

18th October 2020

Welcome back! It's really great to see you, thank you for booking in and joining with us. Please bear with us as we get used to getting you in and out of the building safely, and as we get used to services with no singing, and no mingling and refreshments.

At present we are not running our creche or children's groups, and so will all be staying in together. If you have young ones who wriggle or get noisy, please know you are really welcome and we're just glad you are here.

This service is also available via livestream on YouTube. A recorded version will then also be available from approx. 1pm onwards. Search for St Stephen's Prenton on YouTube, and look for past livestreams.



Holy Communion Service

Mark 9:42-50

Collect: O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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. **Amen**

Giving: If you usually give by the planned giving envelope scheme and want to find out more about giving via standing order during this unusual time, that would be a great help to us. You can drop envelopes at the back of church.

You can also support us if you shop online, more details on the back page.

Psalm 99

- 1 The LORD is King; let the people tremble;
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion; he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome;
he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his
footstool; he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name,
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave
them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his holy
hill; for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

What's On This Week?

Look out for our evening devotions on Facebook & YouTube
from 7.30pm on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Tue 20 th	7pm, APCM in church
Wed 21 st	10.30am, Holy Communion service 11.15am-11.45am, Individual private prayer 8pm Home Groups via Zoom

Join us next Sunday, 25th October, 10.30am

Harvest Thanksgiving Service

Please contact us via the church office (phone or email) if you would like to come. If numbers exceed what is safe, we will prioritise those who miss out the following week. Also livestreamed on YouTube.

We will receive collections of tinned and dried goods, plus toiletries, towards the work various local groups meeting need in our area.

For Our Prayers Today

Anglican Church Worldwide: Archbishop Michael Curry - Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, USA.

St Stephen's: Deputy Wardens, Sidespeople and welcomers. St John's Hospice & Claire House

Those who live in: Acrefield Road, Acrefield Crt, Woodchurch Road

Those who need our prayers: Michael Tomek, Ben Harrison, Grace Blackmore, Finlay James, Peter & Barbara Sharp, William Smith, John Crabb, John Penney, Winifred Hughes, Marj Crellin, Gaynor Kennedy, Maureen and Steve Vitty, Pauline Bent, Gill Allen, Pat Ainslie, Thomas Walker, James McCulloch, Dillon Stuart, Richard Martin

Those mourning the death of: Margaret White, Phil Cubbin, Muriel Nightingale, Keith Nuttall, Kathleen Jones, Esther Birch and Barbara Candeland

Prayer Diary: for the coming week

Monday 19th

- CAMEO group: for those who feel lonely and those grieving the loss of loved ones
- Those of our Parish we are less effective at serving or reaching

Tuesday 20th

- Visitors & new members of the congregation
- Those confined to their homes

Wednesday 21st

- Traidcraft
- Carers & good neighbours

Thursday 22nd

- Ministry of Music – our organist, music group & choir
- Those suffering loss of any kind

Friday 23rd

- Our school children and parents as they prepare for half term next week.
- The lonely and those grieving

Saturday 24th

- Chaplaincy links with TRFC and their community work
- For the health workers who are caring for those with COVID-19.

St Stephen's News & Notices

Please book in. As capacity in church is limited: Please contact us via the church office (phone or email) if you would like to come. If numbers exceed what is safe, priority for next week will go to any who miss out.

Bring your bible. Whilst we are encouraged not to handle papers/bibles etc., for hygiene reasons, feel free to bring your own.

Livestream. The recording will be available from approx. 1pm onwards if you miss it at 10.30am. Under Videos, search for past Livestreams.

APCM. 7pm THIS Tuesday 20th October. There are nomination forms in church for Church Warden and, PCC and Deanery Synod.

A graphic for a Harvest Festival Service. It features a stylized illustration of a haystack on the left. To the right of the haystack, the text "Join us for a" is written in a cursive font, followed by "Harvest" in a large, bold, black script font. Below "Harvest", the words "Festival Service" are written in a smaller cursive font. At the bottom right, the date and time "Sunday 25th October, 10.30am" are printed in a bold, black sans-serif font. The entire graphic is enclosed in a thin black border.

Join us for a **Harvest**
Festival Service
Sunday 25th October, 10.30am

We will celebrate Harvest together next Sunday, October 25th and can accept gifts of tinned food and toiletries. No fresh produce please. Gifts will be left near the door as you arrive.

Staying Connected. As we experience greater restrictions again, please do keep in touch with each other. **If you have time to phone someone who is especially isolated, please speak to Matt.**

Traidcraft. Any orders can be placed through Evelyn Liddle or by contacting the office.

Giving as you shop. St Stephen's can benefit whenever you shop online, with no extra cost to you. To select us as your nominated cause, visit www.smileamazon.co.uk or www.easyfundraising.org.uk and search for: St Stephens Church Prenton. Visit www.ststephensprenton.church/giving

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