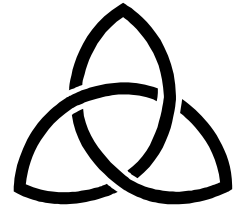


Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 2nd August 2026

Ninth Sunday after Trinity
(Proper 13)



Services Today

9:30am	Said Mass
11:00 Hymns	Sung Mass (Followed by Family Picnic) 436: Responsorial Psalm 145: 271: 64: 368
2.30pm	Creative Children's Church

*O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, Come and Listen to me.*

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Introit O, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, saith the Lord: and ye that have no money, come and drink with gladness. **Psalm** Hear my law, O my people: incline your ears unto the words of my mouth. Glory be to the Father...

Gradual The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord: and thou givest them their meat in due season. □. Thou openest thy hand: and fillest all things living with plenteousness. **Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. □. O Lord God of my salvation: I have cried day and night before thee. Alleluia.

Offertory Moses besought the Lord his God and said: Why, O Lord, doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people? Turn from thy fierce wrath; remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob: To whom thou swarest to give a land flowing with milk and honey. And the Lord repented of the evil: which he thought to do unto his people.

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

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

Collect

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that
we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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 Ch 55 v1-5

‘Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without cost.
2 Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labour on what does not satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and you will delight in the richest of fare.
3 Give ear and come to me;
listen, that you may live.
I will make an everlasting covenant with you,
my faithful love promised to David.
4 See, I have made him a witness to the peoples,
a ruler and commander of the peoples.
5 Surely you will summon nations you know not,
and nations you do not know will come running to you,
because of the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel,
for he has endowed you with splendour.’

Responsorial Psalm 145:

‘I will bless you and praise you for ever, O God my King’

New Testament Reading - Romans Ch9 v1-5

I speak the truth in Christ – I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit – 2 I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, 4 the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. 5 Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, for ever praised! Amen.

Gospel - Matthew Ch14 v13-21

13 When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. 14 When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed those who were ill. 15 As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so that they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.' 16 Jesus replied, 'They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.' 17 'We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,' they answered.

18 'Bring them here to me,' he said. 19 And he told the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. 20 They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. 21 The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Post Communion

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world
where you reveal the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 4th 11.00am - Said Mass

Saturday 8th August
10.00am - Coffee and Chat in Church

Sunday 9th August
The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

9:30am Said Mass
11.00am Sung Mass
12.30pm Baptism



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

*A modern crowd tries to figure out the miracle:
"Do you have a gluten-free option? Is this fish sustainably caught?"*