



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen



Sunday 8th November 2020

The Third Sunday before Advent Remembrance Sunday

9.30am Said Mass with Family Ministry
Hymns: 417: MP48

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon
Hymns: 417: 489: 488/493: 328: 526 (Kneeling) : 490

733 Remembrance Sunday

Introit Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord: and may light perpetual shine upon them.

Psalms Thou, O God, art praised in Syon, and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.

Thou that hearest the prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come. My misdeeds prevail against me: be thou merciful unto our sins. Blessed is the man whom thou chooseth and receivest unto thee: he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple. Rest eternal...

Gradual Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord: and may light perpetual shine upon them. √. The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance: they will not be afraid of any evil tidings.

Tract Absolve, O Lord, the souls of all the faithful departed: from every bond of sin. √. And by the help of thy grace: may they be able to escape the avenging judgement. √. And enjoy the bliss: of everlasting light.

Offertory O Lord Jesus Christ, King of Majesty, deliver the souls of all the faithful departed from the hand of hell; and from the pit of destruction: deliver them from the lion's mouth; that the grave devour them not; that they go not down to the realms of darkness. But let Michael, the holy standard-bearer, make speed to restore them to the brightness of glory: which thou promisedst in ages past to Abraham and his seed. Sacrifice and prayer do we offer unto thee, O Lord: do thou accept them for the souls departed, in whose memory we make this oblation. And grant them Lord, to pass from death unto life: which thou promisedst in ages past to Abraham and his seed.

Communion May light eternal shine, O Lord, upon them; for endless ages with thy blessed ones, for thou art gracious.

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Collect

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading - Amos Ch5 v18-24

¹⁸ Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!

Why do you want the day of the Lord?

It is darkness, not light;

¹⁹ as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.

²⁰ Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹ I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²² Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.

²³ Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

²⁴ But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

New Testament Reading - 1 Thessalonians Ch4 v13-18

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the

sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel – Matthew Ch25 v1-13

¹Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." ⁹But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." ¹²But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

Post Communion

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Please remember in your prayers

Hazel and John Greany, Christine Shaw,
Brenda Penfold, Alisha De Guerin, Val Moullin,
a woman suffering from depression, Anthony De La Mare,
a woman battling with alcoholism,
Melvyn Boxall, Janice Firth, Maria, Jeannette,
Alan Warner, Fr Kevin Northover, Eileen Price and James.

Services This Week

Monday 9th November 10.00am Little Treasures Toddlers' Group

Tuesday 10th November 11.00am Said Mass - BCP

Wednesday 11th November 10.20am Ladies' College Remembrance Day Service
7.00pm Said Mass

Sunday 15th November

The Second Sunday before Advent

9.30am Said Mass with Family Ministry

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon

'Friendship Lunch'



Tuesday 10th November 2020 at 12.00pm

Menu:

Pork Steak or Mushroom Quiche

Guernsey Gâche Pudding

£7 per person

Please contact Jean Le Huray (Tel 255207) by **TODAY**
to make your reservation.

Prizes For Raffle

Prizes needed for the raffle on 21st November -
please hand in to any choir member. Thank you, Jill.

Concert of the Guernsey Welsh Male Voice Choir and Bel Canto
Saturday 14th November 7.30pm

Gift Month

The Gift Month total to date stands at **£11,890**

It is still open and we have more gifts to bank.

Thank you all for your generous support.

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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