



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 6th May 2018

## Sixth Sunday of Easter Rogation Sunday

### Services Today

**9:30am** Said Mass with Hymns and Sermon  
**Hymns:** 265: 285 (Omit\* 1st Tune)

**11:00am** Sung Mass with Sermon & Procession  
**Hymns:** 263: 397: 493: 265

### 688 Easter 6 / The Sixth Sunday of Easter (Rogation)

**Introit** With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, alleluia; utter it even unto the ends of the earth: the Lord hath delivered his people, alleluia, alleluia.

**Psalm** O be joyful in God all ye lands: sing praises unto the honour of his Name; make his praise to be glorious. Glory be...

**Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. *V.* Christ is risen, and hath showed light unto us: whom he hath redeemed with his most precious Blood. Alleluia. *V.* I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world and go to the Father. Alleluia.

**Offertory** O praise our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard; Who holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to slip. Praised be God, who hath not cast out my prayer: nor turned his mercy from me, Alleluia.

**Communion** I have chosen you out of the world, alleluia; that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain, alleluia, alleluia.

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## Collect

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us  
to eternal joy;  
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.

## First Reading - Acts Ch10 v44-48

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

## Second Reading - 1 John Ch5 v1-6

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

## Gospel - John Ch15 v9-17

Jesus said to his disciples, <sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's

friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

### **Post Communion**

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

### **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 Michele, Jaike and Glyn; for Melvyn Boxall  
and Chris Bellinger; and for Samuel.

## Services for this week

**Monday 7th May 10.00am** 'Little Treasures' Toddlers Group

**Tuesday 8th May 11.00am** Said Mass - Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer 1417

**Wednesday 9th May 7.00pm** Said Mass - Gregory of Nazianzus, Theologian,  
Bishop 389

**Thursday 10th May 7.00pm** Sung Mass - Ascension Day

**Friday 11th May 7.00pm** Said Mass - Asaph, Bp C6th

**Sunday 13th May**

**The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Sunday after Ascension**

**9.30am** Said Mass & Family Ministry

**11.00am** Sung Mass with Sermon

## Friendship Lunch

**Tuesday 8th May 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.

## Thy Kingdom Come

### Novena: A Nine-Day Journey of Prayer

This year, starting on Friday 11th May and continuing though Saturday 19th May.

Booklets are available at the back of church.

Please see the May 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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