



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 9th February 2020  
**The Third Sunday before Lent  
Septuagesima**

**9.30am** Said Mass with Family Ministry  
**Hymns:** **346: S.3**

**11.00am** Sung Mass with Sermon and Procession  
**Hymns:** **390 : 466 : S.3 : 346**

## **672 Circumdederunt me**

**Introit** The sorrows of death came about me; the pains of hell gat hold upon me: and in my tribulation I made my prayer unto the Lord, and he regarded my supplication out of his holy temple.

**Psalm** I will love thee, O Lord, my strength: the Lord is my stony rock, my fortress, and my Saviour. Glory be to the Father...

**Gradual** The Lord will be a refuge in the time of trouble; and they that know thy Name will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, hast never failed them that seek thee. *∇* For the poor shall not always be forgotten; the patient abiding of the meek shall not perish for ever: up, Lord, and let not man have the upper hand.

**Tract** Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice. *∇* O let thine ears consider well: the voice of my complaint. *∇* If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss: O Lord, who may abide it? *∇* For there is mercy with thee: therefore shalt thou be feared.

**Offertory** It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord: and to sing praises unto thy Name, O Most Highest.

**Communion** Shew thy servant the light of thy countenance, and save me for thy mercies' sake: let me not be confounded, O Lord, for I have called upon thee.

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## Collect

Almighty God,  
who alone can bring order  
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:  
give your people grace  
so to love what you command  
and to desire what you promise,  
that, among the many changes of this world,  
our hearts may surely there be fixed  
where true joys are to be found;  
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—Isaiah Ch58 v1-9a

<sup>1</sup>Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.

<sup>2</sup>Yet day after day they seek me  
and delight to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that practised righteousness  
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;  
they ask of me righteous judgements,  
they delight to draw near to God.

<sup>3</sup>Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?'

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day,  
and oppress all your workers.

<sup>4</sup>Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today  
will not make your voice heard on high.

<sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,  
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the Lord?

<sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?

<sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

<sup>8</sup>Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you,  
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

<sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

### **New Testament Reading – 1 Corinthians Ch2 v1-12**

<sup>1</sup>When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

<sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. <sup>7</sup>But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written,

'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,  
what God has prepared for those who love him'—

<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

### **Gospel - Matthew Ch5 v13-20**

<sup>13</sup>You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup>You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.'

### **Post Communion**

Merciful Father,  
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,  
that those who come to him should never hunger:  
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,  
that we may eat and drink with him  
at his table in the kingdom,  
where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## Services This Week

**Monday 10th February 10.00am** Little Treasures Toddlers' Group **cancelled**  
**11.00 am Funeral - Don Brooks**

**Tuesday 11th February 11.00am Mass - BCP**

**Wednesday 12th February 7.00pm Mass**

**Sunday 16th February**  
**The Second Sunday before Lent**  
**Sexagesima**

**9.30am** Said Mass with Family Ministry

**11.00am** Sung Mass with Sermon

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

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



### **Friendship Lunch**

**Tuesday 11th February at 12.00pm**

Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes and Vegetables  
or Vegetable Quiche

Golden Syrup Sponge and Custard

**£6.50**

Please reserve your place **TODAY** Sunday 9th February

### **Fundraising for the Church**

Please put any used stamps in the box provided in the Vestry.

A new set of birthday cards can be found at the back of Church.

Please remember to use Easyfundraising if you are buying online.

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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