



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen



Sunday 17th June 2018

The Third Sunday after Trinity (Proper 6)

Services Today

9:30am Said Mass with Family Ministry

Hymns: 408: 457

11:00am Sung Mass with Sermon

Hymns: 238: 495: 480: 443

695 Trinity 3

Introit Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me, O Lord; for I am desolate and in tribulation: look thou on my affliction, and my travail: and forgive me all my iniquities, O my God.

Psalm Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul: my God, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded. Glory be ...

Gradual O cast thy burden upon the Lord: and he shall nourish thee. *V.* When I cried unto the Lord, he heard my voice: from the battle that was against me.

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. *V.* God is a righteous judge, strong and patient: and God is provoked every day. Alleluia.

Offertory They that know thy Name will put their trust in thee; for thou, Lord, hast never failed them that seek thee: O praise the Lord which dwelleth in Syon; for he forgetteth not the complaint of the poor.

Communion I have called upon thee, O God, for thou shalt hear me: incline thine ear unto me, and hearken unto my words. Verily I say unto you, what things soever ye desire when ye pray: believe that ye receive them, and it shall be done unto you.

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Collect

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
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 - Ezekiel Ch17 v22-24

²²Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.

²³On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it,

in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

New Testament Reading - 2 Corinthians Ch5 v6-10 & v14-19

⁶ So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰ For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹⁴ For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, so that those who live

might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

Gospel - Mark Ch4 v26-34

²⁶ Jesus said to the crowd, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸ The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

³⁰ He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴ he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Post Communion

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining
and whose power we cannot comprehend:
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear
until we may look upon you without fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Please remember in your prayers

Joyce Craske, Judy Bobbitt, Maureen Pitman,
Alisha De Guerin, Christine Shaw, Tony Renouf,
David Le Lievre, Samantha Brehaut and Barbara Streek.
Please pray also for Michele, Jaike and Glyn; for Melvyn Boxall;
for Chris Bellinger; and for Samuel.

Services this week

Monday 18th June 10.00am 'Little Treasures' Toddlers Group

Tuesday 19th June 7.00am Said Mass - Sundar Singh of India, Holy Man
Evangelist & Teacher 1929

Wednesday 20th June 7.00pm Said Mass - Edward, King & Martyr 979

Friday 22nd June 7.00pm Said Mass - Alban, First Martyr of Britain c250

Sunday 24th June

The Birth of John the Baptist

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Said Mass & Family Ministry

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon

**Guernsey Bach Choir
present
*Jesu, meine Freude***

SATURDAY 30TH JUNE 2018 7.30PM

**Conductor Alan Gough
Organ James Henderson**

A concert in aid of the William Morris windows appeal

Byrd - 4 part Mass

J. S. Bach Motet - Jesu, meine Freude

Anthems by Arcadelt, Wood and Parry

Entry by Programme donation at the door - minimum £5

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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