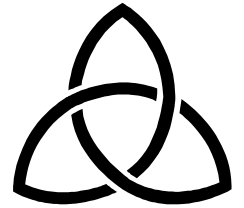




Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen



Sunday 10th August 2025

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

(Proper 14)

Services Today

9:30am

Said Mass with Children's Church

11:00

Sung Mass

Hymns

206: Responsorial Psalm 33: 381: 493: 344

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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Introit Look, O Lord, graciously upon thy covenant, and forsake not the congregation of the poor for ever: arise, O Lord, maintain thine own cause; and be not unmindful of the voices of them that seek thee.

Psalm O God, wherefore art thou absent from us so long: why is thy wrath so hot against the sheep of thy pasture? Glory be to the Father...

Gradual Look upon thy covenant, O Lord, and forget not the congregation of the poor forever. □. Arise, O Lord, maintain thine own cause: remember how the foolish man blasphemeth thee daily.

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. □. Lord, thou hast been our refuge: from one generation to another. Alleluia.

Offertory My hope hath been in thee, O Lord: I have said, Thou art my God, my time is in thy hand.

Communion The bread that I will give is my Flesh: which I will give thee for the life of the world.

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

Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws and the works of
your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection,
both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now for ever.

Old Testament Reading - Genesis Ch15 v1-6

After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision:
'Do not be afraid, Abram.

I am your shield,^[a]
your very great reward.'

2 But Abram said, 'Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit^[c] my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?' 3 And Abram said, 'You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.'

4 Then the word of the Lord came to him: 'This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.' 5 He took him outside and said, 'Look up at the sky and count the stars – if indeed you can count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your offspring^[d] be.' 6 Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

Responsorial Psalm 33: 'Let your loving kindness be upon us, O Lord'

New Testament Reading - Hebrews Ch11 v1-3, 8-16

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. 2 This is what the ancients were commended for. 3 By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

8 By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. 9 By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11 And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she^[a] considered him faithful who had made the promise. 12 And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

13 All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. 14 People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. 15 If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 Instead, they were longing for a better country – a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Gospel - Luke Ch12 v32-40

32 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

35 'Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, 36 like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. 37 It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will make them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. 38 It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or towards daybreak. 39 But understand this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. 40 You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.'

Post Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise
be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you 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 12th 11.00am - Said Mass

Saturday 16th August 10.00am - Coffee and chat in church

Sunday 17th August

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

9:30am Said Mass with Children's Church

11.00am Sung Mass

12.30pm Baptism of Harry Hubert



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 date change from 9th to 16th) at 12.00pm
- Saturday 20th **Guernsey Brass Concert** at 7.30pm
- 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

If anyone would like to get involved with our social events, please contact Linda or join our next meeting in the Vestry on Saturday 23rd of August at 11.30am.

Linda Barnes

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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

Who's the most prepared person on earth?

Justin Case