



# St Stephen's Pew Sheet

14 June 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

	Second Sunday after Trinity 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Sixth Sunday after Trinity 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2026
<b>First</b>	Exodus 19.2-8a	Isaiah 55.10-13
<b>Second</b>	Romans 5.1-8	Romans 8.1-11
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 9.35 - 10.8	Matthew 13.1-9,18-23
<b>President</b>	Rev Jeffery Gunn	Rev Andrew Taylor
<b>Reader</b>	Averil	Sue
<b>Intercessor</b>	Sue	Adrienne

Hymns		
Introit	357	All people that on earth do dwell
Gradual	613	City of God
Offertory	589	Angel voices
Communion	777	Sing of the Lord's goodness
Final	753	O praise ye the Lord

SERVICES DURING THE WEEK	
<b>Said Communion</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Weds 10.30 (followed by coffee in the meeting room)
<b>Morning Prayer</b> online at: <a href="http://www.stpetersleck.org">www.stpetersleck.org</a> and via Facebook at: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/pipandijms">www.facebook.com/pipandijms</a> 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

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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### **First Reading – Exodus 19.2-8a**

After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain.

Then Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain and said, “This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.”

So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the Lord had commanded him to speak. The people all responded together, “We will do everything the Lord has said.” So Moses brought their answer back to the Lord.

### **Second Reading – Romans 5.1-8**

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

### **Gospel – Matthew 9.35 - 10.8**

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

### **PARISH DIARY**

Sunday	28	June	10:15am	Gloucester Cathedral Ordination Service - no service at St Stephen's
Wednesday	8	July	10:30am	Midweek Said Communion
Sunday	12	July	10am	Communion
Sunday	26	July	10am	Communion and Re-ordering Ceremony for the Memorial Chapel

## NOTICES

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.

The Meeting room has a fridge and will have a new piano. We have appointed Emma Brown as a Community Impact Assessor and she will be meeting with as many church members as possible.

## 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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