



St Stephen with St John Westminster

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Weekly Notes

28th June 2020

(Fourth Sunday after Pentecost)

Today:

10:00am Parish Eucharist live on Zoom
6:00pm Evensong live on Zoom

This Week

Morning & Evening Prayer are said Monday to Friday, 9.15am & 6.00pm

BCP Wednesdays at 12:30pm. Zoom details as follows:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86386472199?pwd=aHVuNFVINGlYQkR5RnEvaopKV1VLUTog>

Meeting ID: 863 8647 2199

Password: 024402

Tea@3 on Thursdays. Please do join us and our friends from St Barnabas via Zoom

[Meeting ID: 876 875 6365](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8768756365)

Password: 657351

Today's speaker is Rev'd Catherine Duce.

St Stephen's Rochester Row now open for private prayer on Mondays and Thursdays from 11am to 5pm. Please be aware that strict social distancing guidelines will be in place for everyone's protection and can accommodate a maximum of 8 people in the church at any given time. Other local churches will have different opening hours. If you are interested in volunteering at the church during these times, please get in touch with the parish office or Graham.

We remain closed for public worship. As we adjust to different ways of worship, our website is becoming an increasingly important means of communication. I urge to look and use these new ways of being and worshipping together.

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Upcoming events:

- Next week we continue to celebrate St Stephen's week. Please see the end of the document for a full breakdown of events.

Please use the Ordinary Time service setting posted online [here](#) to follow the service.

The readings are all included below, together with the Psalm and the hymns. You can use the links for the hymns to listen/sing along.

If you are so inclined, please do stay behind for a coffee and a chat after the service on Zoom. It is always lovely to catch up socially but understand if you would prefer to contemplate the sermon quietly instead. St Stephen's is here to support you in your own way.

1. Ye holy angels bright,
Who wait at God's right hand,
Or through the realms of light
Fly at your Lord's command,
Assist our song,
For else the theme
Too high doth seem
For mortal tongue.
2. Ye blessed souls at rest,
Who ran this earthly race
And now, from sin released,
Behold your Savior's face,
His praises sound,
As in his sight
With sweet delight
Ye do abound.
3. Ye saints, who toil below,
Adore your heavenly King,
And onward as ye go
Some joyful anthem sing;
Take what he gives
And praise him still,
Through good or ill,
Who ever lives!
4. My soul, bear thou thy part,
Triumph in God above:
And with a well-tuned heart
Sing thou the songs of love!
Let all thy days
Till life shall end,
Whate'er he send,
Be filled with praise!

The 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.

Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: *Zechariah 4.1-6a,10b-14*

The angel who talked with me came again, and wakened me, as one is wakened from sleep. He said to me, 'What do you see?' And I said, 'I see a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it; there are seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it. And by it there are two olive trees, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left.' I said to the angel who talked with me, 'What are these, my lord?' Then the angel who talked with me answered me, 'Do you not know what these are?' I said, 'No, my lord.' He said to me, 'This is the

word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says the Lord of hosts. For whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel.

‘These seven are the eyes of the Lord, which range through the whole earth.’ Then I said to him, ‘What are these two olive trees on the right and the left of the lampstand?’ And a second time I said to him, ‘What are these two branches of the olive trees, which pour out the oil through the two golden pipes?’ He said to me, ‘Do you not know what these are?’ I said, ‘No, my lord.’ Then he said, ‘These are the two anointed ones who stand by the Lord of the whole earth.’

Psalm 125

1 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but stands fast forever.

2 The hills stand about Jerusalem;
so does the Lord stand round about his people,
from this time forth forever-more. R

3 The sceptre of the wicked shall not hold sway
over the land allotted to the just,
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

4 Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good
and to those who are true of heart.

