



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen



Sunday 2nd June 2024

## First Sunday after Trinity

### Services Today

<b>9:30am</b>	Said Mass
<b>11:00am</b>	Sung Mass with Sermon
<b>Hymns:</b>	<b>239: Responsorial Psalm 81: 307: 456: 234</b>
<b>2.30pm</b>	Family Service

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**Introit** Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me, O Lord; for I am desolate and in tribulation: look thou on my affliction, and my travail: and forgive me all my iniquities, O my God.

**Psalm** Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul: my God, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded. Glory be ...

**Gradual** O cast thy burden upon the Lord: and he shall nourish thee. *V.* When I cried unto the Lord, he heard my voice: from the battle that was against me.

**Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. *V.* God is a righteous judge, strong and patient: and God is provoked every day. Alleluia.

**Offertory** They that know thy Name will put their trust in thee; for thou, Lord, hast never failed them that seek thee: O praise the Lord which dwelleth in Syon; for he forgetteth not the complaint of the poor.

**Communion** I have called upon thee, O God, for thou shalt hear me: incline thine ear unto me, and hearken unto my words. Verily I say unto you, what things soever ye desire when ye pray: believe that ye receive them, and it shall be done unto you.

## 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 - Deuteronomy Ch5 v12-15

<sup>12</sup><sup>12</sup> “Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, as the Lord your God has commanded you. <sup>13</sup> You have six days each week for your ordinary work, <sup>14</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath day of rest dedicated to the Lord your God. On that day no one in your household may do any work. This includes you, your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, your oxen and donkeys and other livestock, and any foreigners living among you. All your male and female servants must rest as you do. <sup>15</sup> Remember that you were once slaves in Egypt, but the Lord your God brought you out with his strong hand and powerful arm. That is why the Lord your God has commanded you to rest on the Sabbath day.

## Responsorial Psalm 81: ‘Shout for joy to the God of Jacob’

## New Testament Reading - 2 Corinthians Ch4 v5-12

<sup>5</sup> You see, we don't go around preaching about ourselves. We preach that Jesus Christ is Lord, and we ourselves are your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup> For God, who said, “Let there be light in the darkness,” has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup> We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. <sup>8</sup> This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves.

<sup>8</sup> We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. <sup>9</sup> We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed. <sup>10</sup> Through suffering, our bodies continue to share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies.

<sup>11</sup> Yes, we live under constant danger of death because we serve Jesus, so that the life of Jesus will be evident in our dying bodies. <sup>12</sup> So we live in the face of death, but this has resulted in eternal life for you.

## Gospel - Mark Ch 2 v23 - Ch3 v6

<sup>23</sup> One Sabbath day as Jesus was walking through some grainfields, his disciples began breaking off heads of grain to eat. <sup>24</sup> But the Pharisees said to Jesus, "Look, why are they breaking the law by harvesting grain on the Sabbath?"

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to them, "Haven't you ever read in the Scriptures what David did when he and his companions were hungry? <sup>26</sup> He went into the house of God (during the days when Abiathar was high priest) and broke the law by eating the sacred loaves of bread that only the priests are allowed to eat. He also gave some to his companions."

<sup>27</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "The Sabbath was made to meet the needs of people, and not people to meet the requirements of the Sabbath. <sup>28</sup> So the Son of Man is Lord, even over the Sabbath!"

Jesus went into the synagogue again and noticed a man with a deformed hand. <sup>2</sup> Since it was the Sabbath, Jesus' enemies watched him closely. If he healed the man's hand, they planned to accuse him of working on the Sabbath.

<sup>3</sup> Jesus said to the man with the deformed hand, "Come and stand in front of everyone." <sup>4</sup> Then he turned to his critics and asked, "Does the law permit good deeds on the Sabbath, or is it a day for doing evil? Is this a day to save life or to destroy it?" But they wouldn't answer him.

<sup>5</sup> He looked around at them angrily and was deeply saddened by their hard hearts. Then he said to the man, "Hold out your hand." So the man held out his hand, and it was restored! <sup>6</sup> At once the Pharisees went away and met with the supporters of Herod to plot how to kill Jesus.

## 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.

### Please remember in your prayers

Father John Luff, Willa Owen, Lydia Grammer, Brian Garner, Phil Humphrys,  
David Streek, Jill Stephenson, Bill Rollo, Paulo De Augustino, Michael Beacham, and a  
Mother with two young children diagnosed with cancer.

Also please remember the family and friends of Hugh Lloyd-Jones who died recently

# NOTICES

**Monday- Friday 8.00am - Morning Prayer**  
**Tuesday 4th June 11.00am Said Mass**  
**Saturday 8th June 10.00am Coffee and Chat in Church**

**Sunday 9th June**  
**The Second Sunday after Trinity**  
**9.30am Said Mass**  
**11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon**



## **FRIENDSHIP LUNCH** **Tuesday 11th June at 12 midday**

St Stephen's Community Centre Meeting Room

Menu:-

Quiche Lorraine or  
Mushroom Quiche  
with Veg and New Potatoes  
(Please confirm choice when booking)  
Dessert - Summer Berries & Ice Cream

Specific dietary requirements  
please let me know as soon as possible.  
£10per person,  
To book please contact Jean Le Huray  
by Sunday 9th June Tel. 255207

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](mailto:fmil397026@aol.com)

*From A Church Bulletin....*

*Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and the deterioration of some older ones.*