



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 24th March 2019

The Third Sunday of Lent

10.30am Sung Mass with Sermon
Hymns: 63: 374: 282: 73

678 Lent 3 (The Third Sunday of Lent)

Introit Mine eyes are ever looking unto the Lord, for he shall pluck my feet out of the net: look thou upon me, and have mercy upon me, for I am desolate, and in misery.

Psalm Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul: my God, in thee have I trusted, let me not be confounded. Glory be...

Gradual Up, Lord, and let not man have the upper hand: let the heathen be judged in thy sight. *V.* While mine enemies are driven back: they shall fall and perish at thy presence.

Tract Unto thee lift I up mine eyes: O thou that dwelleth in the heavens. *V.* Behold, even as the eyes of servants: look unto the hand of their masters. *V.* And as the eyes of a maiden: unto the hand of her mistress. *V.* Even so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God: until he have mercy upon us. *V.* Have mercy upon us, O Lord: have mercy upon us.

Offertory The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart: sweeter also than the honey and the honeycomb; moreover by them is thy servant taught.

Communion The sparrow has found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be always praising thee.

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Collect

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy
but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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 - Isaiah Ch55 v1-9

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
³Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.
⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
⁷let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

New Testament Reading - 1 Corinthians Ch10 v1-13

¹I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into

Moses in the cloud and in the sea,³ and all ate the same spiritual food,⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ.⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

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Gospel - Luke Ch13 v1-9

¹There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?' ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?' ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

⁶Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" ⁸He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."'

Post Communion

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you,
the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Services This Week

Monday 25th March 10.00am 'Little Treasures' Toddlers' Group

Tuesday 26th March 11.00am Mass - BCP

Wednesday 27th March 7.00pm Mass - **The Feast of the Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary (transferred from 25th March)**

Thursday 28th March 11.30am Meeting of the Divine Healing Order of Mary

Friday 29th March 7.00pm Mass Cancelled

**7.30pm St Stephen's Players Diamond Anniversary
Variety Show at the Community Centre**

Sunday 31st March

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mothering Sunday and Laetare Sunday

10.30am Sung Mass with Sermon

followed by reception in honour of John and Hazel Greany's
60th wedding anniversary

Please remember in your prayers

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

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



LECTURE

'William Morris, the Traveller'

Based on new, original research and given by
Martin Stott

Former Chair, Board of Trustees The William Morris Society
Saturday 30th March 2019 at 3.00pm In Church

A Concert by Vox Humana

a chamber choir from Jersey
(conducted by Stephen Kemp).

Travel from Epiphany.....

.....to Passiontide, in words and music.

A contemplative concert for Lent.

Featuring music from the 16th to the 20th century.

**St Stephen's Church Saturday 6th April
at 6.00pm.**



Please join us for refreshments:

- *in the Vestry after the 10.30am Mass*

Deadline for notices for next bulletin – **6.00pm Thursday**

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