



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 18th November 2018
Second Sunday Before Advent

Services Today

9.30am Said Mass with Family Ministry
Hymns: 443: 339

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon
Hymns: 339: 333: Anthem: 443

752 The Second Sunday Before Advent

Introit Forsake me not, O Lord my God, be not thou far from me: Haste thee to help me, O Lord God of my salvation.

Psalm Put me not to rebuke, O Lord, in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy heavenly displeasure. Glory be...

Gradual We have waited, O God, for thy loving-kindness in the midst of thy temple: According to thy name, O Lord, so is thy praise unto the world's end. *V.* Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of our God, even upon the holy hill.

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. *V.* By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth. Alleluia.

Offertory Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who satisfieth thy mouth with good things: making thee young and lusty as an eagle.

Communion Thou shalt shew me the path of life: in thy presence, O Lord, is the fullness of joy.

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Collect

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him
in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading - Daniel Ch12 v1-3

¹At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

New Testament Reading - Hebrews Ch10 v11-14 & v19-25

¹¹And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', ¹³and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Gospel - Mark Ch13 v1-8

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' ²Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.'

Post Communion

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Please remember in your prayers

Judy Bobbitt, Tony Renouf, David Le Lievre,
Hazel Greany, a young man recovering from a problem with drugs,
Brenda & John Penfold, Rose, Daphne Swann, Lyn Trieschmann
and Samantha Brehaut.

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

Sale of used stamps

Thank you to everyone who contributes them;
we have raised another £50 for Church funds.
Please keep them coming and tell everyone you know
(friends, family, work, businesses) to save them for us;
the more we get the more money we make.
A big thank-you to Steph for her fundraising efforts.

A Date for the Diary

St Stephen's Christmas Stocking
2.30pm 16th December in Church

A service for young and old leading up to Christmas.

Services This Week

Monday 19th November 10.00am 'Little Treasures' Toddlers' Group

Tuesday 20th November 11.00am Said Mass - Edmund, King of the East Angles, Martyr, 870

Wednesday 21th November 7.00pm - Drawing Near to God, Week 5 – followed by Compline at 8.00pm

Friday 23rd November 7.00pm Said Mass - Clement, Bishop of Rome, Martyr, c100

Saturday 24th November 4.00pm **Taizé Service**

Sunday 25th November
The Feast of Christ the King
The Sunday Next Before Advent
9.30am Family Service
11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon



Taizé Service

Saturday 24th November 4.00pm
'When the King Comes'



CHOCOHOLICS

This is an easy way to support St. Stephen's Church and get lovely gifts for family, friends, school teachers, colleagues. Some Church members have bought items to go to the Welfare collections for families in need over Christmas.

This is a good way to help support people worse off than ourselves and also support the Church. Please ask Steph for a brochure, and don't leave it too long as items sell out.

St. Stephen's Players

present Cinderella from the **8th - 15th December 7.30pm**

Get your tickets at www.ststephensplayers.com

Come along and support us, as we are moving into our 60th year on March 29th 2019. Watch this space for our Diamond Anniversary celebrations.

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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