



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 3rd May 2020

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

**Alleluia - Christ is Risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Service Today (Combined Mass)

10.30am Sung Mass with Sermon
Hymns: 457: 103: 282: 369

686 Jubilate Deo

Introit The lovingkindness of the Lord filleth the whole world, alleluia. By the word of the Lord the heavens were established, alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; for it becometh well the just to be thankful. Glory be...

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. √. The Lord hath sent redemption unto his people. Alleluia. √. I am the good Shepherd: and know my sheep and am known of mine. Alleluia.

Offertory O God, thou art my God, early will I seek thee: and lift up my hands in thy Name, alleluia.

Communion I am the good Shepherd, alleluia: and know my sheep, and am known of mine, alleluia, alleluia.

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Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

The First Reading – Acts Ch2 v42-47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Second Reading - 1 Peter Ch2 v19-25

¹⁹For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²² 'He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel - John Ch10 v1-10

¹Jesus said to the Pharisees, 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.'
⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Post Communion

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Services This Week

All services are suspended until further notice due to the virus regulations.

AGMs

The AGMs which were initially to be held today after the Combined Mass are postponed.
A new date will be scheduled when virus restrictions are lifted.

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,
Bridget, Roy Sarre, Melvyn Boxall, Chris Bellinger, and Janice Firth.