

Services This Week

Monday 31st December 10.00am 'Little Treasures' Toddlers' Group

Tuesday 1st January 11.00am Said Mass BCP -
The Festival of the Naming and
Circumcision of Jesus

Wednesday 2nd January 7.00pm Said Mass - Basil & Gregory, Bishops,
379 and 389

Friday 4th January 7.00pm Said Mass

Sunday 6th January 2019

The Feast of the Epiphany

9.30am Said Mass with Family Ministry

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon and Procession



Friendship Lunch

Tuesday 8th January 12.00pm

in the Community Centre.

Please let Jean know (Tel 255207)
if you are going.

Stay in touch with St Stephen's: visit our website at
<http://st-stephens-guernsey.org>

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**
To Tony or email akaines@cwgsy.net



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 30th December 2018

The First Sunday of Christmas

Services Today

9.30am Said Mass with Family Ministry
Hymns: 25: 22

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon & Procession
Hymns: 37: 25: 23: 39

Christmas 1 - Prayers at the Crib

Let us pray:

Holy Jesus, to deliver us from the power of darkness

you humbled yourself to be born among us and laid in a manger.

Let the light of your love always shine in our hearts, and bring us at last to the joyful vision of your beauty, for you are now alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Christmas 1 – End of Procession

∇ The glory of the Lord shall be revealed

℞ And all mankind shall see it.

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love; gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

667 Sunday after Christmas (The First Sunday of Christmas)

Introit When as all the world was in profoundest quietness, and night was in the midst of her swift course: Thine almighty word, O Lord, leaped down from heaven out of thy royal throne.

Psalm The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel: the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength. Glory be to the Father...

Gradual Thou art fairer than the children of men: full of grace are thy lips. ∇. My heart is inditing of a good matter; I speak of the things which I have made unto the King: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. ∇. The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel: The Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength. 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 O Lord our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world.

Collect

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
though your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so may we share the life of his divinity:
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever .

Old Testament Reading - 1 Samuel Ch2 v18 - 20 & 26

¹⁸Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD'; and then they would return to their home.

²⁶Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the LORD and with the people.

New Testament Reading - Colossians Ch3 v12 - 17

¹²As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel - Luke Ch2 v41 - 52

⁴¹Every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been

searching for you in great anxiety.' ⁴⁹He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Post Communion

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth
the life of an earthly home:
help your church to live as one family.
united in love and obedience ,
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;
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 Penfold, Rose, Daphne Swann, Lyn Trieschmann and
Samantha Brehaut.
Pray for Michele, Jaike and Glyn; for Melvyn Boxall;
for Chris Bellinger; and for Samuel.