



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen



Sunday 30th September 2018

Harvest Festival

(The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity)

Service Today

10.30am Sung Mass (Combined service)
Hymns: 259: 261: 260: 262

710 Trinity 18 and Harvest Festival

Introit Give peace, O Lord, to them that wait for thee, and let thy Prophets be found faithful: regard the prayers of thy servant, and of thy people Israel.

Psalm I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord. Glory be ...

Gradual I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord. *V.* Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. The heathen shall fear thy Name, O Lord: and all the kings of the earth thy majesty. Alleluia.

Offertory Moses consecrated an altar unto the Lord, offering burnt offerings upon it, and sacrificing peace offerings; and he made an evening sacrifice for a sweet-smelling savour unto the Lord God, in the sight of the children of Israel.

Communion He that will come after me, let him deny himself: and take up his cross, and follow me.

Collect:

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in
their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need
and for our own well-being;
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.

Post Communion:

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered
thanksgiving
for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and
the wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a
reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise
stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament Reading - Joel Ch2 v21-27

²¹ Do not fear, O soil;
be glad and rejoice,
for the Lord has done great things!
²² Do not fear, you animals of the field,
for the pastures of the wilderness are green;
the tree bears its fruit,
the fig tree and vine give their full yield.
²³ O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the Lord your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.
²⁴ The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
²⁵ I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.
²⁶ You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put
to shame.
²⁷ You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again
be put to shame.

New Testament Reading - 1 Timothy Ch2 v1-7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all
—this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Gospel Reading - Matthew Ch6 v25-33

²⁵ 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Please remember in your prayers

Joyce Craske, Judy Bobbitt, John and Hazel Greany,
Alisha De Guerin, Christine Shaw, Tony Renouf, David Le Lievre,
a young man recovering from a problem with drugs,
Lyn Trieschmann and Samantha Brehaut.

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

Quiz Night

Saturday 13th October, 7.30pm

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

Teams of 6, Bean Jar.

Meat/Vegetarian/Chilli £8 per person/Donations Bar/Raffle
Please let Steph Dragon or Ann Goss know you are coming.

Services This Week

Tuesday 2nd October 11.00am Said Mass BCP - Remigius, Bishop of Rheims, 533; Anthony Ashley Cooper, Social Reformer, 1885

Wednesday 3rd October 7.00pm Said Mass - George Bell, Bishop of Chichester, Ecumenist, Peacemaker, 1958

Friday 5th October 7.00pm Said Mass

**Sunday 7th October
Dedication Festival
The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**

10.30am Sung Mass with Sermon

Dedication Festival Lunch

Sunday 7th October after the combined 10.30am Mass

Adults £8, Children £4, under 5s free.

Please give your names/money to Jean Le Huray (Tel 255207) with any dietary requirements as soon as possible.

Help Required!

We will be cleaning the church silver on **Wednesday 3rd October** and the church on **Thursday the 4th October** to prepare it for our Dedication Festival. If you could spare some time in the morning (as from 9.30am) to help that would be much appreciated.

Friendship Lunch

The next Friendship Lunch will be on **Tuesday, 9th October** at 12.00pm in the Community Centre. For planning purposes, kindly let Jean Le Huray (Tel. 255207) know you are coming before that date. £6.50 for an excellent meal.



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*Please join us for refreshments 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**
To Tony or email akaines@cwgsy.net