



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 2nd March 2025

## The Sunday next before Lent Quinquagesima

**9.30am** Said Mass with Children's Church

**11.00am** Sung Mass with Sermon  
**Hymns 322: Responsorial Psalm 99: 271: 494: 178**

**2.30pm** Family Service

### CHORUS

*Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts, Shine though the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church gathered today.*

### **674 Quinquagesima (or the Sunday next before Lent)**

**Introit** Be thou my God and defender, and a place of refuge that thou mayest save me: for thou art my upholder, my refuge, and my Saviour; and for thy holy Name's sake be thou my leader, and my sustainer.

**Psalm** In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion; but rid me and deliver me in thy righteousness. Glory be...

**Gradual** Thou art the God that doest wonders; and hast declared thy power among the people. *V.* Thou has mightily delivered thy people: even the sons of Jacob and Joseph. **Tract** O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness. *V.* Come before his presence with a song: be ye sure that the Lord he is God. *V.* It is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**Offertory** Blessed art thou, O Lord; O teach me thy statutes: with my lips have I been telling of all the judgements of thy mouth.

**Communion** They did eat, and were well filled, for the Lord gave them their own desire: they were not disappointed of their lust.

## Collect

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Old Testament Reading - Exodus Ch34 v29-35

<sup>29</sup> When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord. <sup>30</sup> When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup> But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. <sup>32</sup> Afterwards all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the Lord had given him on Mount Sinai.

<sup>33</sup> When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. <sup>34</sup> But whenever he entered the Lord's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup> they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm 99: 'The Lord our God is Holy'

## New Testament Reading - 2 Corinthians Ch3 v12 - Ch4 v2

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. <sup>13</sup> We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. <sup>14</sup> But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. <sup>15</sup> Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. <sup>16</sup> But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. <sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

## **Gospel - Luke Ch9 v28-36**

<sup>28</sup> About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. <sup>30</sup> Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendour, talking with Jesus. <sup>31</sup> They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfilment at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. <sup>33</sup> As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, 'Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' (He did not know what he was saying.)

<sup>34</sup> While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> A voice came from the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.' <sup>36</sup> When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

## **Post Communion**

Holy God,  
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change and save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## NOTICES

**Monday - Friday 8.00am - Morning Prayer**  
**Tuesday 4th March 11.00am - Said Mass**  
**Wednesday 5th March 7.00pm - Mass for Ash Wednesday**  
**Thursday 6th March 2.00pm and 7.30pm - Lent Course**  
**Saturday 8th March 10.00am - Coffee and Chat in Church**

**Sunday 9th March**  
**The first Sunday of Lent**

**9:30am** Said Mass with Children's Church  
**11.00am** Sung Mass

**12.30pm - Church AGM**

We do hope everyone will stay for the meeting  
to show support for St Stephen's



We look forward to you joining us for our  
**FRIENDSHIP LUNCH**



**MENU**  
Beef in Guinness Stew / Hearty Vegan Irish Stew  
served with Irish Soda Bread  
Apple Crumble with Irish Mist Cream  
*GLUTEN-FREE AND DIABETIC OPTIONS PROVIDED*

**Tuesday 11th March**  
**12h00**

RSVP: Jean Le Huray 01481 255207

ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH  
JOINS TRINITY FOR  
PANCAKES



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Pancake Party

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TUE 4 MAR

Tuesday, 04-Mar-2025  
5:00pm - 7:00pm  
Holy Trinity Church

SHROVE  
TUESDAY

Park at St Stephen's and  
walk together to Trinity

RSVP: Fr Joe  
01481 720268

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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