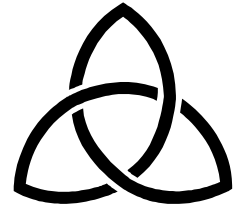


Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen



Sunday 19th July 2026

Seventh Sunday after Trinity
(Proper 11)

Services Today

9:30am Said Mass

11:00 Sung Mass

Hymns

232: Responsorial Psalm 86: 333: 416: 461

*Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Break me, melt me, mould me, fill me.
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.*

*Spirit of the living God,
move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind,
make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing
Spirit of the living God,
fill our lives with love!*

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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 thine 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 to the Father...

Gradual O Lord, our Governor: how excellent is thy Name in all the world. □. Thou hast 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 Thou shalt be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness: with the burnt offerings and oblations upon thine altar, O Lord.

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

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Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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 - Isaiah Ch44 v 6-8

‘This is what the Lord says –
Israel’s King and Redeemer, the Lord Almighty:
I am the first and I am the last;
apart from me there is no God.
7 Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it.
Let him declare and lay out before me
what has happened since I established my ancient people,
and what is yet to come –
yes, let them foretell what will come.
8 Do not tremble, do not be afraid.
Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago?
You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me?
No, there is no other Rock; I know not one.’

**Responsorial Psalm 86: ‘
Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth’**

New Testament Reading -Romans Ch8 v12-25

12 Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation – but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. 13 For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

14 For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. 15 The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, ‘Abba, Father.’ 16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. 17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. 19 For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. 20 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. 23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? 25 But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Gospel -Matthew Ch13 v24-30,36-43

24 Jesus told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. 25 But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. 26 When the wheat sprouted and formed ears, then the weeds also appeared. 27 'The owner's servants came to him and said, "Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?" 28 "An enemy did this," he replied. 'The servants asked him, "Do you want us to go and pull them up?" 29 "No," he answered, "because while you are pulling up the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: first collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'"

36 Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.' 37 He answered, 'The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. 40 'As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. 42 They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

Post Communion

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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

NOTICES

Monday to Friday 8.00am - Morning Prayer

Tuesday 21st July 11.00am - Said Mass

Saturday 25th July 10.00am

Coffee and Chat in church

Toddler Group

Sunday 26th July

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

9:30am Said Mass

11.00am Sung Mass

Bake Sale



August Magazine

A note from the Editor!

Please could I have any copy
for this Magazine by

Friday 24th July

All donations are most welcome!

They can either be given to me

(Nikki) in person

or emailed to

nikkiattwooll@gmail.com

Social Events Calendar

Date	Time	Event
Saturday 18 JULY	10.30 a.m.	Talk by Peter de Sausmarez on MODERN-DAY SLAVERY
Sunday 2 AUGUST	12.30 p.m.	Family Picnic
Saturday 22 AUGUST	10.00 a.m.	Tea Party in support of 'Breast Cancer Now'
Wednesday 2 SEPTEMBER	5.30 p.m.	Boules Evening
Sunday 13 SEPTEMBER	2.30 p.m.	'7 Lamps, a few Bills and a Kidnap' Walking Tour
Friday 18 SEPTEMBER	6.00 p.m.	Opening of the William Morris Art Exhibition
Saturday 19 SEPTEMBER	6.00 p.m.	Guernsey Choral Festival
Saturday 26 SEPTEMBER	2.30 p.m.	'Just William' Walking Tour
Sunday 4 OCTOBER	12.30 p.m.	Dedication Lunch
Saturday 17 OCTOBER	3.00 p.m.	Line Dancing
Saturday 7 NOVEMBER	6.30 p.m.	Quiz Night
Saturday 21 NOVEMBER	3.00 p.m.	Wreath Making
Sunday 6 DECEMBER	7.00 p.m.	Glee Singers Concert
Sunday 13 DECEMBER	3.00 p.m.	Only Fools and Donkeys
Sunday 20 DECEMBER	4.00 p.m.	Christmas Cheer in the Vicarage after Nine Lessons & Carols at 3.00 p.m.

For more information, please contact:

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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

Give weeds an inch

And they'll take a yard!