



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 6th April 2025

## The Fifth Sunday of Lent Passion Sunday

- 9.30am** Family Service with Children's Church
- 11.00am** Sung Mass  
**Hymns:** 79: Responsorial Psalm 126: 90: 84: 95
- 12.30pm** Agape Lunch  
**2.30pm** Creative Children's Church

### *Chorus*

Stay with us, O Lord Jesus Christ, night will soon fall.  
Then stay with us, O Lord Jesus Christ, Light in our darkness

### 680 Lent 5 (The Fifth Sunday of Lent)

**Introit:** Give sentence with me, O God, and defend the cause of my soul against the ungodly people: deliver me, and rid me from the deceitful and wicked man: for thou, O Lord, art my God, and my strong salvation.  
**Psalm** O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me: and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling. Glory be...

**Gradual:** Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies: Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee. It is the Lord that delivereth me from my cruel enemies, and setteth me up above mine adversaries: thou shalt deliver me from the wicked man. **Tract:** Many a time have they fought against me: from my youth up. May Israel now say: yea, many a time have they vexed me from my youth up. But they have not prevailed against me: the plowers ploughed upon my back. And made long furrows: but the righteous Lord hath hewn the snares of the ungodly in pieces.

**Offertory:** I will give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart: O do well unto thy servant, that I may live, and keep thy word: quicken thou me, according to thy word, O Lord.

**Communion:** If any man serve me, let him follow me: and where I am, there shall also my servant be.

## Collect

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
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 - Isaiah 43 v16-21

This is what the Lord says –  
he who made a way through the sea,  
a path through the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup> who drew out the chariots and horses,  
the army and reinforcements together,  
and they lay there, never to rise again,  
extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup> 'Forget the former things;  
do not dwell on the past.  
<sup>19</sup> See, I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?  
I am making a way in the wilderness  
and streams in the wasteland.  
<sup>20</sup> The wild animals honour me,  
the jackals and the owls,  
because I provide water in the wilderness  
and streams in the wasteland,  
to give drink to my people, my chosen,  
<sup>21</sup> the people I formed for myself  
that they may proclaim my praise.

## Responsorial Psalm 126:

**'The lord has done great things for us and we rejoiced'**

## New Testament Reading - Philippians 3 v4b-14

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

<sup>7</sup> But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I

consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ<sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ – the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.<sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ – yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,<sup>11</sup> and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead,<sup>14</sup> I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.

### **Gospel - John 12 v1-8**

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.<sup>2</sup> Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honour. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him.<sup>3</sup> Then Mary took about half a litre of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.<sup>4</sup> But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected,<sup>5</sup> 'Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages.'<sup>6</sup> He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.<sup>7</sup> 'Leave her alone,' Jesus replied. 'It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial.'<sup>8</sup> You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.'

### **Post Communion**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters  
we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

#### **Please remember in your prayers**

Fr John & Carol Luff, Willa Owen, Brian Garner, Jill Stephenson,  
Paulo De Augustino, Margaret Morris, David Streek,  
Wendy Clamp, Ian Petch and Mark Garner

We also pray for the family and friends of David Amory  
and John Greany who died recently.

## NOTICES

**Monday - Friday 8.00am** - Morning Prayer

**Tuesday 8th April 11.00am** -

Elizabeth College Junior School Easter Service

**Tuesday 8th April 2.00pm** - David Amory Funeral

**Thursday 10th April 2.00pm & 7.30pm** - Lent Course

**Saturday 12th April 10.00am** - Coffee and Chat in Church

**Sunday 13th April**

**Palm Sunday**

9:30am Said Mass with Children's Church

11.00am Sung Mass



**TUESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**  
**12PM**

*Friendship Lunch*

**Quiche & Spring Vegetables**

**Hot Cross Bun Pudding & Custard or Cream**

Vegetarian / Gluten-free / Diabetic / Dairy-free options available

**£10.00 per person**

**RSVP: Jean Le Huray**  
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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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