



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

**Sunday 17th November 2024**  
**Second Sunday Before Advent**

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

**11.00am** Sung Mass with Sermon

**Hymns: 339: Responsorial Psalm 16: 333: Anthem: 434**

## CHORUS

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts, Shine though the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church gathered today.

## **752 The Second Sunday before Advent**

**Introit** Forsake me not, O Lord my God, be not thou far from me: Haste thee to help me, O Lord God of my salvation.

**Psalm** Put me not to rebuke, O Lord, in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy heavenly displeasure. Glory be...

**Gradual** We have waited, O God, for thy loving-kindness in the midst of thy temple: According to thy name, O Lord, so is thy praise unto the world's end. *V.* Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of our God, even upon the holy hill.

**Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. *V.* By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth. Alleluia.

**Offertory** Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who satisfieth thy mouth with good things: making thee young and lusty as an eagle.

**Communion** Thou shalt shew me the path of life: in thy presence, O Lord, is the fullness of joy.

## Collect

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son was revealed  
to destroy the works of the devil  
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:  
grant that we, having this hope,  
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;  
that when he shall appear in power and great glory  
we may be made like him  
in his eternal and glorious kingdom;  
where he is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Old Testament Reading - Daniel Ch12 v1-3

**12** 'At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people – everyone whose name is found written in the book – will be delivered. <sup>2</sup> Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup> Those who are wise<sup>a</sup> will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

## Responsorial Psalm 16

'In your presence, O Lord, is the fullness of joy.'

## New Testament Reading - Hebrews Ch10 v11-14 & v19-25

<sup>11</sup> Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup> and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. <sup>14</sup> For by one sacrifice he has made perfect for ever those who are being made holy.

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near to God with a

sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.<sup>23</sup> Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.<sup>24</sup> And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds,<sup>25</sup> not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

## **Gospel - Mark Ch13 v1-8**

As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!’<sup>2</sup> ‘Do you see all these great buildings?’ replied Jesus. ‘Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.’<sup>3</sup> As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup> ‘Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?’<sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them: ‘Watch out that no one deceives you.<sup>6</sup> Many will come in my name, claiming, “I am he,” and will deceive many.<sup>7</sup> When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.<sup>8</sup> Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth-pains.

## **Post Communion**

Gracious Lord,  
in this holy sacrament  
you give substance to our hope:  
bring us at the last  
to that fullness of life for which we long;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

### **Please remember in your prayers**

Fr John & Carol Luff, Willa Owen, Brian Garner, Jill Stephenson,  
Paulo De Augustino, Michael Beacham, John Greany, Storm King,  
Pamela Parkes, Maddie Sarre and Margaret Morris.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Steph and the Dragoon family  
at this very sad time'

## NOTICES

**Monday- Friday 8.00am - Morning Prayer**  
**Tuesday 19th November 11.00am - Said Mass**

Saturday 23rd November 10.00-11.30am - Coffee and Chat in church

**Sunday 24th November**  
**Sunday before Advent**  
**Christ the King**

**9.30am** Said Mass with Children's Church  
**11.00am** Sung Mass with Procession



### **December/January BUMPER Magazine** **A note from the Editor!**

Please could I have any copy for this Magazine by **Friday 22nd November**  
All donations are most welcome!

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

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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