

## **TODAY'S READINGS**

### ***First Reading Acts 2:1-21***

*The Holy Spirit gives new power to the disciples, enabling them to share the good news of Christ with a wider audience.*

### ***Second Reading Numbers 11:24-30***

*The Spirit of God falls on Eldad and Medad, as well as the chosen elders. Moses recognises that prophecy cannot be contained by human regulations or expectations.*

### ***Gospel John 20:19-23***

*God the creator brought Adam to life by breathing into his nostrils. Now Jesus breathes new life into the disciples, giving them the Holy Spirit.*

## **FIRST READING Acts 2.1–21**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

- 1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.
- 2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.
- 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.
- 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.
- 5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.
- 6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.
- 7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?'
- 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?'
- 9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

11 Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.'

12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?'

13 But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

14 But 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.

15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

16 No, 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.

18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

## **SECOND READING Numbers 11.24–30**

A reading from the book of Numbers.

24 Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent.

25 Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

26 Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp.

27 And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.'

28 And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!'

29 But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!'

30 And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

## **GOSPEL John 20.19–23**

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

19 It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'

20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

21 Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'

22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.

23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

## **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. **Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Faithful God,  
who fulfilled the promises of Easter  
by sending us your Holy Spirit  
and opening to every race and nation  
the way of life eternal:  
open our lips by your Spirit,  
that every tongue may tell of your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### For Prayer:

As the half term holiday begins, pray for all who are experiencing financial worries and that they can find help should they need it. Also all those known to us who are unwell, struggling with addictions or the challenges of life.

Remember in your prayers all those who volunteer for local charities to enable people to benefit from the help and support to them in whatever way.

Pray for the countries of the world where there is continued conflict. Hope that those negotiating for a resolution may have a result soon.

Pray for our bell ringers, clergy, children and families leader, churchwardens, deputy churchwardens, choir, flower guild, magazine editor, members of the DCC and PCC, organist, parish administrator, reader, reader in training, treasurer and the many volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure that the parish runs as smoothly as possible to provide a safe environment for anyone to visit and participate in our worship.

**Those who are acutely sick:** Claire Colman, Tim Fletcher, Vera Foster, Owen Goodwin, Roger Gray, Margaret Moyce, Jan Price, Joan Thornton, Carole

Sharp, John Sharp, Lindsey Westcott, Debbie Whitehead, Jill Williams.

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

**Those who have died:** Roger Rolph, Doreen Swain.

## DURING THE WEEK

MONDAY	9.15am	No Morning Prayer via Zoom
TUESDAY	9.15am	Morning Prayer at St Stephen's
	11.00pm	Memorial Service for t/l Roger Rolph at St Stephen's
WEDNESDAY	9.15am	Holy Communion at St Stephen's
	10.30am	No Tots & Teddies at St Julian's
	4.30pm	Organ Practice at St Stephen's
THURSDAY	9.15am	Morning Prayer at St Julian's
	10.30am	Community Café open at St Julian's
FRIDAY	10.30am	Community Shed meets at St Stephen's
	10.30am	Holy Communion at Fonthill House N / H
SATURDAY		



St Stephen  
with St Julian

**Pentecost**

24 May 2026

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: Sherine Angus  
Preacher: Hamish Hamilton
- 9.30am Holy Communion at St Julian's  
President & Preacher: Charlie Hudson
- 10.00am Parish Communion at St Stephen's  
President: Sherine Angus  
Preacher: Hamish Hamilton

## Next Sunday – Trinity Sunday

- 8.00am Holy Communion at St Stephen's
- 9.30am Holy Communion at St Julian's
- 10.00am Café Church at St Stephen's
- 2.30pm Songs of Praise at Vesta Lodge
- 4.00pm Bible Course at St Stephen's

Link for 10.00am Parish Communion service at St Stephen's Church

<https://youtube.com/live/gqxm2XHZnLA?feature=share>

Link for Morning Prayer via Zoom link every **Monday**  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84282425768?pwd=QaWzIPT4b5mV7a938AbNNYisZlYt3V.1>

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