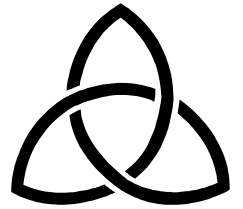




# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen



Sunday 13th July 2025

Fourth Sunday after Trinity  
(Proper 10)

## Services Today

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

**11:00am** Sung Mass

**Hymns:** 374: Responsorial Psalm 25: 473: 367: 354

*A new commandment I give unto you  
Is to love one another as I have loved you,  
Is to love one another as I have loved you.  
By this shall all men know that are my disciples,  
If you have love one for another;  
by this shall all men know you are my disciples:  
If you have love one for another.*

## 701 Ecce Deus

**Introit** When I called upon the Lord, he regarded my petition; yea, from the battle that was against me: and he hath brought them down, even he that is of old, and endureth for ever; O cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall nourish thee. **Psalm** Hear my prayer, O Lord, and hide not thyself from my petition: take heed unto me, and hear me. Glory be...and to the Holy Ghost. As it was ...and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. When I called (etc).

**Gradual** Keep me, O Lord, as the apple of an eye: hide me under the shadow of thy wings. Let my sentence come forth from thy presence: and let thine eyes look upon the thing that is equal. **Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. *✠* Thou, O God, art praised in Syon: and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem. Alleluia.

**Offertory** Unto thee O Lord, lift I up my soul; O my God; in thee have I trusted, let me not be confounded; Neither let mine enemies triumph over me; for all they that look for thee shall not be ashamed.

**Communion** The sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be always praising thee.

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## **Collect**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;  
that with you as our ruler and guide  
we may so pass through things temporal  
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;  
grant this, heavenly Father,  
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
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 v9-14**

**9** Then the Lord your God will make you most prosperous in all the work of your hands and in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your land. The Lord will again delight in you and make you prosperous, just as he delighted in your ancestors, **10** if you obey the Lord your God and keep his commands and decrees that are written in this Book of the Law and turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

**11** Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. **12** It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, 'Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so that we may obey it?' **13** Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, 'Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so that we may obey it?' **14** No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so that you may obey it.

## **Responsorial Psalm 25: 'To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul'**

## **New Testament Reading - Colossians Ch1 v1-14**

**1** Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, **2** To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ: Grace and peace to you from God our Father. **3** We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, **4** because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people – **5** the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel **6** that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world – just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. **7** You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, **8** and who also told us of your love in the Spirit. **9** For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, **10** so that

you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, **11** being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, **12** and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. **13** For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, **14** in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

## **Gospel - Luke Ch10 v25-37**

**25** On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. ‘Teacher,’ he asked, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ **26** ‘What is written in the Law?’ he replied. ‘How do you read it?’ **27** He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’”

**28** ‘You have answered correctly,’ Jesus replied. ‘Do this and you will live.’

**29** But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’

**30** In reply Jesus said: ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half-dead. **31** A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. **32** So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. **33** But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. **34** He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. **35** The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. “Look after him,” he said, “and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.” **36** ‘Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?’ **37** The expert in the law replied, ‘The one who had mercy on him.’ Jesus told him, ‘Go and do likewise.’

Eternal God,  
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,  
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:  
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,  
that all the world may acknowledge  
the kingdom of your Son 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, Mark Renouf and Barbara Renouf

## NOTICES

**Monday to Friday 8.00am - Morning Prayer**  
**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> 11.00am - Said Mass**  
**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July 10.00am - Coffee and chat in church**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July**  
**The Fifth Sunday after Trinity**  
**9:30am Said Mass with Children's Church**  
**11.00am Sung Mass**



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)

Someone stole all my next door neighbours grass last night.  
He's out there now looking forlorn...

YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO  
CELEBRATE

# *Fr Joe's Birthday*

19th July 2025

10 AM -  
11.30 AM

**St Stephen's  
Church Vestry**

during our COFFEE, CAKE & CHAT morning





## ST STEPHEN'S SOCIAL EVENTS



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

We have a number of events planned over the next three months and have listed them for your diaries:

### AUGUST

- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> **Family Picnic** at 12.30pm
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> **Biberach Konzert** at 6pm
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> **Friendship Lunch** at 12.00pm
- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> **Social Events Meeting** at 11.30am

### SEPTEMBER

- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> **Boules Evening** at 6pm
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> **Friendship Lunch** (*please note change of date from 9<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>*) at 12.00pm
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> **Girl Guiding Birthday celebrations**
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September to 19<sup>th</sup> October **Mouse Trail**

### OCTOBER

- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> **Guernsey Choral Festival Concert** with Joey Edwards - **'Spem in Alium'** at 6pm
- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> **Dedication Sunday Lunch** at 12.30pm
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> **Friendship Lunch** at 12.00pm
- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> **Amadeus Choir** from Liverpool - **Concert** at 7pm



*If anyone would like to assist us  
with planning our Boules Evening,  
please join us for a meeting  
on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> of July at 11.30am  
in the Vestry.*



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