



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 22nd April 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Services Today

9:30am Said Mass with Family Ministry
Hymns: 457: S.3 (Sung Twice)

11:00am Sung Mass with Sermon
Hymns: 457: 107: 282: 369

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Introit The lovingkindness of the Lord filleth the whole world, alleluia. By the word of the Lord the heavens were stablished, alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; for it becometh well the just to be thankful. Glory be...

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. *℟.* The Lord hath sent redemption unto his people. Alleluia. *℣.* I am the good shepherd: and know my sheep and am known of mine. Alleluia.

Offertory O God, thou art my God, early will I seek thee: and lift up my hand in thy Name, alleluia.

Communion I am the good shepherd, alleluia: and know my sheep, and am known of mine, alleluia, alleluia.

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Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First Reading - Acts Ch4 v5-12

⁵The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem,
⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John and Alexander, and all who
were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners
stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did
you do this?' ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers
of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good
deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has
been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel,
that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus
Christ of Nazareth, - whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.
¹¹This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has
become the cornerstone."

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under
heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

Second Reading - 1 John Ch3 v16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us - and we ought to
lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in
anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need
and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our
hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater
than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not
condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him
whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what
pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his

Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.
²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them.
And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel - John Ch10 v11-18

Jesus said to the Pharisees,¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

Post Communion

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
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,
David Le Lievre, and Barbara Streek

Please pray also for Pam; for Michele, Jaike and Glyn; for Melvyn Boxall,
Chris Bellinger; and for Samuel.

We pray for Rod Bateman and David Hughes who died recently.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Services for this week

Monday 23rd April 10.00am 'Little Treasures' Toddlers Group

Tuesday 24th April 11.00am Said Mass - Mellitus of London - Bishop, 624

Wednesday 25th April 7.00pm Said Mass - Mark the Evangelist

Friday 27th April 7.00pm Said Mass - Christina Rossetti - Poet, 1894

Sunday 29th April

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.30am Family Service

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon

Church AGM - 25th April at 7.30pm

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday night in the Vestry or the church if we cannot all fit in the Vestry.

The AGM is open to all members of the church; those on the Electoral Roll are eligible to vote.

This is an opportunity for you all to have an input.

Agenda & Reports booklets are available on the black chest

'Lunch in a Barn'

on Rogation Sunday, 6th May at 1.00pm

Ploughman's Lunch

Tickets £5 are now available from Marg or Eileen

Please see the April Magazine for full details.

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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