



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 20th September 2020



The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 12)

Services Today

9.30am	Said Mass with Family Ministry
Hymns:	439 (1st Tune, Omit *) S.12
11.00am	Sung Mass with Sermon
Hymns:	362: 401: 276: 456

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Introit I am the saving health of my people, saith the Lord God: out of whatsoever tribulation they shall pray to me, I will surely help them, and I will be their God for ever and ever.

Psalm Hear my law, O my people: incline your ears unto the words of my mouth. Glory be to the Father...

Gradual The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him: yea, all such as call upon him faithfully. *V.* My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name.

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. *V.* O give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his Name: tell the people what things he hath done. Alleluia.

Offertory Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shall thou refresh me, O Lord: thou shalt stretch forth thy right hand upon the furiousness of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

Communion Thou hast charged that we shall diligently keep thy commandments: O that my ways were made so direct that I might keep thy statutes.

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

Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel
that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
through 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

Old Testament Reading - Jonah Ch3 v10 to Ch4 v11

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

¹But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, 'O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' ⁴And the LORD said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

⁹But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' ¹⁰Then the LORD said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

New Testament Reading - Philippians Ch1 v21-30

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in

Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— ³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Gospel - Matthew Ch20 v1-16

¹Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" ⁷They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." ¹³But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

Post Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church,
with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please remember in your prayers

Hazel and John Greany, Christine Shaw,
Brenda Penfold, Alisha De Guerin, Val Moullin,
a woman who is suffering from depression, Anthony De La Mare,
a woman battling with alcoholism,
Melvyn Boxall, Janice Firth, Maria and Jeannette.

Services This Week

Monday 21st September 10.00am Little Treasures Toddlers' Group

Tuesday 22nd September 11.00am Said Mass - BCP

Wednesday 23rd September 7.00pm Said Mass - cancelled

Sunday 27th September 2020
The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
Harvest Sunday
10.30am Combined Mass

Coffee mornings

The last outreach coffee morning will be on Saturday, 26th September. We will begin them again after Easter next year. A big thank you to all those who provided the refreshments and hosted the mornings throughout the summer.

Harvest Festival on Sunday, 27th September

We are inviting people to decorate the window sills in church with items for the Food Bank and possibly a flowering potted plant or a small bunch of flowers, which we could then take to our housebound or sick congregation members. If you feel you can help please speak to Ann or Kate, or sign the chart at the back of the church.

Harvest Lunch

Sunday 27th September

At 12.00pm following the 10.30am Combined Mass.

Ham, Salad or Vegetarian Quiche and Jacket Potatoes

Apple Pie and Cream

Bring your own wine or soft drink.

Tickets £7 per adult - children free.

Children will have the opportunity to make pizzas with toppings of their choice during Sunday Club, ready for them to eat at the lunch.

To help with catering or dietary requirements please contact Jean Le Huray (Tel: 255207) by

Wednesday 23rd September.

Help Required

If you could spare some time to help, it would be much appreciated. We will be cleaning the silver and the church before Harvest and Dedication.

The silver will be cleaned from **9.00am Monday 21st September.**

The Church will be cleaned from **9.00am Wednesday 23rd September.**

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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