



Today

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

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

St Stephen's Rochester Row is now closed for both public worship and private prayer.

Morning and Evening Prayer will be continued to be prayed daily and live streamed, together with our 10am Eucharist and 6pm Evensong. Links to these services will be posted onto our [website here](http://www.sswsj.org) (www.sswsj.org).

As we are slowly adjusting to different ways of worship, our [website](http://www.sswsj.org) is becoming an increasingly important means of communication. I urge to look and use these new ways of being and worshipping together.

We have some new sections including:

- [Daily Devotions](#), on which we uploading a message here on a daily basis for our community. These may be in the form of video, prayer or brief thoughts.
- [Services Live on Zoom](#), found under Services, which will house the Zoom meeting ID for the live streams and videos.
- [Evensong Live on Zoom](#), also found under Services, which will house the Zoom meeting ID for the live streams.

Lenten Devotional – This is now available online to download in full or to follow along as each week's painting, theme and thoughts will be uploaded for your devotion and prayers during as we move into our last week of Lent.

Linda Brandon RIP – Memorial Service to be postponed until a time when we might gather to remember Linda.

Please use service sheet posted online [here](http://www.sswsj.org/services---live-on-zoom--video-format.html) (<http://www.sswsj.org/services---live-on-zoom--video-format.html>) 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.

Introit:

[When I surveyed the wondrous cross](#)[NEH95](#)**The Collect**

Most merciful God,
 who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
 delivered and saved the world:
 grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
 we may triumph in the power of his victory;
 through 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.

The Liturgy of the Word**First Reading:** Ezekiel 37.1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

Psalm: 130

1 Out of the depths have I cried to you, O//Lord;

Lord,/ hear my/ voice;
let your ears consider /well // the voice of my /suppli-/cation. R

2 If you, Lord, were to mark what is done a-/miss,
O Lord, /who could /stand?

3 But there is forgiveness with /you,
so that you /shall be/ feared. R

4 I wait for the Lord; my soul/ waits for him;
in his /word is my/ hope.

5 My soul waits for the Lord, more than the night watch for the /morning,
more than the night watch /for the /morning. R

6 O Israel, wait for the /Lord,
for with the /Lord there is /mercy;

7 With him is plenteous re-/demption
and he shall redeem Israel from /all their /sins. R

Second Reading: Romans 8.6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Gospel Reading: John 11.1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met

him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Prayers of Intercession

In our parish cycle of prayer: *Our choir and organists and JH Kenyon Funeral Directors*

For those who live in: *Great Peter Street and Victoria Street*

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

staff and students in the Bible colleges

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 new young adult ministry

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Anglican Communion Season of Repentance commences

Funen (Denmark): Tine Lindhardt (Bishop)

Capital Vision 2020 Ambassadors: we pray for parents and carers

Pray for the ministry of retired priests in the Two Cities Area

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; Maadimo Tlale; Gay Widmer; Anne Norman-Butler; Marian McHale; George Taylor; Amal Griffin; Christopher Hopkins; Fraser Copley and his dad, Kevin Copley; Pete Barney

RIP: Linda Brandon

For the Years' Mind of: Winifred Dale; Ivy Jane Fall; Charley Sewell; Marion Ragna Rodgers; Esther Sendji Mbie

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Offertory: [O Sacred Head Sore wounded](#) [NEH90](#)

Communion: [Drop, drop slow tears](#) [NEH82](#)

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

Recessional - [Lift High the Cross](#)

Refrain: *Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

1. Come, Christians, follow where the Master trod,
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God.
2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.
3. Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
4. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally.
5. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory!