

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading 2 Kings 5:1-3. 7-15c

An important man has to learn humility in order to find healing.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 2:8-15

God's people should concentrate on the things that matter, mirroring in their own actions the faithfulness of God.

Gospel Luke 17:11-19

Ten lepers are healed by Jesus, but it is the Samaritan among them who shows real gratitude.

FIRST READING 2 Kings 5.1–3, 7–15c

A reading from the second book of Kings.

1 Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy.

2 Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife.

3 She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.'

7 When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.'

8 But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.'

9 So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house.

10 Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.'

11 But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy!

12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage.

13 But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?''

14 So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

15 Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; Naaman came and stood before him and said, 'Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 2.8–15

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

8 Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David that is my gospel,

9 for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained.

10 Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

11 The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

12 if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us;

13 if we are faithless, he remains faithful for he cannot deny himself.

14 Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening.

15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

GOSPEL Luke 17 11 - 19

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

11 On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee.

12 As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance,

13 they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!'

14 When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean.

15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice.

16 He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.

17 Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?'

18 Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?'

19 Then he said to Samaritan, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For Prayer:

Pray for Dame Sarah Mullally following the announcement that she is the next Archbishop of Canterbury. Remember all areas of the Anglican Communion as she prepares for this role and that she will be welcomed by them

Pray for all who are involved with the first phase of the Israel and Hamas negotiations and the ceasefire in Gaza. We hope they sign the documents and respect the initial framework and work towards a full solution. Pray that the families who have been displaced to refugee camps may soon be able to return to their homes.

Pray for the people of Ukraine as there seems to be limited progress in achieving a halt to hostilities between Russia and Ukraine.

Remember in your prayers anyone known to us who is struggling with health or financial worries. Pray that they may find solace in the community of the church and amongst family and friends.

Pray for our clergy, reader, reader in training, retired clergy, churchwardens and deputy churchwarden, parish administrator and the volunteers who continue to support the life of the parish.

Include a moment of silent prayer for yourself to remember those who play an important part in your life or you interact with, those you love and have loved.

Those who are acutely sick: Claire Colman, Tim Fletcher, Vera Foster, Owen Goodwin, Roger Gray, Mary Green, Allan Medforth Jan Price, Joan Thornton, Carole Sharp, John Sharp, Debbie Whitehead, Jill Williams.

Those with chronic or long-term illness: Jackie Briggs, Margaret Coles, Dorothy Duncanson, Pat Elves, Harry Henderson, Anna Johns, Vicky Johnston, Carol Muller, Roy Ray, Julia Sherlock, Pam Smith, Bob Whitehead, Jim Wild.

Those who have died: Jill McMahon, Nancy Smith, Sandra Wild.

DURING THE WEEK

MONDAY

TUESDAY 9.15am Morning Prayer at St Stephen's
8.00pm Standing Committee meets

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

THURSDAY 9.15am Morning Prayer at St Julian's
10.30am Community Café at St Julian's

FRIDAY 9.15am Morning Prayer via Zoom

SATURDAY



St Stephen
with St Julian

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

12 October 2025

Welcome to St Stephen's and St Julian's. Whoever you are, wherever you've come from, you are welcome! If this is your first visit, please do introduce yourselves to the clergy and stay for coffee after the service to meet others.

SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion at St Stephens
President & Preacher: Sherine Angus
9.30am Harvest Holy Communion at St Julian's
President & Preacher: Sherine Angus
10.00am Parish Communion at St Stephen's
President: Sherine Angus
Preacher: Michael Elves
4.00pm Kentish Room Home Group meets
4.00pm Harvest Festival Service followed by Bring and Share Tea at St Julian's

Next Sunday – Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion at St Stephens
9.30am Holy Communion at St Julian's
10.00am Parish Communion at St Stephen's

Link for 10.00am Parish Communion at St Stephen's
<https://youtube.com/live/DWqy6oiBUkQ?feature=share>

Link for Morning Prayer via Zoom link every Friday
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84282425768?pwd=QaWzIPT4b5mV7a938AbNNYisZlYt3V.1>
Meeting ID: 842 8242 5768
Passcode: 792910