

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Acts 16:6-12a

This is part of an account of Paul's journey to Philippi, and tells of his openness to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:5-17

These are some very personal words from Paul as he recognises that the end of his earthly life is near. He feels his life has been well lived and is confident of God's mercy.

Gospel: Luke 10:1-9

Soon after he begins his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus sends seventy people ahead of him into all the places he will stay along the way.

FIRST READING Acts 16.6–12a

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

6 Paul and Timothy went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia.

7 When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them;

8 so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas.

9 During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.'

10 When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

11 We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis,

12 and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony.

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 4.5–17

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

5 As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

6 As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come.

7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

8 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.

9 Do your best to come to me soon,

10 for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.

11 Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry.

12 I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus.

13 When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments.

14 Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds.

15 You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.

16 At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them!

17 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.

GOSPEL Luke 10.1–9

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

1 The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go.

2 He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

3 Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves.

4 Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road.

5 Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!"

6 And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you.

7 Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house.

8 Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you;

9 cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you called Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,
give your Church the same love and power to heal;
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.*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Prayer:

We pray for our parish, its communities, and neighbourhoods, especially for those who are shielding or isolating at home; for the unemployed; for local businesses struggling to make ends meet; for those living with anxiety or depression. Help us to see the needs of those around us and build us into a strong community together.

We continue to pray for the control of the spread of coronavirus across the world and in our own country. We pray for our national and local Governments as they seek to make wise decisions; for the scientists and medical team who are advising them; for all who work in the NHS; and for all those suffering from acute Covid or long haul Covid.

We pray for peace and justice to prevail in war torn areas of the world, especially between Armenia and Azerbaijan.

We pray for the UK-EU Trade talks and for a just and equitable outcome.

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 McMahon, Jackie Lakin, John Stevens.

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

Those who have died:

Key:

KW: Kirsty Wainwright
BL : Becky Leach
MG: Mike Gibbs

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.

St Stephen's open for Private Prayer: Sunday afternoon, 12.00 - 4pm; Wednesday morning, 9 – 4pm and Saturday morning, 9 – 4pm. Please enter via the main porch door or the Lady Chapel door.

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

DURING THE WEEK

MONDAY

TUESDAY 9.15am Morning Prayer at St Stephen's
9.00pm Night Prayer (pre-record)
<https://youtu.be/4xcc-hJ2XpE>

WEDNESDAY 9.15am Holy Communion at St Stephen's
10.30am Tots & Teddies at St Julian's

THURSDAY 9.00 am Churchyard tidying
9.15am Morning Prayer at St Julian's (live stream)
<https://youtu.be/eLyNVfVYc4Y>
8.00pm Night Prayer at St Stephen's (Open Air)

FRIDAY 9.15am Morning Prayer via Zoom (Details in email)

SATURDAY 9.00am Churchyard tidying
11.00am Burial of Ashes – Mina Caruth



St Stephen
with St Julian

LUKE THE EVANGELIST

18 October 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

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqC4_ZbLoGXWz4cEfPdhAhg

SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Stephen's
President: BL Preacher: KW
9.30am Holy Communion at St Julian's (live stream)
<https://youtu.be/foxF422pL0A>
President & Preacher: Kirsty Wainwright
11.00am Parish Communion at St Stephen's
President & Preacher: KW Deacon: BL
11.15am Civic Service at St Albans Cathedral
Preacher: Patrick Moriarty
11.45am APCM at St Stephen's & via Zoom
From Prayer and Praise
1.00pm
2.30pm Burial of Ashes – Kay Margrave
6.30pm Evening Prayer at St Stephen's Leader: MG

NEXT SUNDAY – The Last Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Stephen's
9.30am Holy Communion at St Julian's
11.00am Parish Communion at St Stephen's
1.00pm Prayer and Praise
2.00pm Burial of Ashes – Donald Marsden
4.00pm All Age Service via Zoom
6.30pm Godspice