



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen



Sunday 2nd September 2018

## The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 17)

### Services Today

**9.30am** Said Mass with Family Ministry  
**Hymns:** 285 (1st Tune): S.3 (sung twice)

**11.00am** Sung Mass with Sermon  
**Hymns:** 151 (Tune 238): 285 (2nd Tune): 341: 456

### 706 Trinity 14

**Introit** Behold, O God, our defender, and look upon the face of thine Anointed: for one day in thy courts is better than a thousand.

**Psalm** O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts: my soul hath a desire and a longing to enter into the courts of the Lord. Glory be ...

**Gradual** It is better to trust in the Lord: than to put any confidence in man. *V.* It is better to trust in the Lord: than to put any confidence in princes.

**Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. My Flesh is meat indeed, and my Blood is drink indeed: he that eateth my Flesh and drinketh my Blood, dwelleth in me and I in him. Alleluia.

**Offertory** The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them: O taste and see how gracious the Lord is.

**Communion** He that eateth my Flesh, and drinketh my Blood: dwelleth in me, and I in him.

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## Collect

Almighty God,  
whose only Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence:  
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
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 - Deuteronomy Ch4 v1-2 & 6-9

<sup>1</sup>So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

<sup>6</sup>You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' <sup>7</sup>For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him?

<sup>8</sup>And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

<sup>9</sup>But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

## New Testament Reading - James Ch1 v17-27

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness.

<sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.

<sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before

God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

### **Gospel – Mark Ch7 v1-8 & 14-15 & 21-23**

<sup>1</sup>When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honours me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;

<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines."

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.'

<sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

### **Post Communion**

Lord God, the source of truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in 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, Jaike and Glyn; for Melvyn Boxall;  
for Chris Bellinger; and for Samuel.

**The APCC will meet Friday 7th September at 7.30pm.**

## Services This Week

**Monday 3rd September 10.00am** 'Little Treasures' Toddlers' Group

**Tuesday 4th September 11.00am** Said Mass - Birinius, Bishop of Dorchester,  
Apostle of Wessex, 650

**Wednesday 5th September 7.00pm** Said Mass

**Friday 7th September 7.00pm** Said Mass

**Sunday 9th September**

**The Fifteenth 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, 12.00pm at St Stephen's Community Centre.

Menu - Cottage Pie or Vegetarian Option, Trifle £6.50

Please try to bring a friend, numbers to Jean by 2nd September.



### 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 the 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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