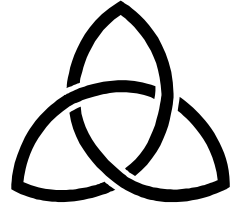




# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 27th July 2025



Sixth Sunday after Trinity  
(Proper 12)

## Services Today

**9:30am**

Said Mass with Children's Church

**11:00am**  
**Hymns**

Sung Mass  
**Hymn on Sheet: Responsorial Psalm 138:**  
**333: 357: 499**

*O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, When I call, answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, Come and Listen to me.*

## 703 *Deus in loco sancto*

**Introit** God in his holy habitation, it is he that maketh brethren to be of one mind in an house: he will give the dominion and pre-eminence unto his people. **Psalm** Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him. Glory be to the Father...

**Gradual** My heart hath trusted in God, and I am helped: therefore my heart danceth for joy, and in my song will I praise him. ∞ Unto thee will I cry, O Lord: be not silent, O my God, nor depart from me. **Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. ∞ Sing we merrily unto God our strength; make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob: Take the psalm, bring hither the tabret. Alleluia.

**Offertory** I will magnify thee, O Lord, for thou hast set me up: and not made my foes to triumph over me. O Lord, my God, I cried unto thee: and thou hast healed me.

**Communion** Ask and it shall be given you: seek and you shall find: knock, and it shall be opened to you. For every one that asketh, receiveth; and he that seeketh, findeth; and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened.

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

## **Collect**

Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
such good things as pass our understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love toward you  
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
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 - Genesis Ch18 v20-32**

**20** Then the Lord said, 'The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous **21** that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know.'

**22** The men turned away and went towards Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the Lord. **23** Then Abraham approached him and said: 'Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? **24** What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? **25** Far be it from you to do such a thing – to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?' **26** The Lord said, 'If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake.' **27** Then Abraham spoke up again: 'Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, **28** what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five people?' 'If I find forty-five there,' he said, 'I will not destroy it.'

**29** Once again he spoke to him, 'What if only forty are found there?' He said, 'For the sake of forty, I will not do it.'

**30** Then he said, 'May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?'

He answered, 'I will not do it if I find thirty there.'

**31** Abraham said, 'Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?'

He said, 'For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it.'

**32** Then he said, 'May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?'

He answered, 'For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it.'

## **Responsorial Psalm 138' 'Great is the glory, the glory of the Lord'**

## **New Testament Reading - Colossians Ch2 v6-15**

**6** So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, **7** rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. **8** See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. **9** For in Christ all the

fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, **10** and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. **11** In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, **12** having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.**13** When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, **14** having cancelled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. **15** And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

## **Gospel - Luke Ch11 v1-13**

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.'

**2** He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

“‘Father,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come.  
**3** Give us each day our daily bread.  
**4** Forgive us our sins,  
for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.  
And lead us not into temptation.’”

**5** Then Jesus said to them, 'Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; **6** a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him." **7** And suppose the one inside answers, "Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything." **8** I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.**9** 'So I say to you: ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. **10** For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.**11** 'Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? **12** Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? **13** If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

## **Post Communion**

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have led us to the living water:  
refresh and sustain us  
as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of 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 29<sup>th</sup> July 11.00am - Said Mass**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August**

**10.00am - Coffee and chat in church**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025**

**The Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

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

**11.00am** Sung Mass

**12.30pm** Church Picnic

### PLEASE NOTE

The final day to RSVP for the Family Picnic is  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> of July.

Please contact Anne on her mobile 07781112557



START - ABOUT 12.30 AFTER 11.30 MASS  
WEATHER PERMITTING IN THE GARDEN !  
(WET WEATHER -IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE)

£10 PER PERSON  
CHILDREN FREE

GIVE YOUR NAME AND DIETARY REQUIREMENTS TO  
ANNE OR BETH OR MESSAGE ANNE ON 07781112557



## **Friendship Lunch 2025**

We invite you to join our Friendship Lunch at our St Stephen's Community Centre

**usually every second Tuesday of the month**

**12h00**

**£10.00** per person

Please diarise the following dates for the rest of 2025:

**12 August**

**16 September** (please note the change from 9 September)

**14 October**

**11 November**

**9 December** (please note the change from 2 December)

RSVP: Jean Le Huray 01481 255 207  
or Aileen Thompson 01481 720 268



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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