



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 5th July 2020

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

(Proper 9)



Services Today

9.30am Said Mass with Family Ministry

Hymns: 440 (Omit *): MP48

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon

Hymns: 374: 440: 376: 383(Omit *)

696 Trinity 4

Introit The Lord is my light, and my salvation, whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid? When mine enemies pressed sore against me, they stumbled and fell.

Psalm Though an host of men were laid against me: yet shall not my heart be afraid. Glory be to the Father...

Gradual Be merciful, O Lord, unto our sins: wherefore do the heathen say, Where is now their God? √. Help us, O God of our salvation: and for the honour of thy Name, deliver us, O Lord.

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. √. Thou, O God, art set in the throne that judgest right: be thou the refuge of the opprest in due time of trouble. Alleluia.

Offertory Lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death; lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him.

Communion The Lord is my strong rock, and my defence: my Saviour, my God, and my might.

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<http://st-stephens-guernsey.org>

Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading - Zechariah Ch9 v9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the warhorse from Jerusalem;

and the battle-bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

New Testament Reading - Romans Ch7 v15-25a

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good.

¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Gospel - Matthew Ch11 v16-19, 25-30

¹⁶But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

¹⁷“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”;
¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’

²⁵At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

Post Communion

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son 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.

Aladdin’s Cave

Last Saturday, someone from St Stephen’s Church
left their handbag at
Aladdin’s Cave.

Please contact the shop in order to retrieve your handbag.

Services This Week

Monday 6th July 10.00am Little Treasures Toddlers' Group

Tuesday 7th July 11.00am Said Mass BCP

Wednesday 8th July 7.00pm Said Mass

Sunday 12th July

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Said Mass with Family Ministry

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon

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.

SOCIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 14th July at 9.30am in the Vestry. All are welcome!

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**
To Tony or email akaines@cwgsy.net