



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 27th September 2026

Harvest Sunday
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity



Services Today

9:30am

Said Mass

11:00

Sung Mass

Hymns

259: Responsorial Psalm 65: 262: 260: 265

BAKE SALE

*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.

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

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 Ch 8 v7-18

7 For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land – a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills; 8 a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig-trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; 9 a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills. 10 When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. 11 Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. 12 Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, 13 and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, 14 then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. 15 He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. 16 He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. 17 You may say to yourself, ‘My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.’ 18 But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

Responsorial Psalm 65:

‘Happy are they whom you choose to dwell in your courts’

New Testament Reading – 2 Corinthians Ch 9 v 6-15

6 Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 9 As it is written:
‘They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;
their righteousness endures for ever.’ 10 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. 11 You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

12 This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. 13 Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. 14 And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. 15 Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Gospel – Luke Ch 12 16-30

16 And he told them this parable: 'The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. 17 He thought to himself, "What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops." 18 'Then he said, "This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. 19 And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"

20 'But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?" 21 'This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich towards God.'

22 Then Jesus said to his disciples: 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. 23 For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. 24 Consider the ravens: they do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! 25 Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? 26 Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

27 'Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. 28 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you – you of little faith! 29 And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. 30 For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them.

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, Jill Stephenson, David and Barbara Streek, Wendy Clamp,
Mandy Le Tissier, Margaret Boden Heaume, Lindsay Gallagher,
Barbara Renouf, and Helen Sheppard

NOTICES

Monday to Friday 8.00am - Morning Prayer
Tuesday 29th September 11.00am - Said Mass

Saturday 3rd October 10.00am Coffee and Chat in Church
10.00 - 4.00pm William Morris 'Meet the Makers'

Sunday 4th October
The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
Dedication

9:30am Said Mass

11.00am Sung Mass

12.30pm - Dedication Lunch

2.30pm - Creative Children's Church



St Stephen's Dedication Lunch **£10 per person**



Sunday 4th 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

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 apple go out with the prune?

Because he couldn't find a date!