



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 28th September 2025

Harvest Sunday Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity



Services Today

9:30am	Said Mass with Children's Church
11:00	Sung Mass
Hymns	259: Responsorial Psalm 100: Offertory: 262 & 'Thank you Lord (see sheet) Communion 260: Recessional 265

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid; lift up your voices,
the Lord is near; lift up your voices, the Lord is near*

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Introit Everything that thou hast brought upon us, O Lord God, thou hast done in righteousness: and judgement: for we have trespassed against thee, and have not obeyed thy commandments; but give glory and honour to thy Name, and deal with us according to the multitude of thy tender mercies.

Psalm Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way: and walk in the law of the Lord. Glory be ...

Gradual The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord, and thou givest them their meat in due season. □. Thou openest thine hand, and fillest all things living with plenteousness. **Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. vO God, my heart is ready, my heart is ready:

I will sing and give praise with the best member that I have. Alleluia.

Offertory By the waters of Babylon we sat down, and wept: when we remember'd thee, O Syon.

Communion Remember thy word unto thy servant, O Lord, wherein thou hast caused me to put my trust: the same is my comfort in my affliction.

Collect

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
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 – Deuteronomy 26. 1-11

When you have entered the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, ² take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land that the Lord your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name ³ and say to the priest in office at the time, ‘I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come to the land the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.’ ⁴ The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the Lord your God. ⁵ Then you shall declare before the Lord your God: ‘My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. ⁶ But the Egyptians ill-treated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labour. ⁷ Then we cried out to the Lord, the God of our ancestors, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. ⁸ So the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. ⁹ He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; ¹⁰ and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, Lord, have given me.’ Place the basket before the Lord your God and bow down before him. ¹¹ Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all the good things the Lord your God has given to you and your household.

Responsorial Psalm 100:

‘O be joyful in the Lord. O be joyful, all the earth’

New Testament Reading – Philippians 4. 4-9

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel – John 6. 25-35

25 When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, ‘Rabbi, when did you get here?’ 26 Jesus answered, ‘Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. 27 Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.’ 28 Then they asked him, ‘What must we do to do the works God requires?’ 29 Jesus answered, ‘The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.’ 30 So they asked him, ‘What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?’ 31 Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: “He gave them bread from heaven to eat.” 32 Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ 34 ‘Sir,’ they said, ‘always give us this bread.’ 35 Then Jesus declared, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’

Post Communion

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving
for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
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 and Barbara Renouf

NOTICES

Monday to Friday 8.00am - Morning Prayer

Tuesday 30th September 11.00am - Said Mass

Wednesday 1st October 9.30am - Church Cleaning

Friday 3rd October 6.00pm - Guernsey Choral Festival Concert

**Saturday 4th October 10.00am
Coffee and Chat in Church**

Sunday 5th October

**The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
Dedication**

9:30am Said Mass with Children's Church

11.00am Sung Mass

12.30pm - Dedication Lunch



**St Stephen's Dedication Lunch
and
160th Birthday Celebration:**



**Sunday 5th October 2025 at 12.30pm after the 11am service.
All welcome.**

For catering purposes, if you and your family are joining us, please
contact Beth Bourgaize and Anne Le Maitre 07781 112557



CHURCH CLEANING

Wednesday 1st October 9.30am

**Please do come and help make our church
spick and span for Dedication and the
160th Birthday Celebration**

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

*Why did the scarecrow get a promotion?
Because he was outstanding in his field!*