



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 2nd December 2018  
The First Sunday of Advent



## Services Today

<b>9.30am</b>	Said Mass with Family Ministry
<b>Hymns:</b>	<b>9: S.29</b>
<b>11.00am</b>	Sung Mass with Sermon
<b>Hymns:</b>	<b>5: 9: 15: 3 (second tune)</b>

### AT THE LIGHTING OF THE FIRST PURPLE ADVENT CANDLE

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors,  
to you be praise and glory for ever!  
You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith  
and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment.  
May we be obedient to your call  
and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ  
a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;  
for you are our light and our salvation.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,  
born in David's city of Bethlehem,  
born like him to be a King:  
Be born in our hearts this Christmas-tide,  
be King of our lives today. Amen.**

#### **657 Ad te levavi**

**Introit** Unto thee, O Lord, lift I up my soul; O my God, in thee have I trusted, let me not be confounded: neither let mine enemies triumph over me; for all they that look for thee shall not be ashamed.

**Psalm** Shew me thy ways, O Lord: and teach me thy paths. Glory be to the Father...

**Gradual** For all they that look for thee: shall not be ashamed, O Lord. Make known to me thy ways, O Lord: and teach me thy paths.

**Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. Shew us thy mercy, O Lord: and grant us thy salvation. Alleluia.

**Offertory** Unto thee, O Lord, lift I up my soul; O my God, in thee have I trusted, let me not be confounded: neither let mine enemies triumph over me; for all they that look for thee shall not be ashamed.

**Communion** The Lord shall shew loving kindness: and our land shall give her increase.

*A reminder that during Advent we do not sing the Gloria,  
so please remain kneeling after the Kyries for the Collect.*

## **Collect**

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever

## **Old Testament Reading - Jeremiah Ch33 v14 - 16**

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

## **New Testament Reading - 1 Thessalonians Ch3 v9 - 13**

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

## **Gospel - Luke Ch21 v25 - 36**

Jesus said to his disciples, <sup>25</sup>There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take

place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

### **Post Communion**

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **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.

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

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<http://st-stephens-guernsey.org>

## Services This Week

**Monday 3rd December 10.00am** - 'Little Treasures' Toddlers' Group  
**1.30-2.30pm** - Little Learners' Carol Service

**Tuesday 4th December 11:00am** - Said Mass BCP - John of Damascus,  
Monk, Teacher, c. 749

**Wednesday 5th December 7.00pm**

**Friday 7th December 7.00pm** - **The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
(transferred from 8th December)  
Said Mass with the participation  
of Cantores Coutances

**Sunday 9th December**

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## St Stephen's Christmas Stocking



*An Afternoon of carols and Christmas  
entertainment by various groups in our church  
community including the Guides, Scouts, Brownies,  
Choir and Church Members.  
Refreshments afterwards.*



### Friendship Lunch

**Tuesday 4th December** at 12.00pm in  
the St Stephen's Community Centre.

Please let Jean Le Huray know if you  
are coming (Tel 255207).  
Tickets £6.50 per person.

### Cakes needed!

for the coffee morning on  
**8th December**,  
to raise money for the  
William Morris windows.

Please speak to  
David and Barbara Amory  
(Tel 235240) if you can help.

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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