



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 25th January 2026

## The Third Sunday of Epiphany Conversion of St Paul

### Services Today

9:30am	Said Mass with Children's Church
11:00	Sung Mass
Hymns	359: Responsorial Psalm 67: 378: 376: 486
6.30pm	Town Church Evensong at St Stephen's

### Chorus

*Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.*

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**Introit** Rejoice we all, and praise the Lord, devoutly keeping this festival with due solemnity: where- in Paul, the blessed Apostle by his wonderful conversion did greatly illumine this present world. **Psalm** For the light of his holy preaching: and for conversion of Holy Paul. Glory be .....

**Gradual** He that wrought effectually in Peter to the Apostleship, was also mighty in me toward the Gentiles: and they perceived the grace that was given unto me. ✕ The grace of God which was bestowed upon me was not in vain: but his grace ever abideth in me. **Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. ✕ The Apostle Paul, the chosen vessel: is very worthy to be extolled. Alleluia.

**Offertory** O how dear are thy friends unto me. O God: O how great is the pre-eminence of them.

**Communion** Amen, I say unto you, that ye which have forsaken all, and followed me: shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

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## **Collect**

Almighty God,  
who caused the light of the gospel  
to shine throughout the world  
through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul:  
grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion  
may follow him in bearing witness to your truth;  
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 - Jeremiah Ch1 v 4-10**

4 The word of the Lord came to me, saying,  
5 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
before you were born I set you apart;  
I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.'  
6 'Alas, Sovereign Lord,' I said, 'I do not know how to speak; I am too young.'  
7 But the Lord said to me, 'Do not say, "I am too young." You must go to  
everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. 8 Do not be afraid of  
them, for I am with you and will rescue you,' declares the Lord.  
9 Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me,  
'I have put my words in your mouth. 10 See, today I appoint you over nations  
and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and  
to plant.'

## **Responsorial Psalm 67:**

**'Let the people praise you, O God, let all the people praise you'**

## **New Testament Reading - Acts Ch9 v 1-22**

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's  
disciples. He went to the high priest 2 and asked him for letters to the  
synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the  
Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem.  
3 As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed  
around him. 4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, 'Saul, Saul,  
why do you persecute me?'

5 'Who are you, Lord?' Saul asked. 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,' he  
replied. 6 'Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must  
do. 7 The men travelling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the  
sound but did not see anyone. 8 Saul got up from the ground, but when he  
opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into  
Damascus. 9 For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything  
.10 In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him  
in a vision, 'Ananias!' 'Yes, Lord,' he answered.

11 The Lord told him, 'Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for

a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. <sup>12</sup> In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight.’<sup>13</sup> ‘Lord,’ Ananias answered, ‘I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.’<sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to Ananias, ‘Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. <sup>16</sup> I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.’

<sup>17</sup> Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, ‘Brother Saul, the Lord – Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here – has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>18</sup> Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptised, <sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. <sup>20</sup> At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. <sup>21</sup> All those who heard him were astonished and asked, ‘Isn’t he the man who caused havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn’t he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?’ <sup>22</sup> Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah.

## **Gospel - Matthew Ch19 v 27-end**

<sup>27</sup> Peter answered him, ‘We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?’ <sup>28</sup> Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>29</sup> And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. <sup>30</sup> But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.

## **Post Communion**

Almighty God,  
who on the day of Pentecost  
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles  
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,  
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:  
by the power of the same Spirit  
strengthen us to witness to your truth  
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **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 27<sup>th</sup> January 11.00am Mass  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 1.00pm Said Mass  
(Whilst Town Church is closed)

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January 10.00am Coffee and Chat in Church**

Followed by a social events meeting

Everyone is welcome, so please come along with lots of ideas and enthusiasm to make this year a very enjoyable time.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February**  
**Presentation of Christ in the Temple - Candlemas**  
**Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**

9:30am - Said Mass with Children's Church

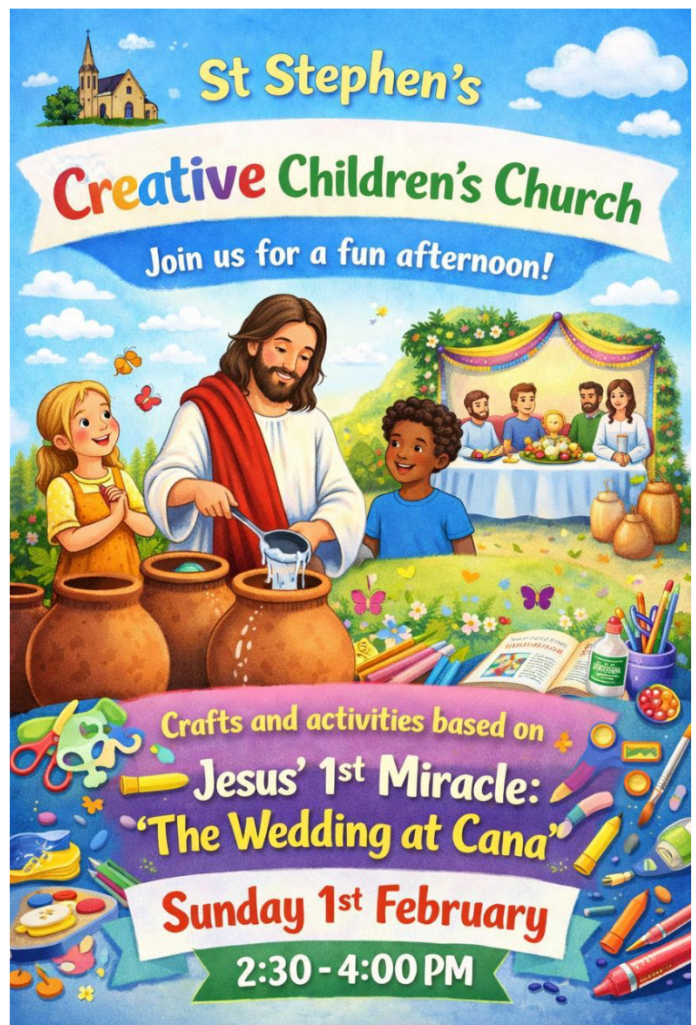
11.00am - Sung Mass

2.30pm - Creative Children's Church

6.30pm Town Church Evensong at St Stephen's



A reminder that next week is Food Bank Sunday.  
Please could you bring any items for the food bank next Sunday. Thank you!



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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*To be frank .....I'd have to change my name*