



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 18th May 2025

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Alleluia - Christ is Risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Services Today

9:30am Said Mass with Children's Church

11:00am Sung Mass

Hymns: **Servant Song (On Sheet) :**
Responsorial Psalm 148: 401: 276: 439 Omit*

*A new commandment I give unto you
Is to love one another as I have loved you,
Is to love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall all men know that are my disciples,
If you have love one for another;
by this shall all men know you are my disciples:
If you have love one for another.*

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Introit O sing unto the Lord a new song, alleluia; for the Lord hath done marvellous things, alleluia. In the sight of the nations hath he shewed his righteous judgements, alleluia, alleluia. **Psalm** With his own right hand, and with his holy arm: hath he gotten himself the victory. Glory be...

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. □. The right hand of the Lord hath pre-eminence: the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass. Alleluia. □. Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. Alleluia.

Offertory O be joyful in God all ye lands; sing praises unto the honour of his Name; O come hither and hearken all ye that fear God, and I will tell you what things he hath done for my soul, alleluia.

Communion I am the true vine, ye are the branches; He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Collect

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

The First Reading - Acts Ch11 v1-18

The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. 2 So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticised him 3 and said, 'You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.' 4 Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: 5 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. 6 I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. 7 Then I heard a voice telling me, "Get up, Peter. Kill and eat." 8 'I replied, "Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth."

9 'The voice spoke from heaven a second time, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean." 10 This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again. 11 'Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. 12 The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house. 13 He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, "Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. 14 He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved." 15 'As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. 16 Then I remembered what the Lord had said: "John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit." 17 So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?'

18 When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, 'So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.'

Responsorial Psalm 148:

'Praise the Lord from the heav'ns and praise him in the heights'

The Second Reading - Revelation Ch2 v1-6

Then I saw 'a new heaven and a new earth,'^[a] for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Look! God's dwelling-place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death"^[b] or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'

5 He who was seated on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!' Then he said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.' 6 He said to me: 'It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.'

Gospel - John Ch13 v31-35

31 When he was gone, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. 32 If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. 33 'My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: where I am going, you cannot come. 34 'A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.'

Post Communion

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;

Please remember in your prayers

Fr John & Carol Luff, Willa Owen, Brian Garner, Mark Garner, Jill Stephenson,
Paulo De Augustino, Margaret Morris, David Streek, and Wendy Clamp,

We also pray for the family and friends of Ian Petch who died recently

Notices

Monday to Thursday 8.00am - Morning Prayer

Tuesday 20th May 11.00am - Said Mass

Saturday 24th May 10.00am - Coffee and chat in church

Sunday 25th May

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.30am - Said Mass with Children's Church

11.00am - Sung Mass



June Magazine

A note from the Editor!

Please could I have any copy
for this Magazine by

Friday 23rd May

All donations are most welcome!

They can either be given to me

(Nikki) in person

or emailed to

nikkiattwooll@gmail.com



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

From a Church Bulletin:-

Jane will be leading a weight-management series Wednesday nights. She's used the program herself and has been growing like crazy!