



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 31st May 2020

The Feast of Pentecost Whit Sunday



Services Today

9.30am Said Mass with Family Ministry

Hymns: 137: 140

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon

Hymns: 137: 139: 138: 140

691 *Spiritus Domini*

Introit The Spirit of the Lord hath filled the whole world, alleluia: and that which containeth all things hath knowledge of the voice, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him. Glory be to the Father...

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. √. O send forth thy Spirit and they shall be made: and thou shalt renew the face of the earth. Alleluia. √. Come, Holy Ghost, and fill the hearts of thy faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of thy love. Alleluia.

Offertory Stablish the thing, O God, that thou hast wrought in us: for thy temple's sake at Jerusalem, shall kings bring presents unto thee, alleluia.

Communion Suddenly there was heard a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, where they were sitting, alleluia: and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, proclaiming the wondrous works of God, alleluia, alleluia.

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Collect

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

1st Reading - Acts Ch2 v1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

⁷⁴'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians Ch12 v3b-13

³No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Gospel - John Ch20 v19-23

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

Post Communion

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Services This Week

Tuesday 2nd June 11.00am Mass - BCP

Wednesday 3rd June 7.00pm Mass

Sunday 7th June

Trinity Sunday

9.30am Said Mass with Family Ministry

11.00am Said Mass

THANK YOU

to Val and Graham Moullin, who have donated the 'cards of hope' that are included in our pew sheets this morning.

Please remember in your prayers

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

*Bridget would like to thank everyone for their prayers
and is happy to now be in remission.*

GUIDANCE ABOUT MASSES DURING PHASE 4

- The number of people attending a service should not exceed 30.
- As people enter the church, they are asked to use the hand sanitiser that will be made available in the porch.
- Once inside church, please take a pew sheet and a mass booklet.
- Social distancing (of 2 metres) will be enforced at all times, including in the pews (family members can sit together, however).
- There will be no physical contact during the sharing of the Peace.
- Until Phase 5, we will not be singing hymns, propers, anthems or liturgical responses during the Masses. Felicity Millard will, however, play the music of the hymns so that we do not miss out on this meaningful aspect of our worship.
- The Masses at all services will be said, rather than sung.
- Holy Communion will be celebrated, but without the help of our very capable team of servers; and Holy Communion will be received in one kind only (wafer).
- Those who receive Holy Communion are asked to approach the altar rail, aisle by aisle, so as to avoid the forming of a queue; and once at the altar rail, to remain standing (not kneel) and stand two metres apart from one another.
- When the Host is distributed, please receive it in your hands, with arms outstretched.
- No children's activities (such as Sunday Club and Little Treasures Toddlers' Group) will be organised until Phase 5; but we hope that children will come to the services and sit with their parents.
- Coffee after the services will also not resume until Phase 5.
- A large offering plate will be available at the back of the Church so that people can leave their gifts before they depart.