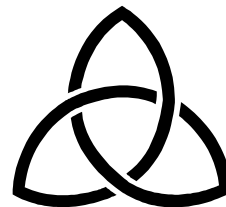




Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen



Sunday 20th July 2025

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

(Proper 11)

Services Today

9:30am Said Mass with Children's Church

11:00 Sung Mass
Hymns **377: Responsorial Psalm 15: 239: 341: S.38**

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:

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Introit Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is he that upholdeth my soul: reward thou evil unto mine enemies; destroy them in anger, for thy righteousness' sake, O Lord my strength and my defender. **Psalm** Save me, O God, for thy Name's sake: and avenge me in thy strength. Glory be.. .and to the Holy Ghost. As it was ...and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. Behold (etc.)

Gradual O Lord, our Governor: how excellent is thy Name in all the world.
✠ Thou has set thy glory: above the heavens. **Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia.
✠ Deliver me from mine enemies, O God: defend me from them that rise up against me. Alleluia.

Offertory The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart: sweeter also than honey, and the honeycomb; moreover, by them is thy servant taught

Communion Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall never be taken away from her.

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<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 - Genesis Ch18 v1-10a

The Lord appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. ² Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground. ³ He said, 'If I have found favour in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. ⁵ Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way – now that you have come to your servant.'

'Very well,' they answered, 'do as you say.'

⁶ So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. 'Quick,' he said, 'get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread.'⁷ Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. ⁸ He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

⁹ 'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'There, in the tent,' he said.

¹⁰ Then one of them said, 'I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.' Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him.

Responsorial Psalm 15: 'O Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?'

New Testament Reading - Colossians Ch1 v15-28

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

21 Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behaviour. 22 But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation – 23 if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

24 Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. 25 I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness – 26 the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. 27 To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

28 He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.

Gospel - Luke Ch10 v38-42

38 As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. 39 She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. 40 But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, 'Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!'

41 'Martha, Martha,' the Lord answered, 'you are worried and upset about many things, 42 but few things are needed – or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.'

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, Willa Owen, Brian Garner, Mark Garner, Jill Stephenson, Paulo De Augustino, Margaret Morris, David and Barbara Streek, Wendy Clamp, Mark Renouf and Barbara Renouf

NOTICES

Monday to Friday 8.00am - Morning Prayer

Tuesday 22nd July 11.00am - Said Mass

Saturday 26th July

10.00am - Coffee and chat in church

1.00 pm - Wedding of Gabrielle Russel and Daniel Mariess

Sunday 27th July

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

9:30am Said Mass with Children's Church

11.00am Sung Mass

(Followed by Bake Sale)

12.30pm - Baptism - Lucas-Lee Le Flem

ST STEPHEN'S SOCIAL EVENTS

Thank you
for supporting our events
and for your participation and fellowship.

We have a number of events planned over the next three months and have listed them for your diaries:

AUGUST

- Sunday 3rd **Family Picnic** at 12.30pm
- Tuesday 5th **Biberach Konzert** at 6pm
- Tuesday 12th **Friendship Lunch** at 12.00pm
- Saturday 23rd **Social Events Meeting** at 11.30am

SEPTEMBER

- Friday 5th **Boules Evening** at 6pm
- Tuesday 16th **Friendship Lunch** (please note change of date from 9th to 16th) at 12.00pm
- Friday 26th to Sunday 28th **Girl Guiding Birthday celebrations**
- Friday 26th September to 19th October **Mouse Trail**

OCTOBER

- Friday 3rd **Guernsey Choral Festival Concert** with Joey Edwards - 'Spem in Alium' at 6pm
- Sunday 5th **Dedication Sunday Lunch** at 12.30pm
- Tuesday 14th **Friendship Lunch** at 12.00pm
- Saturday 18th **Amadeus Choir** from Liverpool - **Concert** at 7pm



August Magazine

A note from the Editor!

Please could I have any copy for this Magazine by

Friday 25th July

All donations are most welcome!
They can either be given to me (Nikki) in person
or emailed to nikkiattwooll@gmail.com

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

*Are we really expected to eat three square meals a day?
I'm sure triangles and circles provide equal nutritional value.*