



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 25th May 2025

## The Sixth 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 with Sermon  
**Hymns: 346: Responsorial Psalm 67: 381: 342: 265**

*Be still and know that I am God:*

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*I am the Lord who heals your pain:*

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*In thee, O Lord, I put my trust:*

### 688 Easter 6 (The Sixth Sunday of Easter)

**Introit** With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, alleluia; utter it even unto the ends of the earth: the Lord hath delivered his people, alleluia, alleluia.

**Psalm** O be joyful in God all ye lands: sing praises unto the honour of his Name; make his praise to be glorious. Glory be...

**Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. ☩. Christ is risen, and hath showed light unto us: whom he hath redeemed with his most precious Blood. Alleluia. ☩. I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world and go to the Father. Alleluia.

**Offertory** O praise our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard; Who holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to slip. Praised be God, who hath not cast out my prayer: nor turned his mercy from me, Alleluia.

**Communion** The Holy Ghost shall teach you, alleluia; whatsoever I have said unto you, alleluia, alleluia..

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## **Collect**

God our redeemer,  
who hast delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of thy Son:  
grant, that as by his death he hath recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## **First Reading - Acts Ch16. v9-15**

9 During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' 10 After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

11 From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and thence next day we went on to Neapolis. 12 From there we travelled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

13 On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. 14 One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshipper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. 15 When she and the members of her household were baptised, she invited us to her home. 'If you consider me a believer in the Lord,' she said, 'come and stay at my house.' And she persuaded us.

## **Responsorial Psalm 67:**

**'Let the people praise you, O God, let all the people praise you'**

## **Second Reading - Revelations Ch21 v10, & 22-27 Ch22– v1-5**

10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.

22 I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23 The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. 24 The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendour into it. 25 On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. 26 The glory and honour of the nations will be brought into it. 27 Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

**22** Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. <sup>4</sup> They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

## **Gospel John Ch14. v23-29**

**23** Jesus replied, 'Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

**24** Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

**25** 'All this I have spoken while still with you. **26** But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. **27** Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

**28** 'You heard me say, "I am going away and I am coming back to you." If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. **29** I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

## **Post Communion**

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns,  
now and for ever.

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

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

We also pray for the family and friends of Ian Petch who died recently

## NOTICES

**Monday to Thursday 8.00am - Morning Prayer**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 11.00am - Said Mass**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May Ascension Day**

**7.00pm Sung Mass**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 10.00am - Coffee and Chat in Church**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**9.30am - Said Mass with Children's Church**

**11.00am - Sung Mass**

**2.30pm - Creative Children's Church**



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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