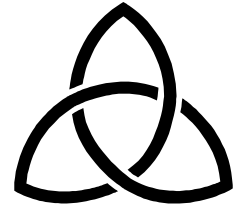


Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 20th September 2026



Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 20)

Services Today

9:30am	Said Mass
11:00	Sung Mass
Hymns	377: Responsorial Psalm 145 :401: S.5: 456

*Day by day, Day by day, dear Lord of you three things I pray
To see thee more clearly, To love thee more dearly
To follow thee more nearly,, Day by day, Day by day*

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Introit I am the saving health of my people, saith the Lord God: out of whatsoever tribulation they shall pray to me, I will surely help them, and I will be their God forever and ever. **Psalm** Hear my law, O my people: incline your ears unto the words of my mouth. Glory be to the Father...

Gradual The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him: yea, all such as call upon him faithfully. □. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name. **Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. □. O give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his Name: tell the people what things he hath done. Alleluia.

Offertory Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shall thou refresh me, O Lord: thou shalt stretch forth thy right hand upon the furiousness of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

Communion Thou hast charged that we shall diligently keep thy commandments: O that my ways were made so direct, that I might keep thy statutes.

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Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear
the prayers of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
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 - Jonah Ch 3 v10 to end of Ch4

10 When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he
relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. 2 He prayed to the
Lord, 'Isn't this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to
forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate
God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending
calamity. 3 Now, Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live.'
4 But the Lord replied, 'Is it right for you to be angry?'

5 Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made
himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city.
6 Then the Lord God provided a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah to
give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about
the plant. 7 But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the
plant so that it withered. 8 When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east
wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die,
and said, 'It would be better for me to die than to live.' 9 But God said to Jonah, 'Is
it right for you to be angry about the plant?' 'It is,' he said. 'And I'm so angry I wish
I were dead.' 10 But the Lord said, 'You have been concerned about this plant,
though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died
overnight. 11 And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which
there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their
right hand from their left – and also many animals?'

Responsorial Psalm 145:

'I will bless you and praise you for ever, O God my King'

New Testament Reading - Philippians Ch 1 v 21-30

21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. 22 If I am to go on living in the body,
this will mean fruitful labour for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! 23 I am
torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far;
24 but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. 25 Convinced of this, I
know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy
in the faith, 26 so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ
Jesus will abound on account of me.

27 Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel 28 without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved – and that by God. 29 For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, 30 since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

Gospel - Matthew Ch 20 v1-16

‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. 2 He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. 3 ‘About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the market-place doing nothing. 4 He told them, “You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” 5 So they went. ‘He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. 6 About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, “Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?” 7 “Because no one has hired us,” they answered. ‘He said to them, “You also go and work in my vineyard.”

8 ‘When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, “Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.”

9 ‘The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. 10 So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. 11 When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. 12 “These who were hired last worked only one hour,” they said, “and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.” 13 ‘But he answered one of them, “I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? 14 Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. 15 Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?” 16 ‘So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

Post Communion

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
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 22nd 11.00am - Said Mass

Saturday 26th September 10.00am

Coffee and Chat in Church

Sunday 27th September

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Harvest Thanksgiving

9:30am Said Mass

11.00am Sung Mass



SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER IS OUR HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Please could you bring donations for
the food bank as your harvest gifts
THANK YOU!



October Magazine A note from the Editor!

Please could I have any copy for
this Magazine
by

Friday 25th September

All donations are most welcome!

They can either be given to me (Nikki) in person
or emailed to nikkiattwooll@gmail.com

Guided Walk "Just William"

Saturday 26th 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**

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and discover the stunning,
internationally significant Pre-
Raphaelite windows designed
William Morris in 1864. Explore
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behind these remarkable
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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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