NOTICES

Monday- Friday 8.00am - Morning Prayer
Wednesday 11th November 10.30am - Ladies College Remembrance Service

Saturday 14th November 10.00am Coffee and Chat in Church

Sunday 15th November
The Second Sunday before Advent

9.30am Said Mass
11.00am Sung Mass



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

Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen



Sunday 8th November 2026

Remembrance Sunday
3rd Sunday Before Advent

9:30am Said Mass

10.55am Act of Remembrance, Sung Mass (See inset)

Hymns: **417: National Anthem 1st verse: Psalm 70: 333: 328: 526 (Kneeling): 490**

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

733 (The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed)

Introit Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord: and my light perpetual shine upon them.**Psalm** Thou, O God, art praised in Syon, and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem: thou that hearest the prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come. Rest…

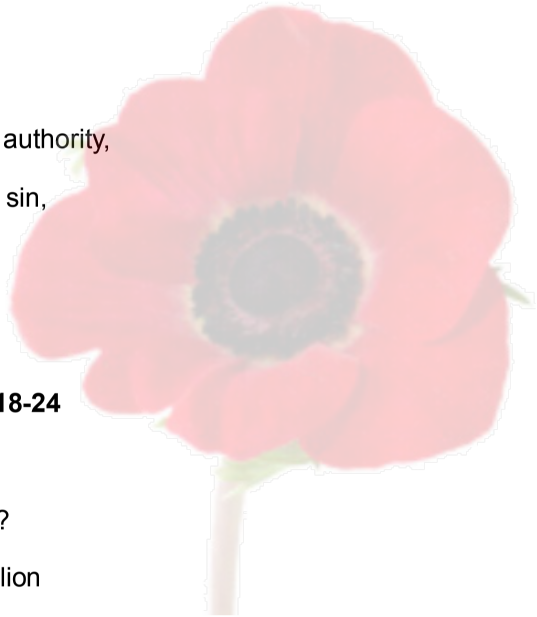
Gradual Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord: and may light perpetual shine upon them. ℣. The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance: they will not be afraid of any evil tidings.**Tract** Absolve, O Lord, the souls of all the faithful departed: from every bond of sin. ℣. And by the help of thy grace: may they be able to escape the avenging judgement. ℣. And enjoy the bliss: of everlasting light.

Offertory O Lord Jesus Christ, King of Majesty, deliver the souls of all the faithful departed from the hand of hell; and from the pit of destruction: deliver them from the lion's mouth; that the grave devour them not; that they go not down to the realms of darkness. But let Michael, the holy standard- bearer, make speed to restore them to the brightness of glory: which thou promisedst in ages past to Abraham and his seed. Sacrifice and prayer do we offer unto thee, O Lord: do thou accept them for the souls departed, in whose memory we make this oblation. And grant them Lord, to pass from death unto life: which thou promisedst in ages past unto Abraham and his seed.

Communion May light eternal shine, O Lord, upon them; for endless ages with thy blessed ones, for thou art gracious.

Collect

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.



Old Testament Reading: Amos Ch5 v18-24

Woe to you who long
for the day of the Lord!
Why do you long for the day of the Lord?
That day will be darkness, not light.
19 It will be as though a man fled from a lion
only to meet a bear,
as though he entered his house
and rested his hand on the wall
only to have a snake bite him.
20 Will not the day of the Lord be darkness, not light –
pitch-dark, without a ray of brightness?
21 'I hate, I despise your religious festivals;
your assemblies are a stench to me.
22 Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them.
Though you bring choice fellowship offerings,
I will have no regard for them.
23 Away with the noise of your songs!
I will not listen to the music of your harps.
24 But let justice roll on like a river,
righteousness like a never-failing stream!

Responsorial Psalm 70: 'O Lord, make haste to help me'

New Testament Reading1 Thessalonians Ch4 v13-18

13 Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who
sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no
hope. 14 For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that
God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. 15 According to the
Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of
the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord
himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the
archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.
17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them
in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord for ever.
18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel Matthew Ch25 v1-13

At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps
and went out to meet the bridegroom. **2** Five of them were foolish and five were
wise. **3** The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. **4** The
wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. **5** The bridegroom was
a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.
6 'At midnight the cry rang out: "Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!"

7 'Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. **8** The foolish ones said to
the wise, "Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out."

9 '"No," they replied, "there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to
those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves."

10 'But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The
virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door
was shut.

11 'Later the others also came. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us!"

12 'But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I don't know you."

13 'Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

Post Communion

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Please remember in your prayers
Fr John & Carol Luff, Jill Stephenson, David Streek, Wendy Clamp,
Mandy & David Le Tissier, Margaret Boden Heaume, Lindsay Gallagher,
Barbara Renouf, and Helen Sheppard

We also pray for the family and friends of Barbara Streek who died recently