



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen



Sunday 9th September 2018

## The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 18)

### Services Today

**9.30am** Said Mass with Family Ministry  
**Hymns:** 378: S.5

**11.00am** Sung Mass with Sermon  
**Hymns:** 334: 378: 376: 466

### 707 Trinity 15

**Introit** Bow down, O Lord, thine ear to me, and hear me: O my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee; have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I have called daily upon thee.

**Psalm** Comfort the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. Glory be ...

**Gradual** It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord: and to sing praises unto thy Name, O most Highest. *V.* To tell of thy loving-kindness early in the morning: and of thy truth in the night season.

**Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. *V.* It is the spirit that quickeneth: the flesh profiteth nothing. Alleluia.

**Offertory** I waited patiently for the Lord, and he inclined unto me: he heard my calling, and hath put a new song in my mouth, even a thanksgiving unto our God.

**Communion** The earth, O Lord, is filled with the fruit of thy works: that thou mayest bring food out of the earth, and wine that maketh glad the heart of man. And oil to make him a cheerful countenance: and bread to strengthen man's heart.

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## Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit  
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:  
grant that your people may be fervent  
in the fellowship of the gospel  
that, always abiding in you,  
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;  
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 - Isaiah Ch35 v4-7a

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
'Be strong, do not fear!  
Here is your God.  
He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.  
He will come and save you.'  
<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
<sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

## New Testament Reading - James Ch2 v1-17

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?  
<sup>8</sup>You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.  
<sup>11</sup>For the one who said, 'You shall not commit adultery', also said, 'You shall not murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. <sup>12</sup>So speak and so act as those who are to be judged

by the law of liberty. <sup>13</sup>For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement.

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

## **Gospel - Mark Ch7 v24-37**

<sup>24</sup>Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, <sup>25</sup>but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

## **Post Communion**

Keep, O Lord, your Church,  
with your perpetual mercy;  
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,  
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,  
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;  
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 problems with drugs  
and Samantha Brehaut.

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

## Services This Week

**Monday 10th September 10.00am** 'Little Treasures' Toddlers' Group

**Tuesday 11th September 11.00am** Said Mass

**Wednesday 12th September 7.00pm** Said Mass

**Friday 14th September 7.00pm** Said Mass - **The Feast of the Holy Cross**

**Sunday 16th September**

**The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**9.30am** Said Mass & Family Ministry

**11.00am** Sung Mass with Sermon

**12.30pm** Baptism of Brodi Ian Stephen Smith



### **The Royal Air Forces Association Guernsey** present: **A TRIBUTE IN BRASS**

A concert with Guernsey Concert Brass  
and Bel Canto

Music to celebrate the Centenary of the  
formation of the RAF

in aid of the RAFA charity Wings Appeal.

**Saturday 15th September at 7.30pm.**

Parking at Ladies' College - Tickets £5 at the door.

The concert is sponsored by Lancaster Guernsey.



### **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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