



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 24th May 2020

## The Seventh Sunday of Easter The Sunday after Ascension

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

### Services Today

<b>9.30am</b>	Said Mass with Family Ministry
<b>Hymns:</b>	<b>134: S.5</b>
<b>11.00am</b>	Sung Mass with Sermon
<b>Hymns:</b>	<b>134: 130: 129: 332 (omit *)</b>

### **690 Exaudi Domine**

**Introit** Consider, O Lord, and hear me, when I cry unto thee, alleluia; unto thee my heart hath said, Thy face, Lord, have I sought; thy face, Lord, will I seek: O hide not thou thy face from thy servant, alleluia, alleluia.

**Psalm** The Lord is my light, and my salvation: whom then shall I fear? Glory be to the Father...

**Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. *✠*. I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world and go to the Father. Alleluia.

**Offertory** God is gone up with a merry noise: and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet, alleluia.

**Communion** Father, while I was with them in the world, I kept those that thou gavest me, alleluia: and now I come to thee. I pray thee not that thou shouldest take them out of the world: but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil, alleluia, alleluia.

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## Collect

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## The First Reading - Acts Ch1 v6-14

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' <sup>7</sup>He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

<sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

<sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

## The Second Reading - 1 Peter Ch4 v12-14, Ch5 v6-11

<sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

<sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

<sup>8</sup>Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Gospel - John Ch17 v1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

### **Post Communion**

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Services This Week

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

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

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