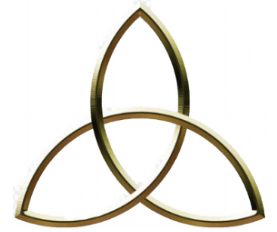


Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen



Sunday 7th June 2026

First Sunday after Trinity (Proper 5)

Services Today

9:30am	Said Mass with Children's Church
11:00am	Sung Mass
Hymns	200: Responsorial Psalm 50: 378: 467: Servant Song (On sheet)
2.30pm	Creative Children's Church

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid; lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
lift up your voices, the Lord is near.*

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Introit The Lord is my light, and my salvation, whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid? When mine enemies pressed sore against me, they stumbled and fell.

Psalm Though an host of men were laid against me: yet shall not my heart be afraid. Glory be to the Father...

Gradual Be merciful, O Lord, unto our sins: wherefore do the heathen say, Where is now their God? □. Help us, O God of our salvation: and for the honour of thy Name, deliver us, O Lord. **Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. □. Thou, O God, art set in the throne that judgest right: be thou the refuge of the opprest in due time of trouble. Alleluia.

Offertory Lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death; lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him.

Communion The Lord is my strong rock, and my defence: my Saviour, my God, and my might.

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Collect

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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 -Hosea Ch5 v15- Ch6 v 6

Then I will return to my lair
until they have borne their guilt
and seek my face –
in their misery
they will earnestly seek me.’
‘Come, let us return to the Lord.
He has torn us to pieces
but he will heal us;
he has injured us
but he will bind up our wounds.
2 After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will restore us,
that we may live in his presence.
3 Let us acknowledge the Lord;
let us press on to acknowledge him.
As surely as the sun rises,
he will appear;
he will come to us like the winter rains,
like the spring rains that water the earth.’
4 ‘What can I do with you, Ephraim?
What can I do with you, Judah?
Your love is like the morning mist,
like the early dew that disappears.
5 Therefore I cut you in pieces with my prophets,
I killed you with the words of my mouth –
then my judgments go forth like the sun.^[a]
6 For I desire mercy, not sacrifice,
and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.

Responsorial Psalm 50:

‘Let the heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge’

New Testament Reading - Romans Ch 4 v 13-end

13 It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. 14 For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, 15 because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

16 Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring – not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. 17 As it is written: 'I have made you a father of many nations.'^[a] He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed – the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

18 Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.'^[b] 19 Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead – since he was about a hundred years old – and that Sarah's womb was also dead. 20 Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, 21 being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. 22 This is why 'it was credited to him as righteousness.' 23 The words 'it was credited to him' were written not for him alone, 24 but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness – for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. 25 He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Gospel - Matthew Ch 9 v9-13, 18-26

9 As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. 'Follow me,' he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. 10 While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?' 12 On hearing this, Jesus said, 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but those who are ill. 13 But go and learn what this means: "I desire mercy, not sacrifice."^[a] For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.'

18 While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, 'My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live.' 19 Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples. 20 Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. 21 She said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed.' 22 Jesus turned and saw her. 'Take heart, daughter,' he said, 'your faith has healed you.' And the woman was healed at that moment. 23 When Jesus entered the synagogue leader's house and saw the noisy crowd and the people playing pipes, 24 he said, 'Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep.' But they laughed at him. 25 After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. 26 News of this spread through all that region.

Post Communion

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us
in faith, build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

NOTICES

Monday to Friday 8.00am - Morning Prayer

Tuesday 9th June 11.00am - Said Mass

Saturday 13th June
10.00am - Coffee and Chat in Church

Sunday 14th June
The Second Sunday after Trinity,
9:30am Said Mass with Children's Church
11.00am Sung Mass



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's the difference between a taxidermist and a tax collector?

A taxidermist takes only your skin.