



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen



Sunday 1st April 2018

Easter Sunday

Alleluia - Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Start of the Procession

Let us proceed in peace

In the Name of Christ. Amen

Blessing of the Easter Tomb

Almighty God, by your ✠ Blessing of this Garden may we who have prepared it in celebration of his victory be strengthened in faith, know the power of his presence, and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory, for he is alive and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

End of the Procession

The Lord is risen from the tomb, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Who for our sake hung upon the tree, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Christ is risen from the dead: and become the first-fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death: by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die: even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. **Amen.**

Services Today

9.30am Said Mass with Hymns and Sermon
Hymns: 110: S2.

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon & Procession
Hymns: Carol 17: 105 (Tune 2): 104: 110

683 Easter Day

Introit I am risen, and am still with thee, alleluia; thou hast laid thine hand upon me, alleluia. Thy knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm O Lord, thou hast searched me out, and known me: thou knowest my down-sitting, and mine up-rising. Glory be...

Gradual This is the day which the Lord hath made: we will be joyful and glad in it. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious: and his mercy endureth forever.

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. Ψ . Christ our Passover: is sacrificed for us.

Offertory The earth trembled and was still: when God arose to judgement, alleluia.

Communion Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, alleluia: therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Collect

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

Old Testament Reading - Isaiah Ch25 v6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is
the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

New Testament Reading - Acts Ch10 v34 - 43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no
partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is
acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel,
preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread
throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:
³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how
he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for
God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in
Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised
him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us
who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he
rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify
that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the
prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives
forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Gospel Acclamation

Priest : Alleluia, alleluia.

Priest: I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one.
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

All: Alleluia.

Gospel - John Ch20 v1-18

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.'³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.'¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.'¹⁶ Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Post Communion

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Services for this week

Tuesday 3rd April 11.00am Said Mass - Tuesday of Easter week

Wednesday 4th April 7.00pm Said Mass - Wednesday of Easter week

Friday 6th April 7.00pm Said Mass - Thursday of Easter week

Sunday 8th April

The Second Sunday of Easter

9.30am Said Mass and Family Ministry

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon & Procession

Please remember in your prayers

Elizabeth Opie, Joyce Craske, Judy Bobbitt, Maureen Pitman,
Alisha De Guerin, Christine Shaw, Tony Renouf,
David Le Lievre and Barbara Streek.

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

Reports for AGM

Please remember the deadline for reports for the AGM
is next Sunday 8th April

Friendship Lunch

Please note that due to unforeseen family commitments the Friendship
Lunch scheduled for Tuesday 10th April has had to be cancelled.

Drop-in Coffee Mornings

Our weekly Drop-in Saturday tea and coffee mornings will recommence
next Saturday 7th April and continue until the winter.

A **big Thank You** to the dedicated team who gave their time to help polish and
clean to make the church sparkle for us all for Easter.

Also to all who have arranged the flowers and the Easter garden which has
transformed the church once again.

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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