

## **TODAY'S READINGS**

### ***First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11***

*Ezekiel learns from God that he shares responsibility for the sin of the people. It is his duty to speak of their transgressions and call them to repentance.*

### ***Second Reading: Romans 13:8-end***

*Paul encourages his readers to live new lives in Jesus, reminding them of his command to love one another.*

### ***Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20***

*Jesus provides a model for the forgiveness of sinners as part of the life of a functional church community, and an assurance that he will be present when two or three people gather together.*

## **FIRST READING Ezekiel 33.7–11**

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel. The word of the Lord came to me:

7 So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me.

8 If I say to the wicked, 'O wicked ones, you shall surely die,' and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand.

9 But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

10 Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: 'Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?'

11 Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

## **SECOND READING Romans 13.8–14**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

8 Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

9 The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

10 Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

11 Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers;

12 the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light;

13 let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy.

14 Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

## **GOSPEL Matthew 18.15–20**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. Jesus spoke to his disciples.

15 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.

16 But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses.

17 If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector.

18 Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

19 Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.

20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

## **COLLECT**

Almighty God,

who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love,

that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

God our creator,

you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven:

let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place

where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **For Prayer:**

We pray for all school children and staff as they return to school this week.

Prayer for Creationtide: Living God, you call us to be good stewards of this earthly home, strengthen us to care for your creation; forgive us when, through our greed and indifference we abuse its beauty and damage its potential. Empower us, through your Spirit to so nurture and love the world, that all creation sings to your glory.

We continue to pray for the control of the coronavirus pandemic worldwide, for wisdom for governments,

public health officials and scientists as they seek to manage its spread. We pray for all those who are ill or dying from this virus and for the healthcare professionals caring for them.

We pray for refugees worldwide, and especially those seeking to cross the English Channel to come to the UK. We pray for their safety and wellbeing.

We pray for peace and justice to prevail in Wisconsin; for wisdom for local civic and religious leaders in the cities of that state following the shooting of Jacob Blake.

We pray for all those working hard to control the severe bushfires in California and for the protection and wellbeing of people whose homes and livelihoods are threatened by the fires.

We pray for the citizens of Belarus during the political turbulence facing that country. We pray for a just and peaceful outcome and for the protection of all those protesting.

**Those who are acutely sick:** Elizabeth Upton, Simon Baynes, Jim Wild, Carol Muller, Sharon Herd (Vi Reynolds daughter), Paul Wiggett, Dick Herdegan, Jenny Tingle, Kirsty Haysman, Christina Haysman, Ron Wheeldon, Muriel Pick, David McMahan.

**Those with chronic or long-term illness:** Roy Ray, Peggy Fells, May Magowan, Harry Henderson, Pauline Moyes, Jackie Briggs, Matthew Gherardi, Vivienne Roome, Julia Sherlock.

**Those who have died:** Mary Sibbitt. Jordan Huggins

## NOTICES

**Pew Sheet:** Please print a copy of the pew sheet and bring it with you to church if you want to follow the readings and prayers. Currently, they are not available in church.

**Face Coverings:** These are now mandatory and must be worn in church.

**Conversations after church:** Please have these outside once the services have finished. Chairs will be provided in the churchyard at St Stephen's and on the grass / car park at St Julian's for this purpose.

**St Stephen's open for Private Prayer:** Sunday afternoon, 12.00 - 6pm; Wednesday morning, 9 - 12noon and Saturday morning, 9 - 5pm. Please enter via the main porch door or the Lady Chapel door.

**Daily Hope free phone line for hymns, reflections, and prayers:** A national phone line enabling people removed from church to be able to be "fed" spiritually. Tel: 0800 804 8044

## DURING THE WEEK

TUESDAY	9.15am	Morning Prayer at St Stephen's
	8.00pm	PCC meeting via Zoom
	9.00pm	Night Prayer (prerecord) <a href="https://youtu.be/cKXwWUTOY6w">https://youtu.be/cKXwWUTOY6w</a>
WEDNESDAY	9.15am	Holy Communion at St Stephen's
	10.30am	Tots & Teddies meet in St Julian's garden
THURSDAY	9.00 am	Churchyard tidying
	9.15am	Morning Prayer at St Julian's (live stream) <a href="https://youtu.be/iMobXYiE6dM">https://youtu.be/iMobXYiE6dM</a>
	8.00pm	Night Prayer at St Stephen's (Open Air)
FRIDAY	9.15am	Morning Prayer via Zoom (Details in email)
SATURDAY	9.00 - 11.00am	Churchyard tidying at St Stephen's Church



St Stephen  
with St Julian

## CLIMATE SUNDAY / THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

6 September 2020

Welcome to St Stephen's and St Julian's. The churches are now open with a pre - allocated, socially distanced congregation. Some services are being broadcast via the following media:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ststephenandstjulian>

Website: [www.ststephenandstjulian.org](http://www.ststephenandstjulian.org)

YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqc4\\_ZbloGXWz4cEfPdhAhg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqc4_ZbloGXWz4cEfPdhAhg)

## SERVICES TODAY

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Stephen's President: Becky Leach Preacher: Kirsty Wainwright
9.30am	No Service at St Julian's
11.00am	All Age Parish Communion in the Open Air at St Stephen's <a href="https://youtu.be/NE474GmjSYM">https://youtu.be/NE474GmjSYM</a> President & Preacher: Becky Leach
11.40am	Zoom Coffee morning ish Meeting ID: 880 1140 7204 Password: 767800 From Prayer and Praise via YouTube
1.00pm	<a href="https://youtu.be/kX-FPEZq-mM">https://youtu.be/kX-FPEZq-mM</a>

## NEXT SUNDAY - Fourteenth Sunday of Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Stephen's
9.30am	Holy Communion at St Julian's
11.00am	Holy Communion at St Stephen's From Prayer and Praise via YouTube
1.00pm	
4.00pm	Pet Service in the open air at St Stephen's