



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

## Sunday 1st December 2019

### The First Sunday of Advent



**9.30am** Said Mass with Family Ministry  
**Hymns:** 9: S.29

**11.00am** Sung Mass with Sermon  
**Hymns:** 14: 9: 1: C.1

#### AT THE LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors,  
to you be praise and glory for ever!  
You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith  
and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment.  
May we be obedient to your call  
and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ  
a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;  
for you are our light and our salvation.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,  
born in David's city of Bethlehem,  
born like him to be a King:  
Be born in our hearts this Christmas-tide,  
be King of our lives today. Amen.**

#### **657 Ad te levani**

**Introit** 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.

**Psalm** Shew me thy ways, O Lord: and teach me thy paths. Glory be to the  
Father...

**Gradual** For all they that look for thee: shall not be ashamed, O Lord. √  
Make known to me thy ways, O Lord: and teach me thy paths.

**Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. √ Shew us thy mercy, O Lord: and grant us thy  
salvation. 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 Lord shall shew loving kindness: and our land shall give  
her increase.

*A reminder that during Advent we do not sing the Gloria,  
so please remain kneeling after the Kyries for the Collect.*

## **Collect**

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ  
    came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
    to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## **Old Testament Reading - Isaiah Ch2 v1-5**

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>In days to come  
    the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
    and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.

<sup>3</sup>Many peoples shall come and say,  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
    to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
    and that we may walk in his paths.'  
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
    and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations,  
    and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
    and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
    neither shall they learn war any more.

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob,  
    come, let us walk  
    in the light of the LORD!

## **New Testament Reading - Romans Ch13 v11-14**

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

## **Gospel - Matthew Ch24 v36-44**

<sup>36</sup>Jesus said to his disciples: 'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

## **Post Communion**

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
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, Janice Firth  
and Brother Anselm.

## Services This Week

**Monday 2nd December 10.00am** Little Treasures Toddlers' Group  
1.15pm Little Learners' Nativity Play

**Tuesday 3rd December 11.00am** Mass - BCP

**Wednesday 4th December 7.00pm** Mass

**Sunday 8th December**

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### Christmas Messy Church

2.00-4.00pm

in Church and Vestry

**TODAY**



### Chocolate orders

Remember that today is the **last day**  
to order chocolates  
See Steph after the service **TODAY**.



### St Stephen's Christmas Stocking

**Sunday 15th December 2.30pm**

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

### Christmas Message Board

Don't forget to put your Christmas Greetings  
on the Message Board at the back of Church.  
Fundraising for Home Start Guernsey.



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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