



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen



Sunday 9th June 2024

## The Second Sunday after Trinity (Proper 5)

### Services Today

**9.30am** Said Mass

**11.00am** Sung Mass with Sermon  
**Hymns: 322: Responsorial Psalm 130: 439: 299: 372**

*Day by day, dear Lord,  
of thee three things I pray;  
to see thee more clearly,  
to love thee more dearly,  
to follow thee more nearly,  
day by day.*

### 696 *Dominus illuminatio mea*

**Introit** If thou, O Lord, wilt be extreme to mark iniquities, Lord, who may abide it: for unto thee belongeth mercy, O God of Israel

**Psalm** Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord hear my voice. Glory be to the Father...

**Gradual** Be merciful, O Lord, unto our sins: wherefore do the heathen say, Where is now their God? √ Help us, O God of our salvation: and for the honour of thy Name, deliver us, O Lord.

**Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia √ Thou, O God. Art set in the throne that judgest right: be thou the refuge of the opprest in due time of trouble. Alleluia.

**Offertory** Lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death: lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him.

**Communion** Whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven: the same is my brother, and sister, and mother, saith the Lord

## Collect

Lord, you have taught us  
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:  
send your Holy Spirit  
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,  
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,  
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.  
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Old Testament Reading - Genesis Ch3 v8-15

<sup>8</sup> When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man<sup>[a]</sup> and his wife heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the Lord God among the trees. <sup>9</sup> Then the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?"<sup>10</sup> He replied, "I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked."<sup>11</sup> "Who told you that you were naked?" the Lord God asked. "Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat?"<sup>12</sup> The man replied, "It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it."<sup>13</sup> Then the Lord God asked the woman, "What have you done?" "The serpent deceived me," she replied. "That's why I ate it."<sup>14</sup> Then the Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, you are cursed  
more than all animals, domestic and wild.  
You will crawl on your belly,  
groveling in the dust as long as you live.  
<sup>15</sup> And I will cause hostility between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and her offspring.  
He will strike<sup>[b]</sup> your head,  
and you will strike his heel."

## Responsorial Psalm 130: 'Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord'

## New Testament Reading - 2 Corinthians Ch4 v13- Ch5 v1

<sup>13</sup> But we continue to preach because we have the same kind of faith the psalmist had when he said, "I believed in God, so I spoke."<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>14</sup> We know that God, who raised the Lord Jesus,<sup>[b]</sup> will also raise us with Jesus and present us to himself together with you. <sup>15</sup> All of this is for your benefit. And as God's grace reaches more and more people, there will be great thanksgiving, and God will receive more and more glory. <sup>16</sup> That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are<sup>[c]</sup> being renewed every day. <sup>17</sup> For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! <sup>18</sup> So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (that is, when we die and leave this earthly body), we will have a house in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands.

### **Gospel - Mark Ch 3 v20-35**

<sup>20</sup> One time Jesus entered a house, and the crowds began to gather again. Soon he and his disciples couldn't even find time to eat. <sup>21</sup> When his family heard what was happening, they tried to take him away. "He's out of his mind," they said. <sup>22</sup> But the teachers of religious law who had arrived from Jerusalem said, "He's possessed by Satan, <sup>[a]</sup> the prince of demons. That's where he gets the power to cast out demons." <sup>23</sup> Jesus called them over and responded with an illustration. "How can Satan cast out Satan?" he asked. <sup>24</sup> "A kingdom divided by civil war will collapse. <sup>25</sup> Similarly, a family splintered by feuding will fall apart. <sup>26</sup> And if Satan is divided and fights against himself, how can he stand? He would never survive. <sup>27</sup> Let me illustrate this further. Who is powerful enough to enter the house of a strong man and plunder his goods? Only someone even stronger—someone who could tie him up and then plunder his house. <sup>28</sup> "I tell you the truth, all sin and blasphemy can be forgiven, <sup>29</sup> but anyone who blasphemes the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven. This is a sin with eternal consequences." <sup>30</sup> He told them this because they were saying, "He's possessed by an evil spirit." <sup>31</sup> Then Jesus' mother and brothers came to see him. They stood outside and sent word for him to come out and talk with them. <sup>32</sup> There was a crowd sitting around Jesus, and someone said, "Your mother and your brothers <sup>[b]</sup> are outside asking for you." <sup>33</sup> Jesus replied, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" <sup>34</sup> Then he looked at those around him and said, "Look, these are my mother and brothers. <sup>35</sup> Anyone who does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

### **Post Communion**

Loving Father,  
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:  
sustain us with your Spirit,  
that we may serve you here on earth  
until our joy is complete in heaven,  
and we share in the eternal banquet  
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **Please remember in your prayers**

Father John Luff, Willa Owen, Lydia Grammer, Brian Garner, Phil Humphrys, David Streek, Jill Stephenson, Bill Rollo, Paulo De Augustino, Michael Beacham, David Peatfield, Anne le Maitre, and a Mother with two young children diagnosed with cancer.

## NOTICES

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

**Tuesday 11th June 11.00am** - Said Mass

**Saturday 15th June**

**10.00-11.30am** - Coffee and Chat in Church

**4.00pm** - Concert in Church by Nicole Wyatt & pupils

**Sunday 16th June**

**The Third Sunday after Trinity**

**9.30am** Said Mass

**11.00am** Sung Mass with Sermon



### **Saturday 15th June 4.00pm - Concert in Church**

This will be an hour of short performances from Nicole Wyatt and her pupils. Featuring violinist, violist, pianist and singers.

The pupils range from age 6-18 with the music ranging from classical to modern pop and musical theatre.



### **St Stephen's Revels**



**Was a great success last Saturday.**

**We raised £689.80 and had a really good social and financial event.**

**A big thank you to everyone who was involved and supported the afternoon.**



### **FRIENDSHIP LUNCH**

**Tuesday 11th June at 12 midday**

St Stephen's Community Centre Meeting Room

Menu:-

Quiche Lorraine or Mushroom Quiche  
with Veg and New Potatoes

(Please confirm choice when booking)

Dessert - Summer Berries & Ice Cream

Specific dietary requirements  
please let me know as soon as possible. £10per person,  
To book please contact Jean Le Huray  
by Sunday 9th June Tel. 255207

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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