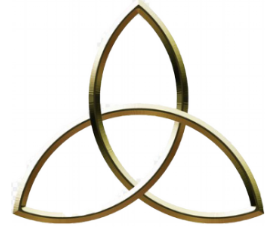




Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen



Sunday 29th June 2025

First Sunday after Trinity St Peter and St Paul

Services Today

9:30am Said Mass with Children's Church
11:00am Sung Mass
Hymns: **388: Responsorial Psalm 125: 378: 360: 359**

*I was glad when they said to me, Let
us go to the House of the Lord. Here
we meet in the presence of God
Giving thanks to our mighty Lord.*

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Introit Now I know of a surety that the Lord hath sent his angel: and hath delivered me from the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the jews.

Psalm . O Lord thou has searched me out, and known me: thou knowest my down-sitting, and mine up-rising. Glory be to the Father...

Gradual Thou shalt make them princes over all the earth: they shall have thy Name in remembrance, O Lord. : ∞ Instead of thy fathers thou shalt have children: therefore shall the people give thanks unto thee.

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. Thou are Peter and upon this rock I will build my church Alleluia.

Offertory Thou shalt make them princes in all lands: they shall remember thy Name, O Lord, from one generation to another.

Communion Thou are Peter and upon this rock I will build my church.
I will build my church.

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Collect

Almighty God,
whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul
glorified you in their death as in their life:
grant that your Church,
inspired by their teaching and example,
and made one by your Spirit,
may ever stand firm upon the one foundation,
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.

First Reading - Act 12 v 1-11

It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. ² He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. ³ When he saw that this met with approval among the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also. This happened during the Festival of Unleavened Bread. ⁴ After arresting him, he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring him out for public trial after the Passover.

⁵ So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.

⁶ The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance.

⁷ Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. 'Quick, get up!' he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists.

⁸ Then the angel said to him, 'Put on your clothes and sandals.' And Peter did so. 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me,' the angel told him. ⁹ Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰ They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him. ¹¹ Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I know without a doubt that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's clutches and from everything the Jewish people were hoping would happen.'

Responsorial Psalm 125:

'Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion that stands for ever'

2nd Reading Reading - 2 Timothy Ch 4. 6-8, 17-18

6 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

17 But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. 18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel - Matthew Ch16. 13-19

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' 14 They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 15 'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?' 16 Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' 17 Jesus replied, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

Post Communion

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please remember in your prayers

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

Notices

Monday to Friday 8.00am - Morning Prayer

Tuesday 1st July 11.00am - Said Mass

Saturday 5th July 10.00am - Coffee and chat in church

Sunday 6th July

The Third Sunday after Trinity,

9:30am Said Mass with Children's Church

11.00am Sung Mass

2.30pm Creative Children's Church

Congratulations to Fr William on his ordination to the priesthood in Salisbury on Saturday (28th). We ask Almighty God to bless Fr William in his ministry. Fr William will continue to serve his curacy at St Stephen's for the next few years (hopefully) and we look forward to his continued involvement in the life of our Parish.



*Next Sunday is Food bank Sunday so please bring donations for Guernsey Welfare next week.
Many thanks*

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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