

# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen



Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

## Christ the King Sunday next before Advent

### Services Today

**9:30am** Said Mass with Children's Church  
**11:00** Sung Mass  
**Hymns** **332: Responsorial Psalm 46: 352: 282: S.23**

#### CHORUS

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts, Shine though the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church gathered today.

### Christ the King - End of Procession

✠ The King is in majesty  
✠ We will worship his name

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Introit** Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honour. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever. **Psalm.** Give the king thy judgements, O God: and thy righteousness unto the King's son. Glory be ... As it was ... Worthy is ...

**Gradual** His dominion shall be also from the one sea to the other, and from the river unto the world's end. ✠ All kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall do him service. **Alleluia** Alleluia Alleluia ✠ His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away; and a kingdom that which shall not be destroyed. Alleluia.

**Offertory** Desire of me, and I shall give thee the nations for thine inheritance; and the utmost parts of the earth for thy possession.

**Communion** The Lord remaineth a king forever: the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

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

## **Collect**

Eternal Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of peace  
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## **Old Testament Reading - Jeremiah Ch23 v1-6**

‘Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!’ declares the Lord. 2 Therefore this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: ‘Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,’ declares the Lord. 3 ‘I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. 4 I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,’ declares the Lord.

5 ‘The days are coming,’ declares the Lord,  
‘when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,  
a King who will reign wisely  
and do what is just and right in the land.  
6 In his days Judah will be saved  
and Israel will live in safety.  
This is the name by which he will be called:  
The Lord Our Righteous Saviour.

## **Responsorial Psalm 46:**

**‘The lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold’**

## **New Testament Reading - Colossians Ch1 v11-20**

11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, 12 and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. 13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created

through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

### **Gospel - Luke Ch23 v33-43**

33 When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals – one on his right, the other on his left. 34 Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.’ And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. 35 The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, ‘He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.’ 36 The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar 37 and said, ‘If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.’ 38 There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews. 39 One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: ‘Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!’ 40 But the other criminal rebuked him. ‘Don’t you fear God,’ he said, ‘since you are under the same sentence? 41 We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.’ 42 Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ 43 Jesus answered him, ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.’

### **Post Communion**

Stir up, O Lord,  
the wills of your faithful people;  
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,  
may by you be plenteously rewarded;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Fr John & Carol Luff, Willa Owen, Brian Garner, Jill Stephenson, Paulo De Augustino,  
Margaret Morris, David and Barbara Streek, Wendy Clamp, Mandy Le Tissier,  
Eileen Samman, Margaret Boden Heaume, Paul Domaille, Lindsay Gallagher  
and Barbara Renouf

## NOTICES

**Monday to Friday 8.00am - Morning Prayer**  
**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 11.00am - Said Mass**  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am - Funeral for Andy Le Maitre

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November**  
10.00am - Coffee and Chat in Church  
1.00pm - Family concert

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Advent Sunday**

**9:30am** Said Mass with Children's Church  
**11.00am** Sung Mass

### **Next Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup> November,** **Advent Sunday,**

will be

**Fr William's last Sunday as Curate for St Stephen's.**

Due to the needs of the Deanery, Fr William will be continuing his Curacy with Fr Adrian Datta and assisting with ministry at both Forest and St Pierre du Bois.

We will be having a farewell for Fr William on Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup> of November after the services.

Please join us in thanking him and wishing him well in his ministry.

Please note that there will be NO Bake Sale on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November.

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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*The instructions on my microwave meal say "stir and rest"  
How exhausting do they think stirring pasta is?*