



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 15th November 2020

## The Second Sunday before Advent

### Services Today

**9.30am** Said Mass with Family Ministry

**Hymns:** 339: 449

**11.00am** Sung Mass with Sermon

**Hymns:** 449: 339: 286: 395

**Introit** Thus saith the Lord, I know the thoughts that I think toward you, thoughts of peace and not of affliction: ye shall call upon me, and I will hearken unto you, and will bring again your captivity from every nation.

**Psalm** Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land: thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. Glory be...

**Gradual** It is thou, O Lord, that savest us from our enemies: and puttest them to confusion that hate us. √. We make our boast in God all day long: and will praise thy Name for ever.

**Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. √. Out of the deep have I callèd unto thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice. Alleluia.

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

**Communion** Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold I have gained beside them five talents more. Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make you ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of the Lord.

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## Collect

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son was revealed  
to destroy the works of the devil  
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:  
grant that we, having this hope,  
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;  
that when he shall appear in power and great glory  
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;  
where he is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Old Testament Reading - Zephaniah Ch1 v7, 12-18

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord GOD!  
For the day of the LORD is at hand;  
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,  
he has consecrated his guests.

<sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,  
and I will punish the people  
who rest complacently on their dregs,  
those who say in their hearts,  
'The LORD will not do good,  
nor will he do harm.'

<sup>13</sup>Their wealth shall be plundered,  
and their houses laid waste.  
Though they build houses,  
they shall not inhabit them;  
though they plant vineyards,  
they shall not drink wine from them.

<sup>14</sup>The great day of the LORD is near,  
near and hastening fast;  
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,  
the warrior cries aloud there.

<sup>15</sup>That day will be a day of wrath,  
a day of distress and anguish,  
a day of ruin and devastation,  
a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and thick darkness,  
<sup>16</sup> a day of trumpet blast and battle cry  
against the fortified cities  
and against the lofty battlements.

<sup>17</sup>I will bring such distress upon people  
that they shall walk like the blind;  
because they have sinned against the LORD,  
their blood shall be poured out like dust,  
and their flesh like dung.

<sup>18</sup>Neither their silver nor their gold  
will be able to save them  
on the day of the LORD's wrath;  
in the fire of his passion  
the whole earth shall be consumed;

for a full, a terrible end  
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

### **New Testament Reading - 1Thessalonians Ch5 v1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep - sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

### **Gospel - Matthew Ch25 v14-30**

<sup>14</sup>For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." <sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." <sup>26</sup>But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

### **Post Communion**

Gracious Lord,  
in this holy sacrament  
you give substance to our hope:  
bring us at the last  
to that fullness of life for which we long;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

## Services This Week

**Monday 16th November 10.00am** 'Little Treasures' Toddlers' Group

**Tuesday 17th November 11.00am** Mass - BCP

**Thursday 19th November 11.30am** Meeting of the Divine Healing Order of Mary

**Sunday 22nd November**  
**The Feast of Christ the King**  
**and The Sunday next before Advent**  
**9.30am** Said Mass with Hymns and Sermon  
**11.00am** Sung Mass with Sermon

### **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,  
Melvyn Boxall, Janice Firth a woman battling with alcoholism,  
Maria, Jeannette, Alan Warner, Fr Kevin Northover,  
Eileen Price and James.

### **Soup, Songs and Stalls with Andy Mauger**

Please remember to come to the Soup, Songs and Stalls event next **Saturday from 11.30am until 2.00pm**. We need cakes, good quality books, bottles and Christmas items for the stalls so please do give this special event your support. We also need prizes for the Raffle - please hand in to any choir member.

See you there!!

### **APCC**

There will be a meeting of the APCC in the Vestry at  
**7.00pm on this Tuesday 17th November**

Please join us for refreshments:

- *in the Vestry after the 9.30 & 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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