



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen



Sunday 12th October 2025

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 23)

Services Today

9:30am Said Mass with Children's Church

11:00 Sung Mass
Hymns **436: Responsorial Psalm 111: 404:337:434**

Chorus

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

714

Introit. If thou, O Lord, wilt be extreme to mark iniquities, Lord, who may abide it: for unto thee belongeth mercy, O God of Israel.

Psalm. Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice. Glory be ...

Gradual. Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is: brethren, to dwell together in unity. □. It is like the precious ointment upon the head: that ran down unto the beard, even unto Aaron's beard. **Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. □. Ye that fear the Lord, put your trust in him: He is their helper and defender. Alleluia.

Offertory. Remember me, O Lord, King of all power: and put a well-ordered speech in my mouth that my words may be pleasing in thy sight.

Communion. O turn from me shame and rebuke, for I have kept thy statutes, O Lord: For thy testimonies are my delight.

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

Collect

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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 – 2 Kings 5 v1-3, 7-15c

Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the Lord had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy.

2 Now bands of raiders from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. 3 She said to her mistress, 'If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.'

7 As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, 'Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!'

8 When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: 'Why have you torn your robes? Make the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel.' 9 So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. 10 Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, 'Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed.' 11 But Naaman went away angry and said, 'I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. 12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?' So he turned and went off in a rage. 13 Naaman's servants went to him and said, 'My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, "Wash and be cleansed"!' 14 So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

15 Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said, 'Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel. So please accept a gift from your servant.'

Responsorial Psalm 111: 'The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom'

New Testament Reading – 2. Timothy 2 v8-15

8 Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, 9 for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained. 10 Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

11 Here is a trustworthy saying:

If we died with him,
we will also live with him;
12 if we endure,
we will also reign with him.
If we disown him,
he will also disown us;
13 if we are faithless,
he remains faithful,
for he cannot disown himself.

14 Keep reminding God's people of these things. Warn them before God against quarrelling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen. 15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

Gospel - Luke 17 v11-19

11 Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. 12 As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance 13 and called out in a loud voice, 'Jesus, Master, have pity on us!' 14 When he saw them, he said, 'Go, show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were cleansed. 15 One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. 16 He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him – and he was a Samaritan. 17 Jesus asked, 'Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? 18 Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?' 19 Then he said to him, 'Rise and go; your faith has made you well.'

Post Communion

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please remember in your prayers

Fr John & Carol Luff, Willa Owen, Brian Garner, Jill Stephenson, Paulo De Augustino, Margaret Morris, David and Barbara Streek, Wendy Clamp, Mandy Le Tissier, Eileen Samman, Margaret Boden Heaume and Barbara Renouf

NOTICES

Monday to Friday 8.00am - Morning Prayer

Tuesday 14th October

11.00am - Said Mass

12.00pm - Friendship Lunch

Wednesday 15th October 11.00am - Funeral for Bill Lohmeier

Saturday 18th October

10.00am - Coffee and Chat in Church

7.00pm - 'The Best of Bach, Beatles & Bond' Concert

Sunday 19th October

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

9:30am Said Mass with Children's Church

11.00am Sung Mass

AMADEUS
THE CHAMBER CHOIR
(from Liverpool)



Supporting islanders and
their families living with
acquired brain injury

Saturday 18th October - 7:00pm

**The Best of
Bach, Beatles & Bond
(James Bond) ... and lots more**

St Stephen's Church

Les Gravées, St Peter Port, GY1 1RN

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

**Friendship
Lunch**

Tuesday 14th October 2025 12pm



MENU

Fish Pie - cod & smoked haddock topped with mashed potato

OR

Smoked Haddock & Prawn Risotto - gluten-free

OR

Veggie Cottage Pie - vegetarian

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Chocolate & Salted Caramel Pavlov

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£10

Please R.S.V.P. by Sunday 12th October 2025

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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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What did prehistoric doctors heal?

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