

Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen



Sunday 22nd June 2025

First Sunday after Trinity (Proper 7)

Services Today

9:30am Said Mass with Children's Church

11:00am Sung Mass

Hymns: **385: Responsorial Psalm 22: 353: S.5: 476**

Be still and know that I am God:

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I am the Lord who heals your pain:

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In thee, O Lord, I put my trust:

698 Dominus Fortitudo

Introit The Lord is the strength of his people, and a stronghold of salvation to his Anointed One: O Lord, save thine own people, and give thy blessing unto thine inheritance; O feed them also, and set them up for ever.

Psalm Unto thee will I cry, O Lord; my God, be not silent unto me: lest, if thou make as though thou hearest not, I become like them that go down into the pit. Glory be to the Father...

Gradual Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last: and be gracious unto thy servants. ∞ Lord, thou hast been our refuge: from one generation to another.

Alleluia Alleluia. ∞ In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust, let me never put to confusion: deliver me in thy righteousness; bow down thine ear to me, make haste to deliver me. Alleluia.

Offertory O hold thou my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not; incline thine ear unto me, and hearken unto my words: show thy marvellous loving-kindness; thou that art the Saviour of them which put their trust in thee, O Lord.

Communion He that will come after me, let him deny himself: and take up his cross, and follow me.

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

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 - Isaiah Ch65 v1-9

'I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me;
I was found by those who did not seek me.
To a nation that did not call on my name,
I said, "Here am I, here am I."
2 All day long I have held out my hands
to an obstinate people,
who walk in ways not good,
pursuing their own imaginations –
3 a people who continually provoke me
to my very face,
offering sacrifices in gardens
and burning incense on altars of brick;
4 who sit among the graves
and spend their nights keeping secret vigil;
who eat the flesh of pigs,
and whose pots hold broth of impure meat;
5 who say, "Keep away; don't come near me,
for I am too sacred for you!"
Such people are smoke in my nostrils,
a fire that keeps burning all day.
6 'See, it stands written before me;
I will not keep silent but will pay back in full;
I will pay it back into their laps –
7 both your sins and the sins of your ancestors,'
says the Lord.
'Because they burned sacrifices on the mountains
and defied me on the hills,
I will measure into their laps
the full payment for their former deeds.'
8 This is what the Lord says:
'As when juice is still found in a cluster of grapes
and people say, "Don't destroy it,
there is still a blessing in it,"
so will I do on behalf of my servants;
I will not destroy them all.
9 I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
and from Judah those who will possess my mountains;
my chosen people will inherit them,
and there will my servants live.

Responsorial Psalm 22: 'My God my God, why have you forsaken me?'

New Testament Reading - Galatians Ch3 v23-29

23 Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. 24 So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. 25 Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

26 So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, 27 for all of you who were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Gospel - Luke Ch8 v26-39

26 They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. 27 When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. 28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, 'What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!' 29 For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places. 30 Jesus asked him, 'What is your name?' 'Legion,' he replied, because many demons had gone into him. 31 And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss. 32 A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. 33 When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

34 When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, 35 and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. 36 Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. 37 Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left. 38 The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, 39 'Return home and tell how much God has done for you.' So the man went away and told all over the town how much Jesus had done for him.

Post Communion

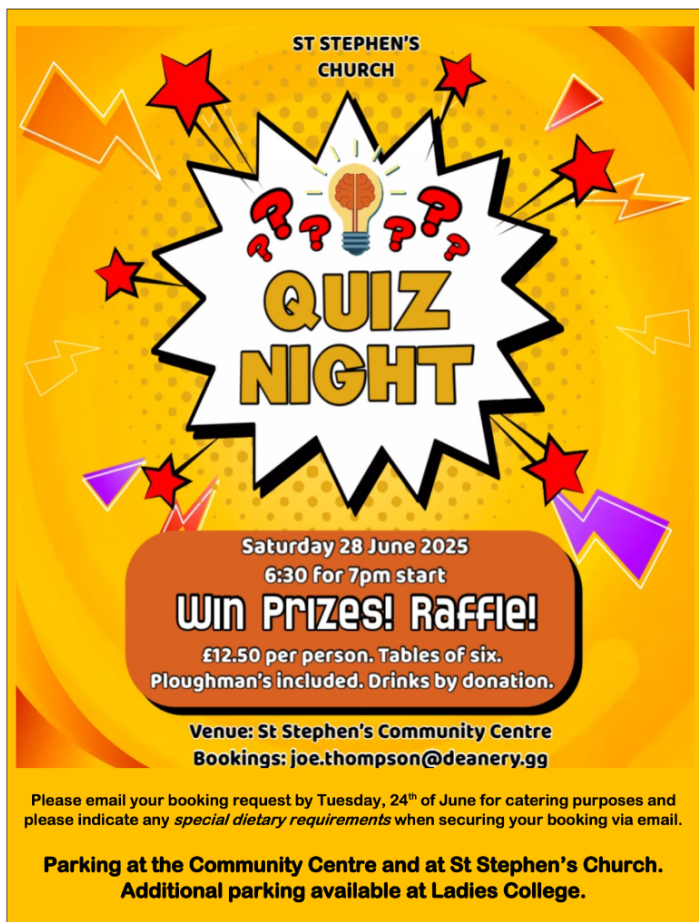
Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us
in faith, build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

NOTICES

Monday to Friday 8.00am - Morning Prayer
Monday 23rd June 2.00pm - Funeral for Ian Petch
Tuesday 24th June 11.00am - Said Mass
Saturday 29th June
10.00am - Coffee and chat in church
6.30PM - Quiz Night

Sunday 30th June
The Second Sunday after Trinity, St Peter & St Paul
9:30am Said Mass with Children's Church
11.00am Sung Mass
12.15pm - Bake Sale

Please remember in your prayers
 Fr John & Carol Luff, Willa Owen, Brian Garner, Mark Garner, Jill Stephenson, Paulo De Augistino, Margaret Morris, David and Barbara Streek, Wendy Clamp, Mark Renouf and Barbara Renouf



ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 28 June 2025
 6:30 for 7pm start
Win Prizes! Raffle!
 £12.50 per person. Tables of six.
 Ploughman's included. Drinks by donation.

Venue: St Stephen's Community Centre
 Bookings: joe.thompson@deanery.gg

Please email your booking request by Tuesday, 24th of June for catering purposes and please indicate any *special dietary requirements* when securing your booking via email.

Parking at the Community Centre and at St Stephen's Church.
 Additional parking available at Ladies College.



ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH

TODDLER GROUP
 LAST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH
10 - 11.30 AM
 All welcome!
 Coffee, Cake & Chat for mums, dads, grandparents, carers

31 May 28 June 26 July 30 August
 27 September 25 October 29 November

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 you call a pig with fleas?

Pork Scratchings!