



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 28th June 2020

The Third Sunday after Trinity

The Feast of St Peter & St Paul  
(transferred from 29th June)

## Services Today

**9.30am** Family Service

**Hymns:** S.12: S.38

**11.00am** Sung Mass with Sermon

**Hymns:** 238: 239: 428: 388

### **728 De ventre**

**Introit** Now I know of a surety that the Lord hath sent his Angel: and hath delivered me from the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

**Psalm** O Lord, thou hast searched me out, and known me: thou knowest my down-sitting, and mine up-rising.

**Gradual** Thou shall make them princes over all the earth: they shall have thy Name in remembrance, O Lord. √. Instead of thy fathers thou shalt have children: therefore shall the people give thanks unto thee.

**Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. √. Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church. Alleluia.

**Offertory** Thou shalt make them princes in all lands: they shall remember thy Name, O lord, from one generation to another.

**Communion** Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

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## Collect

Almighty God,  
whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul  
glorified you in their death as in their life:  
grant that your Church,  
inspired by their teaching and example,  
and made one by your Spirit,  
may ever stand firm upon the one foundation,  
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.

## 1st Reading - Acts Ch12 v1-11

<sup>1</sup>About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. <sup>2</sup>He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. <sup>3</sup>After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) <sup>4</sup>When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. <sup>5</sup>While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

<sup>6</sup>The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. <sup>7</sup>Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. <sup>8</sup>The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' <sup>9</sup>Peter went out and followed him; he did not realise that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. <sup>10</sup>After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. <sup>11</sup>Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

## 2nd Reading 2 Timothy Ch4 v6-8,17-18

<sup>6</sup>As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

<sup>17</sup>But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup>The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Gospel - Matthew Ch16 v13-19**

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' <sup>14</sup>And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' <sup>15</sup>He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

## **Post Communion**

Lord God, the source of truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Hazel and John Greany, Christine Shaw, Lorraine Lewis,  
Brenda Penfold, Alisha De Guerin, Val Moulin, Anthony De La Mare,  
a woman battling with alcoholism,  
Melvyn Boxall and Janice Firth

## Services This Week

**Monday 29th June 10.00am** Little Treasures Toddlers' Group

**Tuesday 30th June 11.00am** Said Mass - BCP

**Wednesday 1st July 7.00pm** Said Mass

**Thursday 2nd July 11.00am** Beechwood Leavers' Service

**Sunday 5th July**

**The Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

**9.30am** Said Mass with Family Ministry

**11.00am** Sung Mass

**12.30pm** Baptism of Ayla and Elsie Enticott

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Church AGM will be held immediately following  
the 10.30am Combined Mass  
on **Sunday 19th July**.

This new timing will hopefully enable more of our congregation to attend.

Nomination forms for the elections are available on the black chest.  
It is important that we have people to fill these positions  
to ensure the smooth running of the church.

Please consider if you can help in any way and please do not assume  
that someone else will fill a nomination form out.

Copies of the Agenda and Reports for the AGM  
are also available on the black chest,  
along with copies of the minutes of last year's meeting.

Note: Tea and coffee will be available after the service while we clear away.  
The AGM will finish by 12.30pm at the latest, as we have a baptism that day.

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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