



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 22nd September 2019

The Feast of St Matthew the Apostle *(transferred from 21st September)*



Services Today

9.30am Said Mass with Family Ministry
Hymns: 189 : S.31

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon
Hymns: 189 : 214 : 406 : 456

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Introit Right dear, O God, are thy friends unto me, and held in highest honour: their rule and governance is exceeding fast.

Psalm O Lord, thou hast searched me out, and known me: thou knowest my down-sitting, and mine uprising. Glory be..

Gradual Thou shalt make them princes in all lands: They shall remember thy Name, O Lord. √. Instead of thy fathers thou shalt have children: therefore shall the people give thanks unto thee.

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. √ The glorious company of the Apostles: praise thee, O God. Alleluia.

Offertory How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God; O how great is the sum of them! If I tell them, they are more in number than the sand: when I wake up, I am present with thee.

Communion Ye which have followed me shall sit upon twelve thrones: judging the tribes of Israel.

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

Collect

O Almighty God,
whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector
to be an apostle and evangelist:
give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain
and the possessive love of riches
that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading - Proverbs Ch3 v13-18

¹³Happy are those who find wisdom,
and those who get understanding,
¹⁴for her income is better than silver,
and her revenue better than gold.
¹⁵She is more precious than jewels,
and nothing you desire can compare with her.
¹⁶Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honour.
¹⁷Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her paths are peace.
¹⁸She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;
those who hold her fast are called happy.

New Testament Reading - 2 Corinthians Ch4 v1-6

¹Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Gospel - Matthew Ch9 v9-13

⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?'

¹²But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

Post Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and in the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in 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,
Fr Marc Trickey, Joan Van Der Tang,
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.

Help required prior to our Dedication Festival

We will be cleaning the silver at

9.30am on Monday 30th September

and cleaning the church at

9.30am on Wednesday 2nd October.

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

Donations of food at the Harvest Festival

will be given to the **Guernsey Welfare Service.**

They have asked for:

tins of sweetcorn, peas, carrots and potatoes

squash

small jars of coffee

small packets of sugar

meat products like tuna, ham, fry Bentos pies, hotdogs

pasta sauces

tins of fruit and rice pudding

Marmite and strawberry jam

Many thanks!

Services This Week

Monday 23rd September 10.00am Little Treasures Toddlers' Group

Tuesday 24th September 11.00am Mass - BCP

Wednesday 25th September 7.00pm Mass

Thursday 26th September 11.30am Meeting of The Divine Healing Order of Mary

Friday 27th September 7.00pm Mass

Sunday 29th September

Harvest Festival

9.30am Family Service *with the baptism of Billy and Sophie Buxton*

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon

Please note that Messy Church, scheduled for the afternoon of 29th September, has been postponed to another date.

'Seven lamps, a few bills, and a kidnap'

2.00-3.30pm today

A walking tour of the history of the immediate area around St Stephen's Church and its architecture.

Contact Rosalyn Le Huray for details (Tel: 07781 127263).

September Showcase

4.00pm Saturday 28th September

at St Stephen's Church.

Featuring pupils of Katie Gough, musicians of all ages and abilities, playing the piano, saxophone, clarinet, violin and flute.

A thank-you to our Dean

We are very grateful to The Very Revd Tim Barker,
the Dean of Guernsey,
for taking our services today.

Dedication Lunch - 6th October - 12.00pm

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

or Ann Goss by **Sunday 29th September**

if you are coming to the Dedication Lunch.

Tickets are £6 per person; children (over 5) are half price;
children under 5 years of age are free.

Please join us for refreshments today
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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