



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 8th December 2019
The Second Sunday of Advent



9.30am Said Mass with Family Ministry
Hymns: 7: MP 1261

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon
Hymns: 18: 10: 15: 5

AT THE LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, just and true,
to you be praise and glory for ever!

Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets
but in our days you speak through your Son
whom you have appointed the heir of all things.
Grant us your people to walk in his light
that we may be found ready and watching
when he comes again in glory and judgement;
for you are our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
the prophets said you would bring peace
and save your people in trouble:
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas-tide
and show all the world God's love. Amen**

658 Populus Sion

Introit O people of Sion, behold, the Lord is nigh at hand to redeem the nations: and in the gladness of your heart the Lord shall cause his glorious voice to be heard.

Psalms Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel: thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep. Glory be to the Father...

Gradual Out of Sion hath God appeared: in perfect beauty. Gather my saints together unto me: those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord. Alleluia.

Offertory Wilt not thou turn again, O God, and quicken us; that thy people may rejoice in thee: shew us thy mercy, O Lord; and grant us thy salvation.

Communion Jerusalem, haste thee, and stand on high: and behold the joy and gladness that cometh unto thee from God thy Saviour.

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading - Isaiah Ch11 v1-10

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

New Testament Reading - Romans Ch15 v4-13

⁴For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises

given to the patriarchs,⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

‘Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name’;
¹⁰and again he says,
‘Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people’;
¹¹and again,
‘Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him’;
¹²and again Isaiah says,
‘The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.’

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel - Matthew Ch3 v1-12

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,
²‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’³ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.”’

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.⁵ Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan,⁶ and they were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?’⁸ Bear fruit worthy of repentance.⁹ Do not presume to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.¹⁰ Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹‘I baptise you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.’¹² His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

Post Communion

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Services This Week

Monday 9th December 10.00am Little Treasures Toddlers' Group
Tuesday 10th December 8.30am-12.00pm Grammar School rehearsal

11.00am Mass *cancelled*

7.00pm Grammar School Carol Service

Wednesday 11th December 7.00pm Mass

Thursday 12th December 9.00am Beechwood Carol Service rehearsal

12.30-4.00pm Melrose Carol Service rehearsal

6.30pm Beechwood Carol Service

Friday 13th December 9.00am-12.00pm Melrose Carol Service rehearsal

1.30pm Melrose Carol Service

Sunday 15th December

The Third Sunday of Advent

9.30am Said Mass with Family Ministry

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon

12.30pm Baptism of Caleb Nicholas Wakeford

2.30pm Christmas Stocking Concert

Please remember in your prayers

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



St Stephen's Christmas Stocking

Sunday 15th December at 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.
Funds collected will be given to 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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