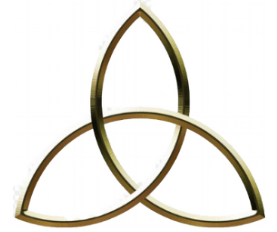


Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen



Sunday 28th June 2026

Fourth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 8)

Services Today

9:30am	Said Mass with Children's Church
11:00am	Sung Mass
Hymns	234: Responsorial Psalm 89: 353: 431: 476

BAKE SALE

CHORUS

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

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Introit O clap your hands together, all ye people: O sing unto God with the voice of joy and triumph. **Psalm** For the Lord is high, and to be feared: he is the great King upon all the earth. Glory be to the Father...

Gradual Come, ye children, and hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord. □. They had an eye unto him, and were enlightened: and their faces were not ashamed. **Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. □. Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. Alleluia.

Offertory Like as in the burnt offerings of rams and bullocks; and like as in ten thousands of fat lambs: so let our sacrifice be in thy sight this day, that it may please thee; for they shall not be confounded that put their trust in thee, O Lord.

Communion Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

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Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah Ch28 v5-9

5 Then the prophet Jeremiah replied to the prophet Hananiah before the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord. 6 He said, 'Amen! May the Lord do so! May the Lord fulfil the words you have prophesied by bringing the articles of the Lord's house and all the exiles back to this place from Babylon. 7 Nevertheless, listen to what I have to say in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people: 8 from early times the prophets who preceded you and me have prophesied war, disaster and plague against many countries and great kingdoms. 9 But the prophet who prophesies peace will be recognised as one truly sent by the Lord only if his prediction comes true.'

Responsorial Psalm 89

'My song shall proclaim your steadfast love, O Lord'

New Testament Reading - Romans Ch6 v12-23

12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. 13 Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. 14 For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace. 15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! 16 Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey – whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? 17 But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. 18 You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

19 I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. 20 When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. 21 What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! 22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel - Matthew Ch10 v40-42

40 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. 41 Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. 42 And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.'

Post Communion

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please remember in your prayers

Fr John & Carol Luff, Jill Stephenson, David and Barbara Streek, Wendy Clamp,
Mandy Le Tissier, Margaret Boden Heaume, Lindsay Gallagher,
Barbara Renouf, and Helen Sheppard

We also pray for the family and friends of Willa Owen who died recently

NOTICES

Monday to Friday 8.00am - Morning Prayer

Tuesday 30th June 11.00am - Said Mass

Saturday 4th July

10.00am - Coffee and chat in church

Sunday 5th July

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity,

9:30am Said Mass with Children's Church

11.00am Sung Mass



**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

To Fliss or email fmil397026@aol.com

*The optimist says the cup is half full; the pessimist says it's half empty;
the engineer says the cup is twice as big as it needs to be.*