5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,
the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers;
but peace be upon --- Israel.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4.6-8,17,18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 16.13-19*

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the

gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

Prayers of Intercession

In our parish cycle of prayer: Our Parochial Church Council and Thames House (M15)

For those who live in: Bessborough Gardens and Maunsel Street

As part of St Stephen's link with the Church in Myanmar:

David Myo Lwin Kyaw, the ordinand currently supported by St Stephen's

We pray for our New York City link parish:

The Church of the Holy Trinity and their Rector, Revd John F. Beddingfield, praying particularly for their adult education programme.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of North India (United): Prem Chand Singh (Moderator, and Bishop of Jabalpur)

Härnösand (Sweden): Eva Nordung Byström (Bishop)

Lappo (Finland): Simo Peura (Bishop)

Capital Vision 2020 Ambassadors: we pray for workers in catering

Pray for the work of Hounslow Welcare Trust: Kathleen McQuarrie (Secretary and Treasurer)

Pray for former Radicle projects in Hounslow, including St Agnes' House and Elm Court in Chiswick for homeless young mothers

Among those who have asked for our prayers:

Robin Fairfax; Vera Godsall; Marian Hall; Jean Haswell; Dyfrig Jones; Alan Mack; Michael Pryce Jones; Miriam Lesmond; Pete Read; Bob Szewczyk; Henry Taylor; John Travis-Clarke; Gay Widmer; Anne Norman-Butler; Marian McHale; Amal Griffin; Fraser Copley and his dad, Kevin Copley; Pete Barney; Tom Robinson; Eddie Catton

For the Years' Mind of: Arthur Ride; Rene Rugg

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven

Open hands to sides and raise slightly, look up.

Hallowed be thy name.

Fold hands together as in prayer.

Thy kingdom come,

Circle hands inward to touch chest.

Thy will be done on earth
Reach down with palms towards the ground.

As it is in heaven.
Turn palms up, look up.

Give us this day our daily bread,
Place right hand over left, palms up.

Forgive us our trespasses
Cross arms over chest, bow head.

As we forgive those who trespass against us.
Open hands to people around.

Lead us not into temptation,
Cross forearms, with arms stretched out in front, palms facing forwards.

But deliver us from evil
Clasp raised hands.

For thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory,
Lower arms to sides then slowly sweep out and up, as widely as possible.

For ever and ever, Amen.
Hold arms outstretched for a few moments

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Offertory: [Be Thou My Vision](#)

[NEH339](#)

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art-
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

3 Be thou my battle shield, sword for my
fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r:
raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my
pow'r.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true
word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

5 High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's
Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Offering is now welcomed through our [CAF Donate link](#).

Post Communion Prayer

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.

Amen

Recessional: [Blessed City, heavenly Salem](#)

1 Blessèd city, heavenly Salem,
vision dear of peace and love,
who of living stones art builded
in the height of heaven above,
and with angel hosts encircled,
as a bride dost earthward move!

3 Bright thy gates of pearl are shining,
they are open evermore;
and by virtue of his merits
thither faithful souls do soar,
who for Christ's dear name in this world
pain and tribulation bore.

5 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the Head and comer-stone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one,
Holy Sion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.

2 From celestial realms descending,
bridal glory round thee shed,
meet for him whose love espoused thee,
to thy Lord shalt thou be led;
all thy streets and all thy bulwarks
of pure gold are fashioned.

4 Many a blow and biting sculpture
polished well those stones elect,
in their places now compacted
by the heavenly Architect,
who therewith hath willed for ever
that his palace should be decked.

6 All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody,
God the One in Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.

7 To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of Hosts, to-day;
with thy wonted loving-kindness
hear thy servants as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls alway.

8 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain,
what they gain from thee for ever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.

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St Stephen's Week

Tuesday 23 June - 5pm Silence (Silent Meditation for an hour) FaceBook Live

Thursday 25 June - 12.30pm Discussion with St Barnabas Church -
"St John the Baptist and Lockdown"
Zoom Meeting ID: 896 5302 2233 Password: 3vTg3d

Sunday 28 June - 10am Celebration Eucharist; Preacher: Rev Cath Duce
6pm Evensong. Preacher: Rev John Pearson-Hicks

Wednesday 1 July - 7pm Live Debate
(Rev John Beddingfield & Rev Graham Buckle)
"Geneva gowns and Cranmer hats: Priesthood and ministry"

Sunday 5 July - 10am Parish Eucharist (Welcoming our new curate Helena)
6pm Evensong & Slow Art.
Discussions with Marc Woodhead looking at Giovanni Di



Paolo's The Birth of St John the Baptist: Predella Panel

<https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/paintings/giovanni-di-paolo-the-birth-of-saint-john-the-baptist-predella-panel>

All the regular services will continue as normal. Please look at our website: www.sswsj.org for times and links.