



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 12th July 2020

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

(Proper 10)



Services Today

9.30am Said Mass with Family Ministry

Hymns: 354: S.52

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon

Hymns: 476: 137: 358: 354

697 Trinity 5

Introit Consider, O Lord, and hear me, when I cry unto thee: be thou my succour, O cast me not away, neither forsake me utterly, O God of my salvation.

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

Gradual Behold, O God, our defender: and look upon thy servants. √. O Lord God of hosts: hear the prayers of thy servants.

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. √. The King shall rejoice in thy strength, O Lord: exceeding glad shall he be of thy salvation. Alleluia.

Offertory I will bless the Lord, who hath given me counsel: I have set God always before me; for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

Communion One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require: even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:

hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading - Isaiah Ch55 v10-13

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

New Testament Reading - Romans Ch8 v1-11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Gospel - Matthew Ch13 v1-9, 18-23

¹Jesus sat beside the lake. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!'

¹⁸Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

Post Communion

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered
by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you
in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please remember in your prayers
Hazel and John Greany, Christine Shaw,
Brenda Penfold, Alisha De Guerin, Val Moulin, Anthony De La Mare,
a woman battling with alcoholism,
Melvyn Boxall, Janice Firth and Maria.

Services This Week

Monday 13th July 10.00am Little Treasures Toddlers' Group

Tuesday 14th July 11.00am Mass - BCP

Wednesday 15th July 7.00pm Said Mass

Sunday 19th July

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Sung Mass followed by the Church AGM

12.30pm Baptism of Bella Jayne Alderton

Parking at Ladies' College on Sundays

Please note that during the school holidays the gates will only be open from 8.30am until 1.30pm. Please make sure that you are out before the gates lock.

CHURCH AGM

The Church AGM will be held immediately following the **10.30am Combined Mass next 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.

APCC

There will be a meeting of the APCC on **Monday 13th July at 7.00pm**.

Social Events Committee

A Social Events Committee will be held on **Tuesday 14th July at 9.30am** in the Vestry.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

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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