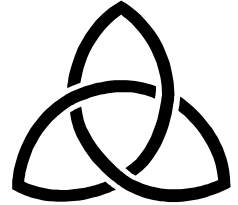




Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen



Sunday 7th September 2025
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
(Proper 18)

Services Today

9:30am Said Mass with Children's Church

11:00 Sung Mass
Hymns **456: Responsorial Psalm 1: 333: 376: 372**

Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Break me, melt me, mould me, fill me.
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God,
move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind,
make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing
Spirit of the living God,
fill our lives with love!

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Introit Righteous art thou, O Lord, and true is thy judgement: deal with thy servant according unto thy merciful kindness. **Psalm** Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way: and walk in the way of the Lord. Glory be ...

Gradual Lord, thou hast been our refuge; from one generation to another. □. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made: thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. □. Hear my prayer, O Lord; and let my cry come unto thee. Alleluia.

Offertory I, Daniel, prayed unto the Lord my God, and said: Hear, O our God, the prayer of thy servant. Cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary: and behold, O God, this thy people, who are called by thy Name.

Communion Promise unto the Lord your God, and keep it: all ye that are round about him bring presents unto him that ought to be feared. He shall refrain the spirit of princes: and is wonderful among the kings of the earth.

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

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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 - Deuteronomy Ch30 v15-20

15 See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. 16 For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. 17 But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, 18 I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

19 This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live 20 and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob

Responsorial Psalm 1:

‘For the Lord knows the way, the way of the righteous’

New Testament Reading - Philemon v1-21

1 Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker – 2 also to Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier – and to the church that meets in your home: 3 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, 5 because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. 6 I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. 7 Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord’s people.

8 Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, 9 yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul – an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus – 10 that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. 11 Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.

12 I am sending him – who is my very heart – back to you. 13 I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. 14 But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favour you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary. 15 Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back for ever – 16 no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord. 17 So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. 18 If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. 19 I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back – not to mention that you owe me your very self. 20 I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. 21 Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

Gospel - Luke Ch14 v25-33

25 Large crowds were travelling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: 26 'If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters – yes, even their own life – such a person cannot be my disciple. 27 And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. 28 'Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? 29 For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, 30 saying, "This person began to build and wasn't able to finish."

31 'Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? 32 If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. 33 In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

Post Communion

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of 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, Margaret Boden Heaume
and Barbara Renouf

NOTICES

Monday to Friday 8.00am - Morning Prayer

Tuesday 19th 11.00am - Said Mass

Saturday 13th September

10.00am - Coffee and Chat in Church

Sunday 14th September

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

9:30am Said Mass with Children's Church

11.00am Sung Mass



St Stephen's Social Events

Thank you for supporting our events and
for your participation and fellowship.

For more information about upcoming
events, please contact Linda Barnes:
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5th Friday 6pm: Boules Evening
16th Tuesday 12pm: Friendship Lunch
20th Saturday 7.30pm: Guernsey Concert Brass
26th Friday 6pm: Girl Guiding Birthday Party
26th Sept - 19th Oct: Church Mouse Trail

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3rd Friday 6pm: 'Spem in Alium' Concert
5th Sunday 12.30pm: Dedication Lunch
14th Tuesday 12pm: Friendship Lunch
18th Saturday 7pm: Amadeus Choir Concert

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11th Tuesday 12pm: Friendship Lunch
15th Saturday 6pm: Bingo
29th Saturday: Christmas Wreath Workshop
(time and details to follow)

Please join us on

Tuesday 16th September 2025 at 12.00

at the Community Centre for our

Friendship Lunch

MENU

Beef or Veggie

Cottage Pie

served with vegetables & crusty bread

Chocolate & Raspberry Roulade with cream

£10.00

RSVP by Sunday 14th September 2025

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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**

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