



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 27th January 2019

The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

9.30am Family Service
Hymns MP 457: MP151

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon
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671 Epiphany 3 (The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany)

Introit All ye angels of God, fall down and worship before him: Syon heard, and was exceeding joyful and the daughters of Juda were glad.

Psalm The Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof: Yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof. Glory be...

Gradual The heathen shall fear thy Name, O Lord: and all the kings of the earth thy majesty. *V.* When the Lord shall build up Syon: and when his glory shall appear.

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleuia. *V.* The Lord is King, and earth may be glad thereof: yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof. Alleuia.

Offertory The right hand of the Lord hath pre-eminence; the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass: I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

Communion Go, eat fat meat, and drink sweet wine, and send portions to them that have not prepared for themselves: because it is the holy day of the Lord, and be not sad: for the joy of the Lord is our strength.

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Collect

God our creator,
who in the beginning
commanded the light to shine out of darkness:
we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief,
shine into the hearts of all your people,
and reveal the knowledge of your glory
 in the face of 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 - Nehemiah Ch8 v1-3, 5-6, 8-10

¹All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.'

New Testament Reading - 1 Corinthians Ch12 v12-31a

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a

part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But strive for the greater gifts.

Gospel - Luke Ch4 v14-21

¹⁴Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

Post Communion

Generous Lord,
in word and eucharist we have proclaimed
the mystery of your love:
help us so to live out our days
that we may be signs of your wonders in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Services This Week

Monday 28th January 10.00am 'Little Treasures' Toddlers' Group

Tuesday 29th January 11.00am Mass - BCP

Wednesday 30th January 7.00pm Mass - Charles - King and Martyr, 1649

Friday 1st February 7.00pm Mass - Brigid - Abbess, c525

Sunday 3rd February

The Fifth Sunday Before Lent

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple—Candlemas

9.30am Said Mass with Family Ministry

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon

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, Val Moullin, Rose, Daphne Swann,
and Lyn Trieschmann.

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

Social Events Committee Meeting

There will be a Social Events Committee Meeting on

Tuesday 29th January at 9.30am in the Vestry.

All are welcome to attend.



Friendship Lunch

The next Friendship Lunch will be held on

Tuesday 12th February at 12.00pm.

Please contact Jean Le Huray (Tel 255207)
to reserve your place.

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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