



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 4th October 2020

## Dedication Festival Sunday (The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity)

### Services Today

**9.30am** Said Mass with Family Ministry  
**Hymns:** 471: MP457

**11.00am** Sung Mass with Sermon and Procession  
**Hymns:** C13: 205: 471: 208 (kneeling): 206

### 716 Dedication

**Introit** How dreadful is this place! this is the house of God, and gate of heaven: and men shall call it the palace of God.

**Psalm** O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts: my soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord. Glory be to the Father...

**Gradual** This dwelling is God's handywork: it is a mystery beyond all price, that cannot be spoken against. *V.* O God, in whose presence the choirs of Angels are standing: graciously hear the prayers of thy servants.

**Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. *V.* The house of God is surely founded: Stablished upon the rock. Alleluia.

**Offertory** O Lord God, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now I have seen with joy thy people which are present here. O Lord God of Israel, keep for ever this imagination: of the heart of thy people.

**Communion** My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer, saith the Lord: In it every one that asketh receiveth, and he that seeketh findeth. And to him that knocketh: it shall be opened.

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## Collect

Almighty God,  
to whose glory we celebrate the dedication  
of this house of prayer:  
we praise you for the many blessings  
you have given to those who worship you here;  
and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you,  
and, being filled with the Holy Spirit,  
may become a living temple acceptable to you;  
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 - 1 Kings Ch8 v22-30

<sup>22</sup>Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. <sup>23</sup>He said, 'O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, <sup>24</sup>the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. <sup>25</sup>Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me." <sup>26</sup>Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

<sup>27</sup>'But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! <sup>28</sup>Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today, <sup>29</sup>that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there", that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. <sup>30</sup>Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive.'

## New Testament Reading - Hebrews Ch12 v18-24

<sup>18</sup>You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup>and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup>(For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' <sup>21</sup>Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.')

<sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup>and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in

heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup>and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

### **Gospel - Matthew Ch21 v12-16**

<sup>12</sup>Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves. <sup>13</sup>He said to them, 'It is written,

"My house shall be called a house of prayer";  
but you are making it a den of robbers.'

<sup>14</sup>The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. <sup>15</sup>But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, 'Hosanna to the Son of David', they became angry <sup>16</sup>and said to him, 'Do you hear what these are saying?' Jesus said to them, 'Yes; have you never read,

"Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies  
you have prepared praise for yourself"?

### **Post Communion**

Father in heaven,  
whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace,  
an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem:  
grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage  
that, fed with the living bread of heaven,  
and united in the body of your Son,  
we may be the temple of your presence,  
the place of your glory on earth,  
and a sign of your peace in the world;  
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 who is battling with alcoholism,  
Melvyn Boxall, Janice Firth, Maria and Jeannette.

## Services This Week

**Monday 5th October 10.00am** Little Treasures Toddlers' Group

**Tuesday 6th October 11.00am** Mass - BCP

**Wednesday 7th October 7.00pm** Said Mass

**Sunday 11th October 2020**

**The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**9.30am** Said Mass with Family Ministry

**11.00am** Sung Mass



### Friendship Lunch

**Tuesday 13th October at 12.00pm**

Menu:

Cottage Pie or Veggie Pie

Golden Syrup Sponge and Custard

£7.00 per person

Please reserve your place by **Sunday 11th October**  
Contact Jean Le Huray (Tel: 255207)

### Social Events Committee Meeting

There will be a meeting to discuss Church Social Events at  
**9.30am on Tuesday 6th October** in the Vestry.  
Everyone is welcome to come and share ideas.

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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