



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 29th September 2019

Harvest Festival

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity



Services Today

9.30am	Family Service and baptism of Billy and Sophie Buxton
Hymns:	MP532 : S.52
11.00am	Sung Mass with Sermon
Hymns:	259 : 262 : 260 : 265

707 *Inclina, Domine*

Introit Bow down, O Lord, thine ear to me, and hear me: O my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee; have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I have called daily upon thee.

Psalm Comfort the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. Glory be to the Father...

Gradual It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord: and to sing praises unto thy Name, O most Highest. \forall To tell of thy loving-kindness early in the morning: and of thy truth in the night season.

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. \forall For the Lord is a great God: and a great King over all the earth. Alleluia.

Offertory I waited patiently for the Lord, and he inclined unto me: he heard my calling, and hath put a new song in my mouth, even a thanksgiving unto our God.

Communion The earth, O Lord, is filled with the fruit of thy works: that thou mayest bring food out of the earth, and wine that maketh glad the heart of man.

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<http://st-stephens-guernsey.org>

Collect

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
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 – Deuteronomy 26. 1-11

²⁶When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, ⁷we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

New Testament Reading – Philippians 4. 4-9

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel – John 6. 25-35

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, ‘Rabbi, when did you come here?’ ²⁶Jesus answered them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.’ ²⁸Then they said to him, ‘What must we do to perform the works of God?’ ²⁹Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.’ ³⁰So they said to him, ‘What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?’ ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, “He gave them bread from heaven to eat.”’ ³²Then Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ ³⁴They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’

³⁵Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’

Post Communion

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving
for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
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,
Anthony De La Mare, Joan Van Der Teng,
a young man recovering from a problem with drugs,
a woman battling with alcoholism,
Rose, Daphne Swann, Barbara Winter,
Melvyn Boxall, Chris Bellinger and Janice Firth.

Services This Week

Monday 30th September 10.00am [Little Treasures Toddlers' Group](#)

Tuesday 1st October 11.00am Mass - BCP

Wednesday 2nd October 7.00pm Mass

Friday 4th October 7.00pm Mass

Sunday 6th October

Dedication Festival

10.30am Sung Mass with Sermon

12.00pm Dedication Lunch

Dedication Lunch

6th October 12.00pm

Don't forget to contact Jean Le Huray (Tel: 255207)

or Ann Goss **TODAY**

if you are coming to the Dedication Lunch.

Help Required

We will be cleaning the silver at

9.30 am Monday 30th September

and cleaning the church at

9.30am Wednesday 2nd October

If you could spare some time to help prepare the church for Dedication it would be much appreciated.

Gift Month

As usual October will be our Gift Month.

Envelopes for your contributions will be in the October magazine or on the black chest at the back of church.

Many thanks for your continuing support.

Please join us for refreshments:

- *at the back of church 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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