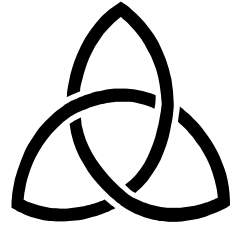


# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2026

## Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 17)



### Services Today

**9:30am**

Said Mass

**11:00**  
**Hymns**

Sung Mass

**357: Responsorial Psalm 26:**

**I the Lord of Sea and Sky:(On Sheet): 341: 372**

*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

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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. **Psalm** 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.

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

**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

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
who called your Church to bear witness  
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:  
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,  
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;  
through him who was lifted up on the cross,  
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever

**Old Testament Reading - Jeremiah Ch15 v15-21**

Lord, you understand;  
remember me and care for me.  
Avenge me on my persecutors.  
You are long-suffering – do not take me away;  
think of how I suffer reproach for your sake.  
16 When your words came, I ate them;  
they were my joy and my heart's delight,  
for I bear your name,  
Lord God Almighty.  
17 I never sat in the company of revellers,  
never made merry with them;  
I sat alone because your hand was on me  
and you had filled me with indignation.  
18 Why is my pain unending  
and my wound grievous and incurable?  
You are to me like a deceptive brook,  
like a spring that fails.  
19 Therefore this is what the Lord says:  
'If you repent, I will restore you  
that you may serve me;  
if you utter worthy, not worthless, words,  
you will be my spokesman.  
Let this people turn to you,  
but you must not turn to them.  
20 I will make you a wall to this people,  
a fortified wall of bronze;  
they will fight against you  
but will not overcome you,  
for I am with you  
to rescue and save you,'  
declares the Lord.  
21 'I will save you from the hands of the wicked  
and deliver you from the grasp of the cruel.'

**Responsorial Psalm 26: 'Redeem me, and be merciful to me, O Lord'**

## **New Testament Reading - Romans Ch12 v9-21**

9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. 13 Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practise hospitality. 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. 16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. 18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. 19 Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord. 20 On the contrary: 'If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.' 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## **Gospel - Matthew Ch16 v21-28**

21 From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

22 Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 'Never, Lord!' he said. 'This shall never happen to you!' 23 Jesus turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.'

24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. 26 What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? 27 For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

28 'Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

## **Post Communion**

God our creator,  
you feed your children with the true manna,  
the living bread from heaven:  
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage  
until we come to that place  
where hunger and thirst are no more;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## NOTICES

**Monday to Friday 8.00am - Morning Prayer**  
**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 11.00am - Said Mass**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September**  
**10.00am - Coffee and Chat in Church**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September**  
**The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**9:30am Said Mass**  
**11.00am Sung Mass**



**ALL AGES WELCOME - COME JOIN THE FUN!**

**Wednesday, 2nd September at 5.30pm**  
St Stephen's Church Garden

RSVP by 25th August:  
[joe.thompson@deanery.gg](mailto:joe.thompson@deanery.gg)  
or call 01481 720268



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)

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