



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephens

Sunday 24th August 2025



## Ninth Sunday after Trinity St Bartholomew

### Services Today

**9:30am** Said Mass with Children's Church  
**11:00** Sung Mass  
**Hymns** **Servant Song: Responsorial Psalm 145: 378: 341: 297**

Day by day, Day by day, dear Lord of you three things I pray  
To see thee more clearly, To love thee more dearly  
To follow thee more nearly, Day by day, Day by day

### 717 Mihi autem nimis

**Introit** Right dear, O God, are thy friends unto 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 the people give thanks unto thee.

**Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. The Glorious company of Apostles praise thee , O God. Alleluia.

**Offertory** How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God: O how great is the sum of them! If I tell them they are more in number than the sand: when I wake up, I am present with thee

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

## **Collect**

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,  
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;  
and that they may obtain their petitions  
make them to ask such things as shall please 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 - Isaiah Ch 43 v8-13**

Lead out those who have eyes but are blind,  
who have ears but are deaf.  
9 All the nations gather together  
and the peoples assemble.  
Which of their gods foretold this  
and proclaimed to us the former things?  
Let them bring in their witnesses to prove they were right,  
so that others may hear and say, 'It is true.'  
10 'You are my witnesses,' declares the Lord,  
'and my servant whom I have chosen,  
so that you may know and believe me  
and understand that I am he.  
Before me no god was formed,  
nor will there be one after me.  
11 I, even I, am the Lord,  
and apart from me there is no saviour.  
12 I have revealed and saved and proclaimed –  
I, and not some foreign god among you.  
You are my witnesses,' declares the Lord, 'that I am God.  
13 Yes, and from ancient days I am he.  
No one can deliver out of my hand.  
When I act, who can reverse it?'

## **Responsorial Psalm 145:**

**'I will bless you and praise you for ever, O God my King'**

## **New Testament Reading - Acts Ch 5 v12-16**

12 The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade. 13 No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people. 14 Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number. 15 As a result, people brought those who were ill into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. 16 Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing those who were ill and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed.

## **Gospel - Luke Ch22 v 24-30**

24 A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. 25 Jesus said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. 26 But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. 27 For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. 28 You are those who have stood by me in my trials. 29 And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, 30 so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

## **Post Communion**

God of our pilgrimage  
you have willed that the gate of mercy  
should stand open for those who trust in you:  
look upon us with your favour  
that we who follow the path of your will  
may never wander from the way of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Please remember in your prayers**

Fr John & Carol Luff, Willa Owen, Brian Garner, Mark Garner, Jill Stephenson, Paulo De Augustino, Margaret Morris, David and Barbara Streek, Wendy Clamp, Mandy Le Tissier and Barbara Renouf

## NOTICES

Monday to Friday 8.00am - Morning Prayer

Tuesday 26th 11.00am - Said Mass

**Saturday 30th August 10.00am**

**Coffee and Chat in Church  
and Toddler Group**

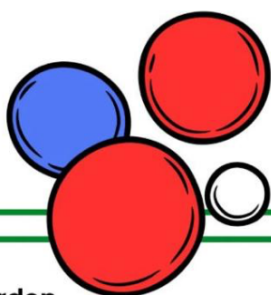
**Sunday 31st August**

**The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

**9:30am** Said Mass with Children's Church

**11.00am** Sung Mass  
(Bake Sale)

## BOULES EVENING



St Stephen's Church Garden



Friday 5th September  
starting at 6pm



Fish & Chip Supper  
order by 29<sup>th</sup> August



All are welcome



Teams of 4



No charge for team  
registration



Register your team with Linda Barnes:  
07781 416305 or [norton@cwgsy.net](mailto:norton@cwgsy.net)

### ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH



### TODDLER GROUP

LAST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

**10 - 11.30 AM**

All welcome!

Coffee, Cake & Chat for mums, dads, grandparents, carers

31 May   28 June   26 July   30 August  
27 September   25 October   29 November

Please join us for refreshments

**In the Vestry after the 11am Mass**

*After Mass please put the kneelers back on the shelf. Thank you!*

Deadline for notices for next bulletin – **6.00pm Thursday**

To Fliss or email [fmil397026@aol.com](mailto:fmil397026@aol.com)

Holiday oneupmanship:-

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*You've been to Tenerife they've been to Elevenerif.*