



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 15th February 2026

The Sunday next before
Lent

Quinquagesima

Services Today

9:30am	Said Mass with Children's Church
11:00	Sung Mass
Hymns	322: Responsorial Psalm 99: 271: 407: 178

Chorus

There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us.
There is a longing in our hearts for love, we only find in your, our God

674 Esto mihi

Introit Be thou my God and defender, and a place of refuge that thou mayest save me: for thou art my upholder, my refuge, and my Saviour; and for thy holy Name's sake be thou my leader, and my sustainer. **Psalm** In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion: but rid me, and deliver me in thy righteousness. Glory be to the Father...

Gradual Thou art the God that doeth wonders: and hast declared thy power among the people. ∿ Thou hast mightily delivered thy people: even the sons of Jacob and Joseph. **Tract** O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness. ∿ Come before his presence with a song: be ye sure that the Lord he is God. ∿ It is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Offertory Blessed art thou, O Lord; O teach me thy statutes: with my lips have I been telling of all the judgements of thy mouth.

Communion They did eat, and were well filled, for the Lord gave them their own desire: they were not disappointed of their lust.

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Collect

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading - Exodus Ch24 v12-18

12 The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction.'

13 Then Moses set out with Joshua his assistant, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. 14 He said to the elders, 'Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them.'

15 When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, 16 and the glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from within the cloud. 17 To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. 18 Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Responsorial Psalm 99: 'The Lord our God is Holy'

New Testament Reading - 2 Peter Ch1 v16-21

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eye-witnesses of his majesty. 17 He received honour and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.' 18 We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

19 We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. 20 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. 21 For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Gospel - Matthew Ch17 v1-9

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2 There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. 3 Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

4 Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.'

5 While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!'

6 When the disciples heard this, they fell face down to the ground, terrified. 7 But Jesus came and touched them. 'Get up,' he said. 'Don't be afraid.' 8 When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, 'Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

Post Communion

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please remember in your prayers

Fr John & Carol Luff, Willa Owen, Brian Garner, Jill Stephenson, Margaret Morris,
David and Barbara Streek, Wendy Clamp, Mandy Le Tissier,
Margaret Boden Heaume, Lindsay Gallagher, Barbara Renouf, Peter Le Page
and Helen Shepherd

NOTICES

Monday - Friday 8.00am Morning Prayer
Tuesday 17th February 11.00am Mass
Wednesday 18th February - 7.00pm Said Mass
and imposition of Ashes with Hymns
Saturday 21st February 10.00am Coffee and Chat in Church
Followed by Social Events Meeting at 11.30pm

Sunday 22nd February
Lent 1
9:30am - Said Mass with Children's Church
11.00am - Sung Mass
Bake Sale



March Magazine **A note from the Editor!**

Please could I have any copy for this
Magazine by

Friday 20th February

All donations are most welcome!

They can either be given to me
(Nikki) in person

or emailed to nikkiattwooll@gmail.com

Saturday 28th February 2026 2pm

Gather your family, friends and fellow
enthusiasts for a fantastic event
£10 per person

Multiple Bingo Rounds Amazing Prizes!

St Stephen's Community Centre

Bookings close on Friday 20th February:
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Linda Barnes

What's the most dangerous
mountain in the world?

Kill-a-man-jaro

**THERE IS A LIST ON THE BLACK CHEST FOR
THOSE WISHING TO ATTEND THE BINGO.
FOR CATERING PURPOSES PLEASE COULD
YOU PUT YOUR NAMES DOWN BY 20TH
FEBRUARY . 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**
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