



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 17th May 2026

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

**Alleluia - Christ is Risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Services Today

9:30am Said Mass with Children's Church

11:00am Sung Mass
Hymns 134: Responsorial Psalm 68: 130: 129: 332 omit*

1. Father, we love You 2. Jesus, we love You 3. Spirit, we love You

*We worship and adore You
Glorify Your name in all the earth
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Introit Consider, O Lord, and hear me, when I cry unto thee, alleluia; unto thee my heart hath said, Thy face, Lord, have I sought: thy face, Lord, will I seek: O hide not thou thy face from thy servant, alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom then shall I fear? Glory be...

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. ☐. God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon his holy seat. Alleluia. ☐. I will not leave you comfortless: I go away and come again unto you, and your heart shall rejoice. Alleluia.

Offertory God is gone up with a merry noise: and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet, alleluia.

Communion Father, while I was with them in the world, I kept those that thou gavest to me, alleluia: and now I come unto thee: I pray thee not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from evil, alleluia, alleluia.

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Collect

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First Reading - Acts Ch1 v 6-14

6 Then they gathered round him and asked him, 'Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?'

7 He said to them: 'It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 11 'Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.'

12 Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. 13 When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. 14 They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

Responsorial Psalm 68: 'Our God is a God of salvation'

Second Reading - 1 Peter Ch4 v12-14 Ch 5 v 6-11

12 Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13 But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. 14 If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

8 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

10 And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. 11 To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel - John Ch17 v 1-11

After Jesus said this, he looked towards heaven and prayed:

'Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. 2 For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. 3 Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. 4 I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. 5 And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

6 'I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. 8 For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. 9 I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. 10 All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. 11 I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

Post Communion

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please remember in your prayers

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

NOTICES

Monday to Friday 8.00am - Morning Prayer

Tuesday 19th May 11.00am - Said Mass

Saturday 23rd May

10.00am - Coffee and Chat in Church

7.00pm - Concert by Guernsey Puffers

Sunday 24th May

Pentecost

9:30am Said Mass with Children's Church

11.00am Sung Mass with Procession

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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*I want to write a book on Humility, I am sure it will be a best seller
If there's one thing I'm better at than everyone else...It's humility.*