



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen



Sunday 26th August 2018

## The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 16)

### Services Today

<b>9.30am</b>	Family Service
<b>Hymns:</b>	<b>453: S.2</b>
<b>11.00am</b>	Sung Mass with Sermon
<b>Hymns:</b>	<b>449: 336: 305: 434</b>
<b>12.30pm</b>	Baptism of Taylor and Renée Eborall

### 705 Trinity 13

**Introit** Look, O Lord, graciously upon thy covenant, and forsake not the congregation of the poor forever: arise, O Lord, maintain thine own cause; and be not unmindful of the voices of them that seek thee.

**Psalm** O God wherefore art thou absent from us so long: why is thy wrath so hot against the sheep of thy pasture? Glory be ...

**Gradual** Shew us thy mercy, O Lord: and grant us thy salvation. *V.* O Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land: thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

**Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. *V.* Lord, thou hast been our refuge: from one generation to another. Alleluia.

**Offertory** My hope hath been in thee, O Lord: I have said, Thou art my God, my time is in thy hand.

**Communion** The bread that I will give is my Flesh: which I will give thee for the life of the world.

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## Collect

Almighty God,  
who called your Church to bear witness  
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:  
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,  
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;  
through him who was lifted up on the cross,  
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Old Testament Reading - Joshua Ch24 v1-2a & v14-18

<sup>1</sup>Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup>And Joshua said to all the people,

<sup>14</sup>Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup>Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.'

<sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup>for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup>and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.'

## New Testament Reading - Ephesians Ch6 v10-20

<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup>As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup>Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup>Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

## **Gospel - John Ch6 v56-69**

Jesus said to the crowd, <sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' <sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you?' <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

<sup>66</sup>Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

## **Post Communion**

God our creator,  
you feed your children with the true manna,  
the living bread from heaven:  
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage  
until we come to that place  
    where hunger and thirst are no more;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Please remember in your prayers**

Joyce Craske, Judy Bobbitt, John Greany,  
Alisha De Guerin, Christine Shaw, Tony Renouf,  
David Le Lievre, a young man who is recovering from a problem with drugs  
    and Samantha Brehaut  
Please pray also for Michele, Jaike and Glyn; for Melvyn Boxall;  
    for Chris Bellinger; and for Samuel.

## Services This Week

**Monday 27th August 10.00am** 'Little Treasures' Toddlers' Group

**Tuesday 28th August 7.00pm** Said Mass - Augustine, Bishop of Hippo,  
Teacher, 430

**Wednesday 29th August 7.00pm** Said Mass - The Beheading of John the  
Baptist

**Friday 31st August 7.00pm** Said Mass - Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne,  
Missionary, 651

**Sunday 2nd September**

**The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**9.30am** Said Mass & Family Ministry

**11.00am** Sung Mass with Sermon

## FRIENDSHIP LUNCH

**Tuesday 4th September**



After the summer break, the first Friendship Lunch will be on Tuesday 4th September at 12.00pm in the St Stephen's Community Centre.

Menu - Cottage Pie or Vegetarian Option, Trifle £6.50.  
Please try to bring a friend.

Numbers to Jean Le Huray (Tel 255207)  
by 2nd September.

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

Please keep Saturday **13th October** free, we are holding a quiz.

Please tell friends, family, colleagues and make up teams, we need your support to raise funds for Church.

Teams of 6, Bean Jar. Meat/Vegetarian/Chilli £8 per person/  
Donations Bar/Raffle for **7.30pm**.

Let Steph or Ann Goss know you are coming.

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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