



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 3rd November 2024

All Saints - 4th Before Advent

Services Today

- 9:30am** Said Mass with Children's Service
11:00am Sung Mass with Sermon
Hymns: **231: Responsorial psalm 24: 197: 341: 381**
14.30pm Family Service

*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.*

All Saints Day - End of Procession

- ℣ Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness
℞ And let thy saints sing with joyfulness

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age; as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

731 All Saints' Day

Introit Rejoice we all, and praise the Lord, celebrating a holy-day in honour of all the Saints: in whose solemnity the angels are joyful, and glorify the Son of God. **Psalm** Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for it becometh all the just to be thankful. Glory be...

Gradual O fear the Lord, all ye Saints of his: for they that fear him lack no good thing. ℣. But they that seek the Lord: shall want no manner of thing that is good. **Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. ℣. Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden: and I will give you rest. Alleluia.

Offertory The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God; and there shall no torment touch them: in the sight of the unwise they seemed to die, but they are in peace, alleluia.

Communion Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they that are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Collect

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
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 Ch25 v6-9

On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine –
the best of meats and the finest of wines.

⁷ On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death for ever.

The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears
from all faces;
he will remove his people's disgrace
from all the earth.

The Lord has spoken.

⁹ In that day they will say,
'Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.

This is the Lord, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.'

Responsorial Psalm 24: 'The Lord of hosts, he is the King of Glory'

New Testament Reading - Revelation Ch21 v1-6a

21 Then I saw 'a new heaven and a new earth,'^[a] for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Look! God's dwelling-place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death"^[b] or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'

⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!' Then he said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.'

⁶ He said to me: 'It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.'

Gospel - John Ch11 v32-44

³² When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.'³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. ³⁴ 'Where have you laid him?' he asked. 'Come and see, Lord,' they replied.

³⁵ Jesus wept.

³⁶ Then the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!'³⁷ But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

³⁸ Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹ 'Take away the stone,' he said. 'But, Lord,' said Martha, the sister of the dead man, 'by this time there is a bad odour, for he has been there four days.'⁴⁰ Then Jesus said, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?'⁴¹ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.'⁴³ When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!'⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Take off the grave clothes and let him go.'

Post Communion

God, the source of all holiness
and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please remember in your prayers

Fr John & Carol Luff, Willa Owen, Brian Garner, Jill Stephenson,
Paulo De Augustino, A Mother with two young children who has cancer,
Michael Beacham, John Greany, Storm King, Pamela Parkes, & Maddie Sarre,

NOTICES

Monday - Friday 8.00am - Morning Prayer
Tuesday 5th November 11.00am - Said Mass
Saturday 9th November 10.00-11.30am - Coffee and Chat in church

Sunday 10th November
The Third Sunday before Advent
Remembrance Sunday

9.30am Said Mass with Children's Church
10.55am Act of Remembrance
11.00am Sung Mass

WANTED

Raffle prizes

for the Soup and Stalls event
on 16th November
from 1.00 until 3.00 p.m.!

Linda and Shirley will be running the raffle,
so please leave items in the vestry for them.
Also there will be a cake stall so donations
of cakes etc will be much appreciated.
This is a fund raising event for church funds
so please do all you can to support it.

October - Gift Month

Gift Month is an important part in mitigating the predicted end of year deficit.
All donations, large or small, are gratefully received with the bank details included
below, or through your preferred method of contributing.

The continued work of this church, in our parish, is dependent on the
generosity of spirit from each one of us.

Thank you for your gift. Tony & Anne

Account name: St Stephen's Parish Church **Sort Code:** 40-22-25

Account Number: 01782207

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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