



St Stephen's Pew Sheet

24 May 2026

Welcome to **St Stephen's Church**, part of the Church of England in the Diocese of Gloucester and a member of the South Cheltenham Team Ministry

	Pentecost Sunday 24 th May 2026	Second Sunday after Trinity 14 th June 2026
First	Acts 2.1-21	Exodus 19.2-8a
Second	1 Corinthians 12.4-13	Romans 5.1-8
Gospel	John 7.37-39	Matthew 9.35 - 10.8
President	Rev Jeffery Gunn	Rev Jeffery Gunn
Reader	Averil	Sara
Intercessor	Sue	Sue

Hymns		
Introit	238	Come down, O Love Divine
Gradual	241	Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire
Offertory	245	Gracious Spirit
Communion	259 She sits like a bird (Ginger Group); 258 o thou who camest (All)	
Final	242	Come, Holy Spirit, come

SERVICES DURING THE WEEK	
Said Communion	2 nd Weds 10.30 (followed by coffee in the meeting room)
Morning Prayer online at: www.stpetersleck.org and via Facebook at: www.facebook.com/pipandjims . Or 9am in person at P&J on Monday, St Christopher's Tuesday and St Peter's on Thursday	
SAFEGUARDING : Sue Rowe is the Nominated Person responsible for safeguarding	

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.

After the service, please stay for refreshments in the Meeting Room

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First Reading – Acts 2.1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

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

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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"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.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 12.4-13

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines. Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptised by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

Gospel – John 7.37-39

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

PARISH DIARY

Saturday	6	June	3pm	Concert: Sue's Big Bash
Sunday	7	June	5:30pm	Evensong by Ravello Consort
Wednesday	10	June	10:30am	Midweek Said Communion
Sunday	28	June	10:15am	Gloucester Cathedral Ordination Service = no service at St Stephen's
Sunday	12	July	10am	Communion
Sunday	26	July	10am	Communion and Re-ordering Ceremony for the Memorial Chapel

NOTICES

Please note – There is an ordination service at Gloucester Cathedral on Sunday 28 June, involving three new Ordinands from the South Cheltenham Team. As a result, there will be no regular service here at St Stephen's. There will be an 8am Communion at St Peter's.

We will be holding a Re-ordering Ceremony for the restored memorial Chapel on Sunday 26th July, more details to follow.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- For all residents in care homes
- For all who are unwell/ undergoing treatment including, David, Peter Daphne, Polly, James, Sheila Thorpe, Jennifer, Kay, Jenny, Chris and Pam
- Those who died recently
- For all victims of recent Hate Crimes and arson attacks on places of worship in Britain
- For the people of Iran, Lebanon and Palestine whose homes and communities are reduced to rubble by Israeli strikes

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