



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 11th January 2025

First Sunday of Epiphany The Baptism of Christ

Services Today

9:30am	Said Mass with Children's Church
11:00	Sung Mass with Procession
Hymns	52: Responsorial Psalm 29: 56: 57: 48
6.30pm	Town Church Evensong at St Stephen's

*A new commandment I give unto you
Is to love one another as I have loved you,
Is to love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall all men know that are my disciples,
If you have love one for another;
by this shall all men know you are my disciples:
If you have love one for another.*

Epiphany 1- Prayers at the Crib

Let us pray:

The Kings, Lord, brought myrrh, frankincense and gold. We bring you nothing but who we are. We pray you Lord, to purify our hearts that they may be worthy to become your dwelling place, now and for ever. **Amen.**

At the end of the procession

∞ The voice of the Lord is upon the waters

℟ **The Lord is upon many waters**

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people which call upon thee; 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 the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Introit Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; wherefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

Psalm My heart overfloweth with a good matter; I speak of the things which I made concerning the King. Glory be to the Father...

Gradual Blessed be the Lord, even the God of Israel: which only doeth wondrous things. ∞ The mountains also shall bring peace: and the little hills righteousness unto the people. **Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. ∞ I have found David my servant. With my holy oil have I anointed him. **Alleluia.**

Offertory Blessed be he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: we have wished you good luck, we that are of the house of the Lord. God is the Lord who hath showed us light, alleluia, alleluia.

Communion As many of you as have been baptised into Christ have put on Christ, alleluia.

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Collect

Eternal father,
Who at the baptism of Jesus
Revealed him to be your Son,
Anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
Grant to us, who are born again by water and the spirit,
That we may be faithful to our calling
As your adopted children;
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 – Isaiah Ch42 v1-9

‘Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit on him,
and he will bring justice to the nations.
2 He will not shout or cry out,
or raise his voice in the streets.
3 A bruised reed he will not break,
and a smouldering wick he will not snuff out.
In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;
4 he will not falter or be discouraged
till he establishes justice on earth.
In his teaching the islands will put their hope.’
5 This is what God the Lord says –
the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out,
who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it,
who gives breath to its people,
and life to those who walk on it:
6 ‘I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness;
I will take hold of your hand.
I will keep you and will make you
to be a covenant for the people
and a light for the Gentiles,
7 to open eyes that are blind,
to free captives from prison
and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.
8 ‘I am the Lord; that is my name!
I will not yield my glory to another
or my praise to idols.
9 See, the former things have taken place,
and new things I declare;
before they spring into being
I announce them to you.’

Responsorial Psalm 29:

‘May the Lord bless his people with peace’

New Testament Reading – Acts Ch10 v34-43

34 Then Peter began to speak: 'I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism 35 but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. 36 You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. 37 You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached – 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

39 'We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, 40 but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. 41 He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen – by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Gospel – Matthew Ch3 v13-17

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. 14 But John tried to deter him, saying, 'I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?' 15 Jesus replied, 'Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfil all righteousness.' Then John consented.

16 As soon as Jesus was baptised, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.'

Post Communion

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens
and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of your rebirth

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,
Margaret Boden Heaume, Lindsay Gallagher, Barbara Renouf, Peter Le Page
and Helen Shepherd

NOTICES

Monday - Friday 8.00am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 13th January

11.00am Mass

7.00pm APCC

Saturday 17th January 10.00am Coffee and Chat in Church

Sunday 18th January

Second Sunday of Epiphany

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11.00am - Sung Mass

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St Stephen's Community Centre at

12.00pm

every second Tuesday of the month

from February to December:

10 February

10 March

14 April

12 May

9 June

14 July

11 August

8 September

13 October

10 November

15 December

*The cost will remain **£10.00** per person for 2026.*

RSVP: Jill Mabire or Aileen Thompson

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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

To Fliss or email fmil397026@aol.com

*I'm working on a new typeface to be used for church bulletins...
I call it 'Baptismal Font.'*