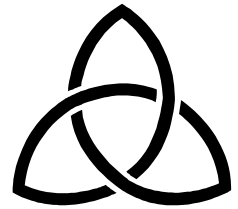


Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen



Sunday 5th July 2026

Fifth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 9)

Services Today

9:30am	Said Mass with Children's Church
11:00	Sung Mass
Hymns	239: Responsorial Psalm 145: 374: 376: 388
2.30pm	Creative Children's Church

Be still and know that I am God:

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I am the Lord who heals your pain:

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In thee, O Lord, I put my trust:

700 Suscepimus.

Introit We have waited, O God, for thy loving kindness in the midst of thy temple; according to thy Name, O God, so is thy praise unto the world's end: thy right hand is full of righteousness. **Psalm** Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised: in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill. Glory be to the Father...

Gradual Be thou my strong rock, and house of defence: that thou mayest save me. *✠* In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion. **Alleluia** Alleluia, *✠* Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised: in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill. Alleluia.

Offertory Thou shalt save the people that are in adversity, O Lord, and shalt bring down the high looks of the proud: for who is God, but the Lord?

Communion O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blessed is he that putteth his trust in him.

Stay in touch with St Stephen's: visit our website at

<http://st-stephens-guernsey.org> Vicar: Father Joe Thompson Tel.01481 720268

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your
faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading - Zechariah Ch9 v9-12

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!
Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!
See, your king comes to you,
righteous and victorious,
lowly and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
10 I will take away the chariots from Ephraim
and the war-horses from Jerusalem,
and the battle-bow will be broken.
He will proclaim peace to the nations.
His rule will extend from sea to sea
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
11 As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.
12 Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope;
even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

Responsorial Psalm 145:

'I will bless you and praise you for ever, O God my King'

New Testament Reading - Romans Ch7 v15-25a

15 I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. 16 And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. 17 As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. 18 For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. 19 For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do – this I keep on doing. 20 Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. 21 So I find this law at work: although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. 22 For in my inner being I delight in God's law; 23 but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. 24 What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this

body that is subject to death? 25 Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

Gospel - Matthew Ch11 v16-19, 25-30

16 'To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the market-places and calling out to others:

17 "We played the pipe for you,
and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge,
and you did not mourn."

18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon."

19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners." But wisdom is proved right by her deeds.'

25 At that time Jesus said, 'I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. 26 Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. 27 'All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 28 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.'

Post Communion

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered
by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you
in all godly quietness;
through 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 7th July 11.00am - Said Mass

Saturday 11th July

10.00am - Coffee and chat in church

7.00pm - Guernsey Concert Band and Music Group

Sunday 12th July

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

9:30am Said Mass with Children's Church

11.00am Sung Mass

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

A Few Words of Wisdom:-

No matter how much you 'push the envelope', It will still be stationary

We never really grow up, we just learn how to act in public

Lif is too short