



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 3rd May 2026

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 206: Responsorial Psalm 31: 485: 113: 477
- 2.30pm** **Creative Children's Church**

Chorus

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten
God alone fills us.

687 Easter 5 (The Fifth Sunday of Easter)

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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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 Ch7 v 55-60

55 But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 56 'Look,' he said, 'I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.'
57 At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, 58 dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. 59 While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' 60 Then he fell on his knees and cried out, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he fell asleep.

Responsorial Psalm 31: 'I trust in you, O Lord, for you are my God.'

The Second Reading - 1 Peter Ch2 v 2-10

2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, 3 now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.
4 As you come to him, the living Stone – rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him – 5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For in Scripture it says:

'See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a chosen and precious cornerstone,
and the one who trusts in him
will never be put to shame.'

7 Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

'The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,'
8 and, 'A stone that causes people to stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the message – which is also what they were destined for.

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Gospel - John Ch14v 1 - 14

Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. 2 My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 4 You know the way to the place where I am going.' 5 Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' 6 Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.' 8 Philip said, 'Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.'

9 Jesus answered: 'Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? 10 Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. 11 Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. 12 Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

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;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Please remember in your prayers

Fr John & Carol Luff, Willa Owen, Jill Stephenson, David and
Barbara Streek, Wendy Clamp, Mandy Le Tissier, Margaret Boden Heaume,
Lindsay Gallagher, Barbara Renouf, Peter Le Page and Helen Sheppard

NOTICES

Monday to Thursday 8.00am - Morning Prayer

Tuesday 5th May 11.00am - Said Mass

Friday 8th May 10.30am Ladies College Valedictory Service

Saturday 9th May 10.00am - Coffee and chat in church

Sunday 10th May

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.30am - Said Mass with Children's Church

11.00am - Sung Mass



***The Next Friendship
Lunch is on
Tuesday 13th May
Further Details to follow!***

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 pros and cons of a long-distance relationship:-

- 1. You don't get to spend every day with one-another
(actually this is both the pro and con).*