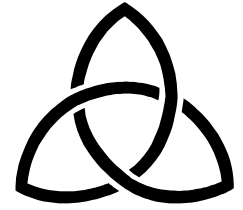


Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen



Sunday 19th October 2025

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 24)

Services Today

9:30am

Said Mass with Children's Church

**At the 11.00am Mass today we are joined by
Amadeus: the Chamber Choir from Liverpool,
conducted and accompanied by David Holroyd and Jon Barton
Today's setting will be 'The Oxtan Mass' by David Holroyd**

11:00

Hymns

Sung Mass

377: Responsorial Psalm 121: 440:

Communion: Hymn 407

followed by 'O Quam gloriosum'.

by Tomas Luis de Victoria sung by the choir

Recessional Hymn: 186

Be still and know that I am God:

I am the Lord who heals your pain:

In thee, O Lord, I put my trust:

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Introit: I have called upon thee, O God, for thou shalt hear me: incline thine ear unto me and hearken unto my words: Keep me, O Lord, as the apple of an eye. Hide me under the shadow of thy wings. **Psalm:** Hear the right, O Lord: consider my complaint. Glory be...

Gradual: O Lord, save thy people, and give thy blessing: unto thine inheritance. □. Unto thee will I cry, O Lord my strength: think no scorn of me, lest I become like unto them that go down into the pit. **Alleluia:** Alleluia. Alleluia. □. Praise the Lord, O my soul: while I live will I praise the Lord; yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praise unto my God. Alleluia.

Offertory: My delight shall be in thy commandments, which I have loved; my hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved.

Communion: O Lord our governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world.

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

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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 Ch32 v22-31

22 That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. 23 After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. 24 So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. 25 When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. 26 Then the man said, 'Let me go, for it is daybreak.' But Jacob replied, 'I will not let you go unless you bless me.' 27 The man asked him, 'What is your name?' 'Jacob,' he answered. 28 Then the man said, 'Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.' 29 Jacob said, 'Please tell me your name.' But he replied, 'Why do you ask my name?' Then he blessed him there. 30 So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.' 31 The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip.

Responsorial Psalm 121:

'My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heav'n and earth.'

New Testament Reading – 2 Timothy Ch3. v14 – 17 & Ch4 v 1-5

14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, 15 and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: 2 preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction. 3 For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather round them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. 5 But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

Gospel - Luke Ch18 v1-8

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. 2 He said: 'In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. 3 And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, "Grant me justice against my adversary." 4 'For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, "Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!"' 6 And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7 And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? 8 I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?

Post Communion

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints for ever.

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

October - Gift Month

The running of the church is made easier by all who help in whatever way they can, but our weekly giving only provides about half what it costs to keep the church open, so we have to find ways of supplementing the cost by events, concerts, fees for services such as funerals and weddings, and of course additional gifts given to the church.

Gift Month is an important part in mitigating the predicted end of year deficit. All donations, large or small, are gratefully received with the bank details included below, or through your preferred method of contributing. (Gift Month envelopes available on the Black Chest) The continued work of this church, in our parish, is dependent on the generosity of spirit from each one of us. Thank you for your gift. Tony & Anne

Account name: **St Stephen's Parish Church**

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NOTICES

Monday to Friday 8.00am - Morning Prayer

Monday 20th October 7.30pm - Tenebrae Concert

Tuesday 21st October

11.00am - ECJS - Harvest Service (Said Mass Cancelled)

Wednesday 22nd October -

11.45am Ladies College Commemoration Service

Thursday 23rd October 6.30pm - Concert Jonathan Radford & Ashley Fripp

Saturday 25th October 10.00am - Coffee and Chat in Church

Sunday 26th October

Last Sunday After Trinity

9:30am Said Mass with Children's Church

11.00am Sung Mass

Bake sale after both services



November Magazine A note from the Editor!

Please could I have any copy for this Magazine by

Friday 24th October

All donations are most welcome!

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



St. Stephen's Players present:
(THE FAIRY GODMOTHER OF ALL PANTOMIMES)

CINDERELLA.

Tickets on sale **now** from
www.ticketsource.co.uk/ststephensplayers

Performances: Saturday 29th November to Saturday 6th December
Evening and matinees performances.

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

What do lawyers wear to court?

Law suits!