



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen



Sunday 23rd September 2018

## The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 20)

### Services Today

**9.30am** Family Service  
**Hymns:** 375: S.12

**11.00am** Sung Mass with Sermon  
**Hymns:** 332 (Omit\*): 333: 431: 377

### 709 Trinity 17

**Introit** Righteous art thou, O Lord, and true is thy judgement: deal with thy servant according unto thy merciful kindness.

**Psalm** Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way: and walk in the way of the Lord. Glory be ...

**Gradual** Blessed is the people whose God is the Lord: and blessed are the folk that he hath chosen to him to be his inheritance. *V.* By the Word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.

**Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. *V.* Hear my prayer, O Lord; and let my cry come unto thee. Alleluia.

**Offertory** I, Daniel, prayed unto the Lord my God, and said: Hear, O our God, the prayer of thy servant. Cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary: and behold, O God, this thy people, who are called by thy Name.

**Communion** Promise unto the Lord your God, and keep it: all ye that are round about him bring presents unto him that ought to be feared. He shall refrain the spirit of princes: and is wonderful among the kings of the earth.

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## Collect

Almighty God,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:  
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,  
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city  
where we shall see you face to face;  
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 - Wisdom Ch1 v16-Ch2 v1, 12-22

<sup>16</sup> But the ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death;  
considering him a friend, they pined away  
and made a covenant with him,  
because they are fit to belong to his company.

<sup>2</sup> For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves,  
'Short and sorrowful is our life,  
and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end,  
and no one has been known to return from Hades.

<sup>12</sup> 'Let us lie in wait for the righteous man,  
because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions;  
he reproaches us for sins against the law,  
and accuses us of sins against our training.

<sup>13</sup> He professes to have knowledge of God,  
and calls himself a child of the Lord.

<sup>14</sup> He became to us a reproof of our thoughts;

<sup>15</sup> the very sight of him is a burden to us,  
because his manner of life is unlike that of others,  
and his ways are strange.

<sup>16</sup> We are considered by him as something base,  
and he avoids our ways as unclean;  
he calls the last end of the righteous happy,  
and boasts that God is his father.

<sup>17</sup> Let us see if his words are true,  
and let us test what will happen at the end of his life;

<sup>18</sup> for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him,  
and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.

<sup>19</sup> Let us test him with insult and torture,  
so that we may find out how gentle he is,  
and make trial of his forbearance.

<sup>20</sup> Let us condemn him to a shameful death,  
for, according to what he says, he will be protected.'

<sup>21</sup> Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray,  
for their wickedness blinded them,

<sup>22</sup> and they did not know the secret purposes of God,  
nor hoped for the wages of holiness,  
nor discerned the prize for blameless souls;

### **New Testament Reading - James Ch3 v13-Ch4 v3, 7-8a**

<sup>13</sup> Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

<sup>1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

<sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

### **Gospel - Mark Ch9 v30-37**

<sup>30</sup> They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup> Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

### **Post Communion**

Lord, we pray that your grace  
may always precede and follow us,  
and make us continually to be given to all good works;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Services This Week

**Monday 24th September 10.00am** 'Little Treasures' Toddlers' Group

**Tuesday 25th September 11.00am** Said Mass - Lancelot Andrewes,  
Bishop of Winchester, Spiritual Writer, 1626

**Wednesday 26th September 7.00pm** Said Mass - Wilson Carlisle,  
Founder of the Church Army, 1942

**Friday 28th September 7.00pm** Said Mass

**Sunday 30th September**  
**The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
**Harvest Sunday**

**10.30am** Sung Mass with Sermon

**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, Jaike and Glyn;  
for Melvyn Boxall;  
for Chris Bellinger; and for Samuel.

**Dedication Festival Lunch**

**Sunday 7th October after the combined 10.30am Mass**

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

**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.

**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 Dragun 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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