



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

11th October 2020



## The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 23)

### Services Today

<b>9.30am</b>	Said Mass with Family Ministry
<b>Hymns:</b>	<b>457: 'The Servant Song'</b>
<b>11.00am</b>	Sung Mass with Sermon
<b>Hymns:</b>	<b>457: 401: 70 (2nd Tune): 443</b>

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**Introit** If thou, O Lord, wilt be extreme to mark iniquities, Lord, who may abide it: for unto thee belongeth mercy, O God of Israel.

**Psalm** Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice. Glory be ...

**Gradual** Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil. For thou art with me, O Lord. *Y* Thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

**Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. *Y*. Ye that fear the Lord, put your trust in him: He is their helper and defender. Alleluia.

**Offertory** Remember me, O Lord, King of all power: and put a well-ordered speech in my mouth that my words may be pleasing in thy sight.

**Communion** O turn from me shame and rebuke, for I have kept thy statutes, O Lord: For thy testimonies are my delight.

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## Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
increase in us your gift of faith  
that, forsaking what lies behind  
and reaching out to that which is before,  
we may run the way of your commandments  
and win the crown of everlasting joy;  
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 - Isaiah Ch25 v1-9

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, you are my God;  
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;  
for you have done wonderful things,  
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.  
<sup>2</sup>For you have made the city a heap,  
the fortified city a ruin;  
the palace of aliens is a city no more,  
it will never be rebuilt.  
<sup>3</sup>Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;  
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.  
<sup>4</sup>For you have been a refuge to the poor,  
a refuge to the needy in their distress,  
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.  
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,  
<sup>5</sup>the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,  
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;  
the song of the ruthless was stilled.  
<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.  
<sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
<sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death for ever.  
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.  
<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

## **New Testament Reading - Philippians Ch4 v1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

<sup>2</sup>I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

## **Gospel - Matthew Ch22 v1-14**

<sup>1</sup>Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup>The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." <sup>5</sup>But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy." <sup>9</sup>Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." <sup>10</sup>Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup>But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup>and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen.'

## **Post Communion**

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:  
for here we receive you,  
here the memory of your passion is renewed,  
here our minds are filled with grace,  
and here a pledge of future glory is given,  
when we shall feast at that table where you reign  
with all your saints for ever.

## Services This Week

**Monday 12th October 10.00am** Little Treasures Toddlers' Group

**Tuesday 13th October 11.00am** Mass - BCP **cancelled**

**11.00am** Beechwood Harvest Festival

**Wednesday 14th October 7.00pm** Said Mass

**Thursday 15th October 11.00am** Meeting of the Divine Healing Order of Mary

**Sunday 18th October 2020**

**The Feast of St Luke the Evangelist  
and The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**9.30am** Said Mass with Family Ministry

**11.00am** Sung Mass

**12.30pm** Baptism of Corey-Gordon Help

**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.



**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 **today**  
Contact Jean Le Huray (Tel: 255207)

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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