

Sunday School.

Due to the number of children we need to split our Sunday School into two different age groups. This means that we need to double the number of parents who volunteer to help. If you would be interested please speak to Mhairi 07881814532 or Louisa 07720290596



Mother & Toddler Group

Every Monday morning (9-11) there is a Mother (or father!) and Toddler group that meets in the church & every Friday there is a Bible study for the Mums and children. ~~Come along!~~ All are welcome. If you would like any more information talk to Anne 078245110289.



Please pray for

the sick and suffering: especially Felix Okike, Lucilda Bernard, Joan Andrew, Susie Leach, Norbert Edwards, Pamela Coelho, Tracey Davies, Esmay Young, Roger Cox, Althea Ferns, Dorian Henry, Detroy Henry, Mary Rodney, Esmey Fairburn, Lima Addy, Petronnella Williams, Bernice McAnuff, Marilyn Swallow



Theology on Tap (Evening service) Today 6.30pm

There will be coffee before the service starts come along and try it out!



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St Stephen & St Thomas' Church

Welcome to St Stephen's

23 May 2010

Pentecost

Collect

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading

Acts 2.1-21

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1When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' 12All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' 13But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

14But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 15Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. 16No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 17'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. 18Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out

my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. 19And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. 20The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. 21Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Gospel

John 14.8-17

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8Philip said to Jesus, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' 9Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"?' 10Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. 12Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. 13I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

15If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. 17This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.



After the Gospel we sing:

*Amazing love, oh what sacrifice
The Son of God, given for me
My debt He paid,
and my death He died
That I might live,
that I might live*

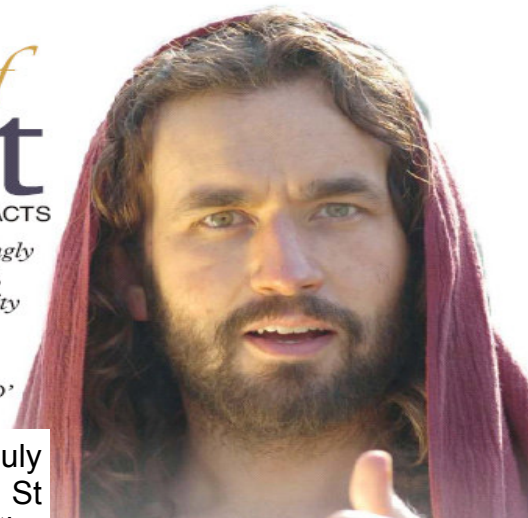
If you plan to ask for a church reference for the primary school in either of the next two years, you need to talk to Juliet Byford who has responsibility for this process.

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World Cup 2010

We are planning to show the

key matches on a big screen in the hall - making a family friendly venue. This will need helpers before, during and after the matches. Would you be interested?

Talk to Bob

Baptism Classes

Tues 8th, 15th and 22nd June

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