

THIS WEEK

Sunday 26th December 2021
St Stephen's Day and First Sunday
after Christmas

10am Holy Communion, in church and
not on zoom

Readings

Acts 7:51-end; Matthew 10:17-22

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 2nd January 2022
The Epiphany

8.30am BCP Communion, in church, not
on zoom

10am All Age Communion, in church and
on zoom

Readings

Ephesians 1:3-14; Matthew 2:1-12

Filming

Please note that our Zoom services may
capture the image of participants at the
service. If you have any objections please
speak to the Churchwarden or the Vicar.

WELCOME

Please do visit our website
www.trumpington.church for more details
on the Sunday Services, and for
resources to use at home.

Do keep an eye on the church website for
a link to streamed services

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Collect

Gracious Father,
who gave the first martyr Stephen
grace to pray for those who took up
stones against him:
grant that in all our sufferings for the truth
we may learn to love even our enemies
and to seek forgiveness for those who
desire our hurt,
looking up to heaven to him who was
crucified for us,
Jesus Christ, our mediator and advocate,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Acts 7.51-end

51 'You stiff-necked people,
uncircumcised in heart and ears, you are
for ever opposing the Holy Spirit, just as
your ancestors used to do.⁵²Which of the
prophets did your ancestors not
persecute? They killed those who foretold
the coming of the Righteous One, and
now you have become his betrayers and
murderers.⁵³You are the ones that
received the law as ordained by angels,
and yet you have not kept it.'

54 When they heard these things, they
became enraged and ground their teeth
at Stephen.⁵⁵But filled with the Holy Spirit,
he gazed into heaven and saw the glory
of God and Jesus standing at the right
hand of God.⁵⁶'Look,' he said, 'I see the
heavens opened and the Son of Man
standing at the right hand of God!' ⁵⁷But
they covered their ears, and with a loud
shout all rushed together against
him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the
city and began to stone him; and the
witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a
young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they
were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord
Jesus, receive my spirit.'⁶⁰Then he knelt
down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord,

do not hold this sin against them.' When
he had said this, he died.

Matthew 10.17-22

¹⁷Beware of them, for they will hand you
over to councils and flog you in their
synagogues;¹⁸and you will be dragged
before governors and kings because of
me, as a testimony to them and the
Gentiles. ¹⁹When they hand you over, do
not worry about how you are to speak or
what you are to say; for what you are to
say will be given to you at that time; ²⁰for it
is not you who speak, but the Spirit of
your Father speaking through
you. ²¹Brother will betray brother to death,
and a father his child, and children will
rise against parents and have them put to
death; ²²and you will be hated by all
because of my name. But the one who
endures to the end will be saved.

PRAYERS

***Lord Jesus Christ, Light of the World,
have mercy on us, we pray.***

As we ponder the Christmas story, please
pray for Christians throughout the Middle
East, and especially for Christian
communities in the Holy Land.

Closer to home, pray for charities and
agencies who provide meals and shelter
for the homeless.

Let us pray for our families and friends,
that they may be able to enjoy the
Christmas celebrations despite the
restrictions. Pray for safety when
travelling.

Pray for all who work in our emergency
services at this busy time.

*(Please send other prayer requests to
the Vicar)*

CHURCH NEWS & NOTICES

(Please send any notices to the Church Office by 9am Tuesday)

Receiving Communion

When receiving the sacrament can we all please follow a one way circuit round the church, as directed by the Churchwarden, to maximise social distancing

Home Groups

I would like to encourage us all to consider joining some form of home group, whether for reading books, Bible Study or prayer. Each group would determine its meeting frequency and when and where it met. I am aware from talking among us over the last 2½ years, that there is a latent demand, particularly for Bible Study. The value of home groups is that apart from giving us the opportunity to deepen our understanding of the Christian faith, they also nurture us as a congregation. Inevitably some may find a group "Not for them" and possibly move group or withdraw, but I would like us to try. Initially my aim is to try and match us in groups with a specified leader and see how it develops. I do hope that you will join with me in praying that it may be a beneficial development for the life of the church. (Mandy)

Donations

Please note that we are not passing the collection plate during our services. However, you are most welcome to leave a donation towards the work of the church by using the plate on the warden's pew after the service or by using the Goodbox. Thank you for your generosity.

Flowers in Church

If you would like to sponsor some flowers to go into church to commemorate an anniversary, we warmly invite you to be in

touch with Edmund, the Churchwarden/ Treasurer.

CCHP

Go to **CCHP.org.uk** to sign up for hostel volunteering in the pop-up winter hostel on Chesterton Road. There are lots of volunteering opportunities to help with meals, cleaning or playing board games, etc.

M&Ms – (Youth Group for young persons aged 9+)

Meets each month in either Trumpington or Newnham.

For further info please email Natalie on childrenandfamilies@stmarksnewnham.org

Singing

If anybody would like to form part of a small choir singing in the chancel please email Alan Howard on choir@trumpington.church

The next choir practice will be at 9.30am on Sunday January 2nd 2022. If you are interested in singing, just turn up.

Reading & Praying

If you would like to read the bible passage during services on Sundays, or if you would like to do the Prayers of Intercession, please can you contact the Churchwarden or the Vicar. We can talk you through what is involved. It would be great to have some more volunteers for these roles.

COMMUNITY NEWS & NOTICES

Trumpington Clothes Hub

You might have noticed a blue plastic box in the Bakehouse porch? This has been placed there by the *Trumpington Clothes Hub* who are collecting good quality children's clothes for redistribution to Trumpington families. If you have any good quality children's clothes that you want to donate, please do put them in the box.

On behalf of Mandy, Stephen, and Edmund we wish everybody a very happy Christmas and a good start to 2022!

Thank you for all the cards that we have received.

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