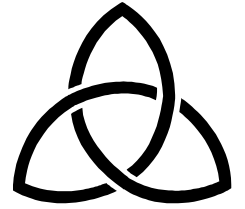


Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen



Sunday 16th August 2026

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity (Proper 17)

Services Today

9:30am

Said Mass

11:00

Sung Mass

Hymns

408: Responsorial Psalm 67; 439: 480: 186

There's a quiet understanding when we're gathered in the Spirit,
It's a promise that he gives us, When we gather in his name.
There's a love we feel in Jesus, There's a manna that he feeds us,
It's a promise that he gives us, When we gather in his name.

And we know when we're together, sharing love and understanding, That
our brothers and our sisters feel the oneness that he brings. Thank you,
thank you, thank you, Jesus, for the way you love and feed us,
For the many ways you lead us, Thank you, thank you, Lord.

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Introit Behold, O God, our defender, and look upon the face of thine
Anointed: for one day in thy courts is better than a thousand.

Psalm O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts: my soul hath a
desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord. Glory be to the
Father...

Gradual It is better to trust in the Lord: than to put any confidence in man.
. It is better to trust in the Lord: than to put any confidence in princes.

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. . O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us
heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation. Alleluia.

Offertory The Angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him, and
delivereth them: O taste and see how gracious the Lord is.

Communion My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer,
saith the Lord: in it every one that asketh receiveth and he that seeketh
findeth, and to him that knocketh: it shall be opened.

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Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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 Ch56 v1, 6-8

This is what the Lord says:

‘Maintain justice
and do what is right,
for my salvation is close at hand
and my righteousness will soon be revealed.

And foreigners who bind themselves to the Lord
to minister to him,
to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it
and who hold fast to my covenant –
7 these I will bring to my holy mountain
and give them joy in my house of prayer.
Their burnt offerings and sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house will be called
a house of prayer for all nations.’
8 The Sovereign Lord declares –
he who gathers the exiles of Israel:
‘I will gather still others to them
besides those already gathered.’

Responsorial Psalm 67:

‘Let the people praise you, O God, let all the people praise you’

New Testament Reading - Romans Ch11 v1-2a, 29-32

I ask then: did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Don’t you know what Scripture says in the passage about Elijah – how he appealed to God against Israel:

29 for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. 30 Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, 31 so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. 32 For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

Gospel - Matthew Ch15 v21-28

21 Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22 A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, 'Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.' 23 Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, 'Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.' 24 He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.'

25 The woman came and knelt before him. 'Lord, help me!' she said. 26 He replied, 'It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs.' 27 'Yes it is, Lord,' she said. 'Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table.' 28 Then Jesus said to her, 'Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.' And her daughter was healed at that moment

Post Communion

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please remember in your prayers

Fr John & Carol Luff, Jill Stephenson, David and Barbara Streek, Wendy Clamp,
Mandy Le Tissier, Margaret Boden Heaume, Lindsay Gallagher,
Barbara Renouf, and Helen Sheppard

NOTICES

Monday to Friday 8.00am - Morning Prayer
Tuesday 18th August 11.00am - Said Mass

Sunday 23rd August 2026
The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

9:30am Said Mass
11.00am Sung Mass

We are delighted to announce that His Majesty The King has appointed the Venerable Matthew Trick as the new Dean of the Bailiwick of Guernsey. Please pray for Fr Matthew, his wife Sarah and their children Isabelle and Henry as they prepare to move to Guernsey.



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

*Have faith in what you can achieve..
Take Beethoven as an example, he was deaf and everyone just told him that
he wouldn't make a great musician...*

But he just didn't listen