



St Stephen's Pew Sheet

Sunday 30 April 2023

Welcome to **St Stephen's Church** part of the Church of England in the Diocese of Gloucester and a member of the South Cheltenham Team Ministry

	April 30th	May 6th
OT	Acts ch 2 v42 -end	Isiah 40v12-17 25 to end
NT	1 Peter ch 22 v 19-end	-----
Gospel	John ch10 v 1-10	Luke ch 22 v 24-30
President	Sue Rowe	Fr David Murray
Reader	Dan	Adrienne
Intercessor	Jacqui	Averil Murray
Welcomer	Elisabeth	Mike & Penny

Hymns		
Introit	221	Ye choirs of new Jerusalem
Gradual		'Colours of day – Ginger group
Offertory	209	Loves redeeming work
Communion		
Final	208	Lights glittering morn

SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

Said Communion 2nd Weds 10.30 (followed by coffee in the meeting room)

Morning Prayer Daily livestream at 9.00 (weekdays).

You can join Morning Prayer online at: www.stpetersleck.org and via Facebook at: www.facebook.com/pipandjims. You can attend in person at P&J on Mondays, at St Christopher's on Tuesdays and at St Peter's on Thursdays.

SAFEGUARDING : The Nominated Person responsible for safeguarding in our parish is Mrs Sue Rowe (mobile 07905 307859).

From Chris Langdon

Our family are holding a memorial service to celebrate Christine's life on Friday, 19th May 2pm in church. All members of the congregation are invited to attend. Dress informal but an item in any shade of red or green would be appreciated. To assist with catering would those wishing to attend please put their name on the sheet at the back of church by Sunday 7th May.

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Contact us via our email address ststephenstivoli@gmail.com

First reading Acts 2 v42-end

Many were baptised and were added to the community. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Second Reading 1 Peter 2 v19-25

Brothers and sisters it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. 'When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel John 10 v 1-10 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again, Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

PARISH DIARY

Sun	May 7	10am	Mass followed by bring & share lunch
Sat	May 13	2-4	Spring Sale
Thur	May 19	7.30	Team Ascension Day service at St Stephens
Fri	May 19	2pm	Christine Langdon's memorial service

The next service will be on Sunday 7th May, followed by a bring and share lunch to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. Make a decorated crown to wear at the lunch, Prize for the best

NOTICES

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES across the South Cheltenham Team

The next St Stephens Midweek service will be on **Wednesday May 10th**



COFFEE AFTERNOONS, 2-4pm in the Meeting Room.

We will meet every other Thursday. Next meeting, May 4th Bring your knitting or sewing or just come for a chat. All are welcome.



Cheltenham Elim Food Bank (cheltenham.foodbank.org.uk). Please place any nations in the green box next to the font.

Please note there will be NO service at St Stephens on May 21st as there is a team confirmation service at St Phillips & St James

PLEASE come along and support Roan & Miriam, who are being confirmed by Bishop Robert at that service.

Sale on May 13th, we need volunteers to man stalls

Plus, books, good quality bric a brac to sell. If you would like a stall to sell any of your own goods, please see Jacqui or Sue

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- For all residents in care homes including Jean Haigh and Gary Hiscock
- For all who are unwell including Joy, Gordon, Daphne, Polly, Ken,
- Those who have died.
- Afghanistan & Sudan– for peace and protection for the people.
- Ukraine – for peace – see the archbishops’ prayer here:
- <https://www.archbishopofyork.org/prayer-ukraine>
- Turkey & Syria – for energy and strength for the teams working round the clock to locate and support people at this critical time.

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