



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 12th May 2019

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

**Alleluia - Christ is Risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Services Today

9.30am Said Mass with Hymns and Sermon
Hymns: 457: S11

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon
Hymns: 457: 107: 282: 114

12.30pm Baptism of Armarni-Rose and Toby Riley

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Introit The loving-kindness of the Lord filleth the whole world, alleluia. By the word of the Lord the heavens were stablished, alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; for it becometh well the just to be thankful. Glory be...

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. *V.* The Lord hath sent redemption unto his people. Alleluia. *V.* I am the good Shepherd: and know my sheep and am known of mine. Alleluia.

Offertory O God, thou art my God, early will I seek thee: and lift up my hands in thy Name, alleluia.

Communion I am the good Shepherd, alleluia: and know my sheep, and am known of mine, alleluia, alleluia.

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Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First Reading - Acts Ch9 v36-43

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Second Reading - Revelation Ch7 v9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, ¹²singing,

'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' ¹⁴I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
¹⁷for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Gospel - John 10 v22-30

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.'
²⁵Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one.'

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Services This Week

Monday 13th May 10.00am 'Little Treasures' Toddlers' Group
Tuesday 14th May 11.00am Mass - BCP
Wednesday 15th May 7.00pm Mass
Friday 17th May 7.00pm Mass

Sunday 19th May
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
9.30am Said Mass with Family Ministry
11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon
12.30pm Baptism of Olivia Una Mollet



**29th May 'William Morris,
Edward Burne-Jones and
Pre-Raphaelite stained glass'**

7.30pm An illustrated lecture by Adrian Barlow highlighting the influence of G.F. Bodley on William Morris in the context of St. Stephen's and other churches where they worked closely together in the 1860s.



The next Friendship Lunch will be on
Tuesday 14th May at 12.00pm
at St Stephen's Community Centre.

Menu:
Roast Chicken /Vegetarian Option
Apple Pie

Please contact Jean Le Huray **TODAY** to book.
Tel 255207

Farm Visit on Rogation Sunday

There are 20 places for this visit to Meadow Court Farm in St Andrew's on
Sunday May 26th at 3.00pm details of which are in the magazine.
Please give your name to Ann Goss or Eileen Samman if you would like to go.

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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