.30am Said Mass and Family Ministry

Hymns: 285 (Omit * - 2nd Tune) : 186

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon

Hymns: 77: 185: 387: 186

12.30pm Baptism of Holly Sydney Whitaker

679 The Fourth Sunday of Lent, Mothering Sunday and Laetare Sunday

Introit Rejoice thee with Jerusalem; and be ye glad for her, all ye that delight in her: exult and sing for joy with her, all ye that in sadness mourn for her: that ye may suck and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations.

Psalm I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord. Glory be...

Gradual I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord. V. Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.

Tract They that put their trust in the Lord, shall be even as the Mount Sion: which may not be removed, but standeth fast forever. V. The hills stand about Jerusalem; even so standeth the Lord round about his people; from this time forth for evermore.

Offertory O praise the Lord, for the Lord is gracious; O sing praises unto his Name, for it is lovely: whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven and in earth.

Communion Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity in itself: for thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord, to testify unto thy name, O Lord.

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Collect

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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- Exodus Ch2 v1-10

¹Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. ³When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

⁵The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' ⁸Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

New Testament Reading - 2 Corinthians Ch1 v3-7

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, ⁴who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. ⁵For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. ⁶If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. ⁷Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

Gospel acclamation

Priest: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
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 - Luke Ch2 v33-35

³³ The father and mother of the child Jesus, were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

Post Communion

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
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, Brenda Penfold
David Le Lievre and Barbara Streek.

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

Services for this week

Monday 12th March 10.00am 'Little Treasures' Toddlers Group
Tuesday 13th March 11.00am Said Mass - Euphrasia - Virgin, 420
Wednesday 14th March 7.00pm Said Mass - Matilda - Queen, 968
Thursday 15th March 2.00pm Lent Course 'On the Way' - Session 3
Friday 16th March 7.00pm Said Mass - Abraham - Hermit, 6th century

Sunday 18th March

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

9.30am Said Mass & Family Ministry

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon

12.30pm Baptism of Hudson Ian Paul

Tax Forms

Please return your tax form as soon as possible to John Greany who has kindly volunteered to collate them all this year.

Any money (£500 or over) you have given to the Church during 2017 can be added, be it collections, Gift Month or donations. The Taxman will then kindly give the Church back the tax you have paid. This is an essential income for us at no cost to ourselves so please remember to fill out a form

**** Cards ****

Mothering Sunday and Easter cards are available in the Library corner. Don't forget to pick them up today while stocks last!

Social Events Committee

The Social Events Committee will meet this Wednesday 14th March at 10.00am in the Vestry.

Everyone is welcome to come along

Friendship Lunch

Tuesday 13th March at 12.00pm

St Stephen's Community Centre

£6.50 per person

Please contact Jean Le Huray **today**

(Tel 255207) for further details or to reserve a place.

It will be appreciated if you could pay at the time of booking .

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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