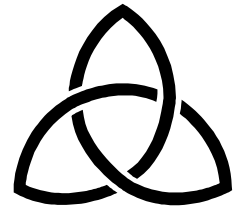


Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen



Sunday 26th October 2025

Last Sunday after Trinity (Proper 25)

Services Today

(Bake Sale after both services)

9:30am

Said Mass with Children's Church

11:00

Sung Mass

Hymns

368: Responsorial Psalm 84: 294: 342: 475

Chorus

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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715 (ii)

Introit: Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord: seek the lord and his strength: Seek his face evermore. O give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his name: tell the people what things he hath done
Glory be to the father..... Let the heart

Gradual: The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them: and delivereth them out of all their troubles. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart: and will save such as be of an humble spirit.

Alleluia: Alleluia Alleluia Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem: Praise thy God, O syon. Alleluia

Offertory: Quicken me I Lord, according to thy word: that I: may know thy testimonies

Communion: We will rejoice in thy salvation : and triumph in the name of the Lord our God

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Collect

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever

Old Testament - Jeremiah 14 7-10, 19-end

Although our sins testify against us,
do something, Lord, for the sake of your name.
For we have often rebelled;
we have sinned against you.
8 You who are the hope of Israel,
its Saviour in times of distress,
why are you like a stranger in the land,
like a traveller who stays only a night?
9 Why are you like a man taken by surprise,
like a warrior powerless to save?
You are among us, Lord,
and we bear your name;
do not forsake us!
10 This is what the Lord says about this people:
'They greatly love to wander;
they do not restrain their feet.
So the Lord does not accept them;
he will now remember their wickedness
and punish them for their sins.'
Have you rejected Judah completely?
Do you despise Zion?
Why have you afflicted us
so that we cannot be healed?
We hoped for peace
but no good has come,
for a time of healing
but there is only terror.
20 We acknowledge our wickedness, Lord,
and the guilt of our ancestors;
we have indeed sinned against you.
21 For the sake of your name do not despise us;
do not dishonour your glorious throne.
Remember your covenant with us
and do not break it.
22 Do any of the worthless idols of the nations bring rain?
Do the skies themselves send down showers?
No, it is you, Lord our God.
Therefore our hope is in you,
for you are the one who does all this.

Responsorial Psalm 84:

‘How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts’

New Testament - 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18

6 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his

16 At my first defence, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. 17 But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion’s mouth. 18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel - Luke 18.9-14

9 To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: 10 ‘Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: “God, I thank you that I am not like other people – robbers, evildoers, adulterers – or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.” 13 ‘But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, “God, have mercy on me, a sinner.” 14 ‘I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’

Post Communion

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;

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 28th October 11.00am - Said Mass

(St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles)

Saturday 1st November 10.00am Coffee and Chat in Church

Sunday 2nd November

4th Sunday Before Advent

All Saints

9:30am Said Mass with Children's Church

11.00am Sung Mass

2.30pm Creative Childrens Church

October - Gift Month

The running of the church is made easier by all who help in whatever way they can, but our weekly giving only provides about half what it costs to keep the church open, so we have to find ways of supplementing the cost by events, concerts, fees for services such as funerals and weddings, and of course additional gifts given to the church.

Gift Month is an important part in mitigating the predicted end of year deficit. All donations, large or small, are gratefully received with the bank details included below, or through your preferred method of contributing. (Gift Month envelopes available on the Black Chest) The continued work of this church, in our parish, is dependent on the generosity of spirit from each one of us. Thank you for your gift. Tony & Anne

Account name: **St Stephen's Parish Church**

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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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