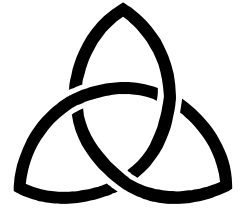




# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen



Sunday 3rd August 2025

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

(Proper 13)

## Services Today

9:30am	Said Mass with Children's Church
11:00	Sung Mass
Hymns	410: Responsorial Psalm 49: 339: 480: 365
12.30pm	Church Picnic

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.

### **704 Deus in adjutorium**

**Introit** Haste thee, O God, unto my rescue, and save me; O Lord, make haste to my deliverance: let mine enemies be ashamed and confounded, that seek after my soul.

**Psalm** Let them be turned backward, and put to confusion: that wish me evil. Glory be to the Father...

**Gradual** I will always give thanks unto the Lord: his praise shall ever be in my mouth. ∞ My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

**Alleluia** Alleluia, Alleluia. ∞ O Lord God of my salvation: I have cried day and night before thee. Alleluia.

**Offertory** Moses consecrated an altar unto the Lord, offering burnt offerings upon it, and sacrificing peace offerings; and he made an evening sacrifice for a sweet-smelling savour unto the Lord God, in the sight of the children of Israel.

**Communion** Thou hast given us bread from heaven, O Lord: having every delight, and every taste of sweetness.

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## **Collect**

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 - Ecclesiastes Ch1 v2, 12-14 & Ch2 v18-23**

‘Meaningless! Meaningless!’  
says the Teacher.  
‘Utterly meaningless!  
Everything is meaningless.’

12 I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. 13 I applied my mind to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under the heavens. What a heavy burden God has laid on mankind! 14 I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

18 I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. 19 And who knows whether that person will be wise or foolish? Yet they will have control over all the fruit of my toil into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. 20 So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labour under the sun. 21 For a person may labour with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then they must leave all they own to another who has not toiled for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. 22 What do people get for all the toil and anxious striving with which they labour under the sun? 23 All their days their work is grief and pain; even at night their minds do not rest. This too is meaningless.

## **Responsorial Psalm 49: ‘God shall ransom my soul from the grasp of death’**

## **New Testament Reading - Colossians Ch3 v1-11**

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is your<sup>[a]</sup> life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.<sup>[b]</sup> 7 You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. 8 But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. 9 Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. 11 Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

## **Gospel - Luke Ch12 v13-21**

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.' 14 Jesus replied, 'Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?' 15 Then he said to them, 'Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.' 16 And he told them this parable: 'The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. 17 He thought to himself, "What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops."

18 'Then he said, "This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. 19 And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"

20 'But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?"

21 'This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich towards God.'

## **.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, Willa Owen, Brian Garner, Mark Garner, Jill  
Stephenson, Paulo De Augustino, Margaret Morris, David and Barbara  
Streek, Wendy Clamp, Mandy Le Tissier and Barbara Renouf

## NOTICES

**Monday to Friday 8.00am - Morning Prayer**

**Tuesday 5th 11.00am - Said Mass**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 6.00pm - Concert**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August 10.00am - Coffee and Chat in church**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August**

**The Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

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

**11.00am** Sung Mass

**12.30pm** Baptism of Harry Hubert



**St.-Martins-Chorknaben Biberach**

# KONZERT



**Evening Service**  
*St. Stephens, Guernsey*

**Tuesday, 05.08.2025**

**6:00 pm**

**St.-Martins-Chorknaben Biberach**  
conductor: Johannes Striegel

Works by Mozart, Schütz & Poulenc, a.o.

*Entry free - donations are appreciated*

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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*They say money talks, but all mine ever seems to say is “goodbye.”*