



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen



Sunday 7th July 2024

Sixth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 9)

Services Today

Today we welcome William Mason to our St Stephen's family as our new curate. William was Ordained Deacon on the 30th June.

9:30am Said Mass
11:00am Sung Mass with Sermon
Hymns: **239: Responsorial Psalm 123: 486:**
Communion - see back page: 466
2.30pm Family Service

Chorus

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid; lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
lift up your voices, the Lord is near.*

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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 ...

Gradual Be thou my strong rock, and house of defence: that thou mayest save me. *V.* In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust: let me never to be put to confusion.

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. *V.* 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 shall 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.

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 - Ezekiel Ch2 v1-5

He said to me, ‘Son of man, ^[a] stand up on your feet and I will speak to you.’ ² As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. ³ He said: ‘Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me to this very day. ⁴ The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, “This is what the Sovereign Lord says.” ⁵ And whether they listen or fail to listen – for they are a rebellious people – they will know that a prophet has been among them.

Responsorial Psalm 123: ‘Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy’

New Testament Reading - 2 Corinthians Ch12 v2-10

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know – God knows. ³ And I know that this man – whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows – ⁴ was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell. ⁵ I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. ⁶ Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, ⁷ or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹ But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Gospel - Mark Ch6 v1-13

Jesus left there and went to his home town, accompanied by his disciples. ² When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. 'Where did this man get these things?' they asked. 'What's this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing?' ³ Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, ^{4a} Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. ⁴ Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is not without honour except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.' ⁵ He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few people who were ill and heal them. ⁶ He was amazed at their lack of faith. Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. ⁷ Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits. ⁸ These were his instructions: 'Take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. ⁹ Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. ¹⁰ Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. ¹¹ And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.' ¹² They went out and preached that people should repent. ¹³ They drove out many demons and anointed with oil many people who were ill and healed them.

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

Father John Luff, Willa Owen, Lydia Grammer, Brian Garner,
David Streek, Jill Stephenson, Bill Rollo, Paulo De Augustine, Michael Beacham,
and a Mother with two young children diagnosed with cancer.

Please also remember in your prayers
Freddie and the family of Phil Humphreys who died recently.

NOTICES

Monday- Friday 8.00am - Morning Prayer
Tuesday 9th July 11.00am - Said Mass
Saturday 13th July 10.00-11.30am - Coffee and Chat in church

Sunday 14th July
The Seventh Sunday after Trinity
9.30am Said Mass
11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon
12.30pm Baptism

During the Communion, as part of an all inclusive get together, the choir and some of our friends from the Guernsey African committee will sing in English and Swahili;

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS (JESU NI RAFIKI YETU - Swahili)

Yesu kwetu ni rafiki
Hwambinwa haja pia
Tukiomba kwa babaye
Maombi asikia
Lakini twajikosesha
Twajitweka vibaya
Kwamba tulimwomba Mungu
Dua angesikia

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Je hunayo hata nguvu
Huwezi kwendelea
Uja po tha rauli wa
Ujaporushwa pia
Watu wange ku tharau
Wapendao Dunia
Hukwambata dunia
Hukwambata mikononi
Dua atasikia

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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