



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 26th April 2026

The Fourth 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: 457: Responsorial Psalm 23: S.2: 282: 369

Bake Sale

CHORUS

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

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Introit The loving kindness of the Lord filleth the whole world, alleluia. By the word of the Lord the heavens were stablished, alleluia, alleluia. **Psalm** Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; for it becometh well the just to be thankful. Glory be...

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. □. The Lord hath sent redemption unto his people. Alleluia. □. I am the good Shepherd: and know my sheep and am known of mine. Alleluia.

Offertory O God, thou art my God, early will I seek thee: and lift up my hands in thy Name, alleluia.

Communion I am the good Shepherd, alleluia: and know my sheep, and am known of mine, alleluia, alleluia.

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Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First Reading - Acts 2 v42-47

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Responsorial Psalm 23:

**'The Lord is my Shepherd there is nothing I shall want.
The Lord is my Shepherd there is nothing I shall want'.**

Second Reading -1 Peter 2 v 19-25

19 For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. 20 But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. 21 To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

22 'He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

23 When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. 24 'He himself bore our sins' in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; 'by his wounds you have been healed.' 25 For 'you were like sheep going astray,' but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Gospel - John 10 v1-10

‘Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. 2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognise a stranger’s voice.’ 6 Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

7 Therefore Jesus said again, ‘Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. 9 I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 Friday 8.00am - Morning Prayer

Tuesday 28th April 11.00am - Said Mass

Saturday 2nd May 2026

10.00am - Coffee and Chat in Church

Sunday 3rd May 2026

EASTER 5

9.30am Said Mass with Children's Church

11.00am Sung Mass

2.30pm Creative Children's Church

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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