



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 6th October 2019

## Dedication Festival

### Services Today

**10.30am** Sung Mass with Sermon  
**Hymns:** C13 : 205 : 471 : 208 (Kneeling) : 206

#### *At the beginning of the procession*

Let us proceed in peace.

**In the name of Christ, Amen.**

#### *At the end of the procession*

Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house.

**They will be always praising Thee.**

### **716 Dedication of a Church**

**Introit** O how dreadful is this place! this is the house of God, and gate of heaven: and men shall call it the palace of God, alleluia, alleluia.

**Psalm** O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts: my soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord. Glory be ...

**Gradual** This dwelling is God's handy-work: it is a mystery beyond all price, that cannot be spoken against. *V.* O God, in whose presence the choirs of Angels are standing: graciously hear the prayers of thy servants.

**Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. *V.* The house of God is surely founded: Stablished upon the rock. Alleluia.

**Offertory** O Lord God, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now I have seen with joy thy people which are present here. O Lord God of Israel, keep for ever this imagination: of the heart of thy people.

**Communion** My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer, saith the Lord: In it every one that asketh receiveth, and he that seeketh findeth. And to him that knocketh: it shall be opened.

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## Collect

Almighty God,  
to whose glory we celebrate the dedication  
of this house of prayer:  
we praise you for the many blessings  
you have given to those who worship you here:  
and we pray that all who seek you in this place  
may find you,  
and, being filled with the Holy Spirit,  
may become a living temple acceptable to you;  
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 – 1 Chronicles 29 v6-19

<sup>6</sup>Then the leaders of ancestral houses made their freewill-offerings, as did also the leaders of the tribes, the commanders of the thousands and of the hundreds, and the officers over the king's work. <sup>7</sup>They gave for the service of the house of God five thousand talents and ten thousand darics of gold, ten thousand talents of silver, eighteen thousand talents of bronze, and one hundred thousand talents of iron. <sup>8</sup>Whoever had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of the Lord, into the care of Jehiel the Gershonite. <sup>9</sup>Then the people rejoiced because these had given willingly, for with single mind they had offered freely to the Lord; King David also rejoiced greatly.

<sup>10</sup>Then David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly; David said: 'Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, for ever and ever. <sup>11</sup>Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. <sup>12</sup>Riches and honour come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. <sup>13</sup>And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name.

<sup>14</sup>But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to make this freewill-offering? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. <sup>15</sup>For we are aliens and transients before you, as were all our ancestors; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope. <sup>16</sup>O Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. <sup>17</sup>I know, my God, that you search the heart, and take pleasure in uprightness; in the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you. <sup>18</sup>O Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our ancestors, keep for ever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts towards you. <sup>19</sup>Grant to my son Solomon that with single mind he may keep your commandments, your decrees, and your statutes, performing all of them, and that he may build the temple for which I have made provision.'

## **New Testament Reading – Ephesians 2 v19-22**

<sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. <sup>21</sup>In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; <sup>22</sup>in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

## **Gospel – John 2 v13-22**

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

## **Post Communion**

Father in heaven,  
whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace,  
an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem:  
grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage  
that, fed with the living bread of heaven,  
and united in the body of your Son,  
we may be the temple of your presence,  
the place of your glory on earth,  
and a sign of your peace in the world;  
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 7th October 10.00am Little Treasures Toddlers' Group

Tuesday 8th October 11.00am Mass - BCP

Wednesday 9th October 7.00pm Mass

Friday 11th October 7.00pm Mass

**Sunday 13th October**

**The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

**9.30am** Said Mass with Family Ministry

**11.00am** Sung Mass with Sermon

### Gift Month

As usual October will be our Gift Month.  
Envelopes for your contributions are in the October magazine  
or on the black chest at the back of church.  
Many thanks for your continuing support.



The next **Friendship Lunch** will be on  
**Tuesday 15th October at 12.30pm**  
**in the Community Centre.**

**Menu: £6.50**

Cottage pie or Veggie Pie  
Bakewell Tart and Custard

Please contact Jean Le Huray on **255207**

### Thank You

Many thanks to all who helped to clean the silver and the church  
for our Dedication Festival.

### Save the Date!

**Saturday 19th October 2019 at 3.00pm**

Re-dedication of the William Morris windows by Bishop Trevor Willmott  
followed by a reception in the Community Centre.

**All are invited.**

Please join us for refreshments:

- **in the Vestry after the 10.30am 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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