



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 24th November 2019

## The Feast of Christ the King The Sunday next before Advent

### Services Today

**9.30am** Family Service

**Hymns:** S.23 : MP457

**11.00am** Sung Mass with Sermon and Procession

**Hymns:** 332 : 352 : 282 : S.23

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

∇ Let us proceed in peace.

℞ **In the name of Christ, Amen.**

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

∇ The King is in majesty

℞ **We will worship his name.**

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Feast of Christ the King**

**Introit** Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honour. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.

**Psalms** Give the King thy judgements, O God: and thy righteousness unto the King's son. Glory be...

**Gradual** His dominion shall be also from one sea to the other, and from the river unto the world's end.

∇. All kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall do him service.

**Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. ∇. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away; and a kingdom that which shall not be destroyed. Alleluia.

**Offertory** Desire of me, and I shall give thee the nations for thine inheritance; and the utmost parts of the earth for thy possession.

**Communion** The Lord remaineth a king for ever: the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

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## Collect

Eternal Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King;  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;  
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 v1-6

<sup>1</sup>Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!' says the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: 'It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings,' says the LORD. <sup>3</sup>'Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing,' says the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>'The days are surely coming,' says the LORD, 'when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

## New Testament Reading - Colossians Ch1 v11-20

<sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

## **Gospel - Luke Ch23 v33-43**

<sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?' <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' <sup>42</sup>Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' <sup>43</sup>Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

### **Post Communion**

Stir up, O Lord,  
the wills of your faithful people;  
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,  
may by you be plenteously rewarded;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Please remember in your prayers**

Judy Bobbitt, Tony Renouf, Hazel and John Greany,  
Brenda Penfold, Alisha De Guerin, Andy Mauger,  
Jill Stephenson, Rupert Bett, Anthony De La Mare,  
a woman battling with alcoholism,  
Bridget, Daphne Swann, Barbara Winter,  
Melvyn Boxall, Chris Bellinger and Janice Firth.

### ***A huge vote of thanks***

to all who made  
'Soups, songs and stalls' such a success.  
Currently, more than £900 was raised.  
The event was well attended and  
a good time was had by all.

## Services This Week

Monday 25th November 10.00am Little Treasures Toddlers' Group

Tuesday 26th November 11.00am Mass - BCP

Wednesday 27th November 7.00pm Mass

**Sunday 1st December**

**The First Sunday of Advent**

9.30am Said Mass with Family Ministry

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon

2.00-4.00pm Christmas Messy Church in Church and Vestry



**Christmas Messy Church**

**Sunday 1st December 2019**

2.00-4.00pm in Church and Vestry

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### Guernsey Welfare

In addition to the normal groceries welfare would appreciate as early as possible for Christmas delivery

- Tubs and boxes of chocolates
- Selection boxes
- Stocking filler chocolates
- Boxes of Christmas biscuits
- Crisps, twiglets, cheeselets etc.
- Bottles of Shloer or similar
- Packets of stuffing mix
- Gravy granules
- Pickles and sauces



### St Stephen's Christmas Stocking

**Sunday 15th December 2.30pm**

Carols and entertainment by our 'St Stephen's Family'.

Refreshments afterwards

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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