



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 7th October 2018

The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity Dedication Festival

Services Today

10.30am Sung Mass with Sermon
Hymns C.13: 205: 471: 208 (kneeling): 206

716 Dedication Festival

Introit O how dreadful is this place! this is the house of God, and gate of heaven: and men shall call it the palace of God.

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

Gradual This dwelling is God's handy-work: it is a mystery beyond all price, that cannot be spoken against. *V.* O God, in whose presence the choirs of Angels are standing: graciously hear the prayers of thy servants.

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. *V.* The house of God is surely founded: Stablished upon the rock. Alleluia.

Offertory O Lord God, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now I have seen with joy thy people which are present here. O Lord God of Israel, keep for ever this imagination: of the heart of thy people.

Communion My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer, saith the Lord: In it every one that asketh receiveth, and he that seeketh findeth. And to him that knocketh: it shall be opened.

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Collect

Almighty God,
to whose glory we celebrate the dedication
of this house of prayer:
we praise you for the many blessings
you have given to those who worship you here:
and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you,
and, being filled with the Holy Spirit,
may become a living temple acceptable to you;
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 - Genesis Ch28 v11-18

¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹²And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³And the LORD stood beside him and said, 'I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' ¹⁶Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!' ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

¹⁸ So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it.

New Testament Reading - 1 Peter Ch2 v1-10

¹Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. ²Like new-born infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner',
⁸and

'A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

¹⁰Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Gospel - John Ch10 v22-29

²²The festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' ²⁵Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand.

Post Communion

Father in heaven,
whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace,
an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem:
grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage
that, fed with the living bread of heaven,
and united in the body of your Son,
we may be the temple of your presence,
the place of your glory on earth,
and a sign of your peace in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please remember in your prayers

Judy Bobbitt, Hazel Greany, Alisha De Guerin, Christine Shaw,
Tony Renouf, David Le Lievre, a young man recovering from drugs,
Lyn Trieschmann and Samantha Brehaut
Please pray also for Michele, Jaike and Glyn; for Melvyn Boxall;
for Chris Bellinger; and for Samuel.

Pray also for the soul of Joyce Craske
May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Services This Week

Monday 8th October 10.00am 'Little Treasures' Toddlers' Group

Tuesday 9th October 11.00am Said Mass - Robert Grosseteste,
Bishop of Lincoln, Philosopher, Scientist, 1253

Wednesday 10th October 7.00pm Said Mass - Paulinus, Bishop of York,
Missionary, 644

Friday 12th October 7.00pm - Wilfrid of Ripon, Bishop, Missionary, 709

Sunday 14th October

The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Said Mass & Family Ministry

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon



Friendship Lunch

Tuesday 9th October 12.00pm
at St Stephen's Community Centre

£6.50

Please try to bring a friend.

Numbers to Jean Le Huray (Tel 255207) **TODAY**

Quiz Night

Saturday 13th October

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.**

Please 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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