



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 27th December 2020

## The Feast of St John, Apostle & Evangelist The First Sunday of Christmas

<b>9.30am</b>	Said Mass with Family Ministry
<b>Hymns:</b>	<b>25: 26 (omit*)</b>
<b>11.00am</b>	Sung Mass with Sermon and Procession
<b>Hymns:</b>	<b>37: 28: 38: 39</b>

Let us proceed in peace.

**In the name of Christ, Amen.**

**Prayers at the Crib** Let us pray:

Holy Jesus, to deliver us from the power of darkness you humbled yourself to be born among us and laid in a manger.

Let the light of your love always shine in our hearts, and bring us at last to the joyful vision of your beauty, for you are now alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **End of Procession**

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed. **And all mankind shall see it.**

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love; gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **717 Mihi autem**

**Introit** Right dear, O God, are thy friends to me, and held in highest honour: their rule and governance is exceeding steadfast.

**Psalm** O Lord, thou hast searched me out, and known me: thou knowest my down sitting and mine uprising. Glory be to the Father...

**Gradual** Thou shalt make them princes in all lands: they shall remember thy Name, O Lord. Instead of thy fathers thou shalt have children: therefore shall thy people give thanks unto thee.

**Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. √. The glorious company of the Apostles: praise thee, O God. Alleluia.

**Offertory** Thou shalt make them princes in all lands: they shall remember thy Name, O Lord, from one generation to another.

**Communion** Ye which have followed me shall sit upon twelve thrones: judging the twelve tribes of Israel, saith the Lord.

## Collect

Merciful Lord,  
cast your bright beams of light upon the Church:  
that, being enlightened by the teaching  
of your blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John,  
we may so walk in the light of your truth  
that we may at last attain to the light of everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ your incarnate 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 - Exodus Ch33 v7-11a

<sup>7</sup>Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp; he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the LORD would go out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp. <sup>8</sup>Whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people would rise and stand, each of them, at the entrance of their tents and watch Moses until he had gone into the tent. <sup>9</sup>When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, and the LORD would speak with Moses. <sup>10</sup>When all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise and bow down, all of them, at the entrance of their tents. <sup>11</sup>Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend.

## New Testament Reading - 1 John Ch1 v1-10

<sup>1</sup>We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— <sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— <sup>3</sup>we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

## **Gospel - John Ch21 v19b-25**

<sup>19</sup>After this he said to him, 'Follow me'.

<sup>20</sup>Peter saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, 'Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?' <sup>21</sup>When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, 'Lord, what about him?' <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!' <sup>23</sup>So the rumour spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?'

<sup>24</sup>This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. <sup>25</sup>But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

### **Post Communion**

Grant, O Lord, we pray,  
that the Word made flesh  
proclaimed by your apostle John  
may, by the celebration of these holy mysteries,  
ever abide and live within us;  
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 suffering from depression, Anthony De La Mare,  
Melvyn Boxall, Janice Firth, a woman battling with alcoholism,  
Maria, Jeanette, Alan Warner, Eileen Price and James.

## Services This Week

Monday 28th December 10.00am 'Little Treasures' Toddlers' Group *cancelled*  
Tuesday 29th December 11.00am Mass - BCP

**Sunday 3rd January**  
**The Feast of Epiphany**  
**The Second Sunday of Christmas**  
**9.30am** Said Mass with Family Ministry  
**11.00am** Sung Mass with Sermon and Procession

### Thank You

A **big thank you** to all who cleaned, polished and decorated the church for Christmas.  
Once again it looks magnificent - Well done!

Please join us for refreshments:

- *in the Vestry after the 09.30 & 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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