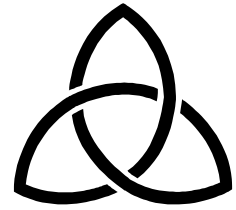




Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen



Sunday 31st August 2025

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity (Proper 17)

Services Today

9:30am Said Mass with Children's Church
11:00 Sung Mass
Hymns **74: Responsorial Psalm 112: 137: 276: 186**

Chorus

There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us.
There is a longing in our hearts for love, we only find in you, our God

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Introit Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I have called daily upon thee: for thou, O Lord, art gracious and merciful, and plenteous in thy loving-kindness toward all them that call upon thee.

Psalms Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me: for I am poor and in misery. Glory be to the Father...

Gradual The heathen shall fear thy Name, O Lord: and all the kings of the earth thy majesty. □. When the Lord shall build up Syon: and when his glory shall appear.

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. □. O sing unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done marvellous things. Alleluia.

Offertory Look down, O Lord, to help me; let them be ashamed and confounded together, that seek after my soul to destroy it: look down, O Lord, to help me.

Communion He that will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross, and follow me.v

Stay in touch with St Stephen's: visit our website at

<http://st-stephens-guernsey.org> Vicar: Father Joe Thompson Tel.01481 720268

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 - Proverbs Ch 25 v6-7

Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence,
and do not claim a place among his great men;
7
it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here,"
than for him to humiliate you before his nobles.
What you have seen with your eyes

Responsorial Psalm 112: 'Blessed are those, those who fear the Lord'

New Testament Reading - Hebrews Ch13 v1-8, 15-16

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. 2 Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. 3 Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.
4 Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. 5 Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,
"Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you."
6 So we say with confidence,
"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?"
7 Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Gospel - Luke Ch14 v1, 7-14

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

7 When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: 8 “When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. 9 If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. 10 But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. 11 For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

12 Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. 13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, 14 and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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, Willa Owen, Brian Garner, Mark Garner, Jill Stephenson,
Paulo De Augustino, Margaret Morris, David and Barbara Streek, Wendy Clamp,
Mandy Le Tissier, Eileen Samman and Barbara Renouf

NOTICES

Monday to Friday 8.00am - Morning Prayer

Tuesday 2nd September 11.00am - Said Mass

Tuesday 2nd September 7.00pm - APCC Meeting in the Vestry

Friday 5th September 6.00pm - Boules Evening

Saturday 6th September 10.00am - Coffee and Chat in church

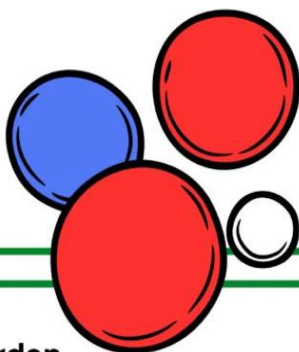
Sunday 7th September
The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

9:30am Said Mass with Children's Church

11.00am Sung Mass

2.30pm Creative Children's Church

BOULES EVENING



St Stephen's Church Garden



Friday 5th September
starting at 6pm



Fish & Chip Supper
order by 29th August



All are welcome



4 Teams of 4



**No charge for team
registration**

APCC meeting:
Tuesday 2nd September at 7pm

Our congregation has elected the members of our APCC as our representatives, so please chat to them at 7pm and share your ideas with them.

The list of our APCC members is on the table in the Vestry so please let a member know if you have anything you would like discussed at our APCC meeting on Tuesday evening.

Creative Children's Church

**Join us on Sunday 7
September 2.30-4pm for a
fun afternoon with a small
tea to welcome us all
into a new school year**



**Please place your food
orders on the team lists
and your money in the
envelopes at the back of
church today.**

Register your team with Linda Barnes:
07781 416305 or norton@cwgsy.net



**Guernsey
Welfare
Service**

**Next Sunday is Food bank
Sunday so please bring
donations for Guernsey
Welfare next week.
Many thanks**

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

A wedding is an emotional day, even the cake is in tiers.