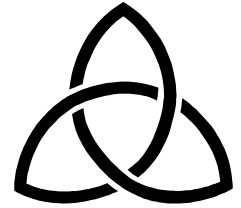


Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen



Sunday 13th September 2026

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 19)

Services Today

9:30am Said Mass

11:00 Sung Mass
Hymns **393: Responsorial Psalm 103 :353: S.31: 395**

2.30pm Creative Children's Church

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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Introit Give peace, O Lord, to them that wait for thee, and let thy Prophets be found faithful: regard the prayers of thy servant, and of thy people Israel. **Psalm** I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord. Glory be to the Father...

Gradual I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord. ☩. Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces. **Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. ☩. The heathen shall fear thy Name, O Lord: and all the kings of the earth thy majesty. Alleluia.

Offertory Moses consecrated an altar unto the Lord, offering burnt offerings upon it, and sacrificing peace offerings; and he made an evening sacrifice for a sweet-smelling savour unto the Lord God, in the sight of the children of Israel.

Communion Bring offerings, and come into his courts: O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

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

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

Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel
that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
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 - Genesis Ch50 v15-21

15 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, 'What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?' 16 So they sent word to Joseph, saying, 'Your father left these instructions before he died: 17 "This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly." Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father.' When their message came to him, Joseph wept. 18 His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. 'We are your slaves,' they said.

19 But Joseph said to them, 'Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? 20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. 21 So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children.' And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

Responsorial Psalm 103: 'The Lord has compassion on his children'

New Testament Reading - Romans Ch14 v1-12

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarrelling over disputable matters. 2 One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. 3 The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. 4 Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand. 5 One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. 6 Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. 7 For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. 8 If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. 9 For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

10 You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. 11 It is written:

"As surely as I live," says the Lord,
"Every knee will bow before me;
every tongue will acknowledge God."

12 So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

Gospel - Matthew Ch18 v21-35

21 Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?'

22 Jesus answered, 'I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.'

23 'Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. 24 As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. 25 Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.'

26 'At this the servant fell on his knees before him. "Be patient with me," he begged, "and I will pay back everything." 27 The servant's master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go.'

28 'But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. "Pay back what you owe me!" he demanded.'

29 'His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, "Be patient with me, and I will pay it back."

30 'But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. 31 When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.'

32 'Then the master called the servant in. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. 33 Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?" 34 In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.'

35 'This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Post Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
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 15th 11.00am - Said Mass

Saturday 19th September 10.00am

Coffee and Chat in Church

Sunday 20th September

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

9:30am Said Mass

11.00am Sung Mass

Guided Walk "7 Lamps, few Bills & a Kidnap"

Sunday 13th September 2.30pm – 4pm

Meet at St Stephen's Church,
Les Gravées, St Peter Port

Bus Route 41, 42, 51, 52

Parking available at the Church

Step into the hidden history around St Stephen's Church on the western edge of St Peter Port, from prehistoric standing stones to the Victorian era, and enjoy a visit inside the church to discover the work of celebrated Victorian craftsmen before they became internationally famous.

Cost £10, Length under 1 mile

Contact: Rosalyne Le Huray

Gold Accredited Guide

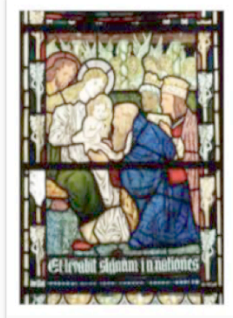
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Private View Invitation
18th September 5.30pm - 7.30pm
St Stephen's Church
Les Gravées, St Peter Port

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

I asked God for a bike, but I knew God doesn't work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.