



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen



Sunday 18th August 2019

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

(Proper 14)

Services Today

9.30am Said Mass with Family Ministry
Hymns: 134 : MP790

100am Sung Mass with Sermon
Hymns: 232 : 296 (1st Tune) : 416 (2nd Tune) : 359 (Tune 322)

Ecce Deus 701

When I called upon the Lord, he regarded my petition; yea, from the battle that was against me: and he hath brought them down, even he that is of old, and endureth for ever; O cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall nourish thee.

Psalm Hear my prayer, O Lord, and hide not thyself from my petition: take heed unto me, and hear me. Glory be...and to the Holy Ghost. As it was ...and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Gradual O Lord, our Governor: how excellent is thy Name in all the world. ✠
Thou hast set thy glory: above the heavens.

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. ✠ Thou, O God, art praised in Syon: and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem. 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 sparrow hath 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,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy 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 - Jeremiah Ch23 v23-29

²³'Am I a God near by', says the LORD, 'and not a God far off?' ²⁴'Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them?' says the LORD. 'Do I not fill heaven and earth?' says the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat?' says the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire', says the LORD, 'and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?'

New Testament Reading - Hebrews Ch11 v29 - Ch12 v2

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— ³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— ³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

¹² ¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,* and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,² looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of³ the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Gospel - Luke Ch12 v49-56

⁴⁹ ⁴I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptised, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?'

Post Communion

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world

where you reveal the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please remember in your prayers

Judy Bobbitt, Tony Renouf, David Le Lievre,
Hazel Greany, Brenda Penfold, Alisha De Guerin, Fr Marc Trickey,
a young man recovering from a problem with drugs,
Rose, Daphne Swann, Barbara Winter,
Melvyn Boxall, Chris Bellinger and Janice Firth.

Services This Week

Monday 19th August 10.00am 'Little Treasures' Toddlers' Group

Tuesday 20th August 11.00am Mass - BCP

Wednesday 21st August 7.00pm Mass

Friday 23rd August 7.00pm Mass

Sunday 25th August
The Tenth Sunday after Trinity
9.30am Family Service
11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon



The Swinging Statins

Friday September 13th 7.30pm in Church.

A group of Guernsey's most experienced and accomplished instrumentalists playing Traditional and Dixie Jazz and foot-tapping melodies from the likes of Acker Bilk and Kenny Ball.

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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