



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 23rd February 2020

## The Sunday next before Lent Quinquagesima

**9.30am** Family Service  
**Hymns:** S.28 : S.33

**11.00am** Sung Mass with Sermon  
**Hymns:** 377 : 401 : 18 : 178

### **674 Esto mihi**

**Introit** Be thou my God and defender, and a place of refuge that thou mayest save me: for thou art my upholder, my refuge, and my Saviour; and for thy holy Name's sake be thou my leader, and my sustainer.

**Psalm** In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion: but rid me, and deliver me in thy righteousness. Glory be to the Father...

**Gradual** Thou art the God that doeth wonders: and hast declared thy power among the people. √ Thou hast mightily delivered thy people: even the sons of Jacob and Joseph.

**Tract** O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness. √ Come before his presence with a song: be ye sure that the Lord he is God. √ It is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**Offertory** Blessed art thou, O Lord; O teach me thy statutes: with my lips have I been telling of all the judgements of thy mouth.

**Communion** They did eat, and were well filled, for the Lord gave them their own desire: they were not disappointed of their lust.

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## Collect

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Old Testament Reading - Exodus Ch24 v12-18

<sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

## New Testament Reading - 2 Peter Ch1 v16-21

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup>So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

## **Gospel - Matthew Ch17 v1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

### **Post Communion**

Holy God,  
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change and save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Tony Renouf, Hazel and John Greany, Christine Shaw,  
Val Moullin, Brenda Penfold, Alisha De Guerin,  
Andy Mauger, Anthony De La Mare, Lorraine Lewis,  
a woman battling with alcoholism,  
Bridget, Daphne Swann, Roy Sarre,  
Melvyn Boxall, Chris Bellinger, and Janice Firth.

## Services This Week

**Monday 24th February 10.00am** Little Treasures Toddlers' Group

**Tuesday 25th February 11.00am** Mass - BCP

**Wednesday 26th February 7.00pm** Mass **Ash Wednesday**

**Thursday 27th February 11.30am** Meeting of the Divine Healing  
Order of Mary

**Sunday 1st March**

**The First Sunday of Lent**

**9.30am** Said Mass with Family Ministry

**11.00am** Sung Mass with Sermon



### Lent Giving

Boxes are available on the black chest at the back of Church.



This is an opportunity to donate any money you might have spent on things you have given up for Lent and help our two charities, MAF & Tumaini.

### Birthday Cards

A new set of birthday cards (including some suitable for men) are available now at the back of Church.



*A spiritual journey  
towards restoration and renewal*

### Lent Bible Discussion Group

On Wednesday evenings

**starting 4th March**

from 7.00-8.15pm.

Each discussion will be followed by a short service of Compline.

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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