Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 25th October 2026

Last Sunday after Trinity

(Proper 25)

Services Today

9:30am	Said Mass
11:00	Sung Mass
Hymns	**460: Responsorial Psalm 1: 485: 306: 377**

Bake Sale after Both Services

A new commandment I give unto you
Is to love one another as I have loved you,
Is to love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall all men know that are my disciples,
If you have love one for another;
by this shall all men know you are my disciples:
If you have love one for another.

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

Gradual: One think have I desired of the Lord, which I will require, even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord. To behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to visit his temple **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

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 Reading - Leviticus 19. 1-2,15-18

The Lord said to Moses, **2** ‘Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them:
“Be holy because I, the Lord your God, am holy.

15 ‘“Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favouritism to the great, but judge your neighbour fairly.
16 ‘“Do not go about spreading slander among your people.
‘“Do not do anything that endangers your neighbour’s life. I am the Lord.**17** ‘“Do not hate a fellow Israelite in your heart. Rebuke your neighbour frankly so that you will not share in their guilt.**18** ‘“Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 1:
‘For the Lord knows the way, the way of the righteous’

New Testament Reading - 1 Thessalonians Ch2 v1-8

You know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not without results. **2** We had previously suffered and been treated outrageously in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in the face of strong opposition. **3** For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. **4** On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts. **5** You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed – God is our witness. **6** We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority. **7** Instead, we were like young children among you.
Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, **8** so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.

Gospel - Matthew Ch22 v34-46

34 Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together.
35 One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: 36 'Teacher,
which is the greatest commandment in the Law?'

37 Jesus replied: '"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your mind." 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the
second is like it: "Love your neighbour as yourself." 40 All the Law and the
Prophets hang on these two commandments.'

41 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, 42 'What do you
think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?'

'The son of David,' they replied.

43 He said to them, 'How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him
"Lord"? For he says,

44 '"The Lord said to my Lord:
'Sit at my right hand
until I put your enemies
under your feet.'"
45 If then David calls him "Lord", how can he be his son?' 46 No one could say a
word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

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;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever

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, Helen Sheppard and Graham Moullin

NOTICES

Monday to Friday 8.00am - Morning Prayer
Tuesday 27th October 11.00am - Said Mass
Friday 30th October 11.00am - Funeral for Graham Moullin

Saturday 31st October 10.00am Coffee and Chat in Church
Toddler Group

Sunday 1st November - All Saints
4th Sunday before Advent

9:30am Said Mass
11.00am Sung Mass with Procession





Guernsey Welfare Service

A reminder that next week is Food Bank Sunday. Please could you bring any items for the food bank next Sunday. Thank you!

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

What can you hold in your right hand that you can never hold in your left hand?• Your left hand.