

# **St Stephen's Church Up Nately**



**Family  
Communion**

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## Order of Service

Please say the words in **bold type**

## WELCOME AND NOTICES

### HYMN

*(please stand)*

### INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Come close to God and he will come close to you.

**O God our heavenly Father, in our worship help us to come near to you, to sing your praise, to confess our sins, to hear your word and to bring our prayers to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### CONFESSION

*... saying sorry to God (please sit or kneel)*

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. Let us tell God that we are sorry for our sins and ask him to forgive us.

For turning away from you  
and ignoring your will for our lives:  
Father forgive us. **Save us and help us.**

For behaving just as we wish  
without thinking of you:  
Father forgive us. **Save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do  
and think and say:  
Father forgive us. **Save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you  
by temptations in the world about us:  
Father forgive us. **Save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed  
to belong to your Son:  
Father forgive us. **Save us and help us.**

May God our heavenly Father forgive us all the sins we have now confessed to him and help us to serve him better in the days to come. **Amen.**

## **SHARING**

*... some good news, a song, our birthdays ...*

## **THE BIBLE READING**

*We listen to God's word.*

*At the end the reader may say:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **THE TALK**

## **HYMN**

*(please stand)*

## **THE CREED**

*(remain standing)*

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe and trust in God the Father who made all things.**

**We believe and trust in his Son, Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world.**

**We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God.**

**This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

May Almighty God strengthen this faith in us day by day. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER TIME**

*(please sit or kneel)*

## **HYMN**

*(please stand)*

*A collection will be taken.*

## **THE COMMUNION**

*(please sit or kneel)*

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lord of all life,  
you created the universe,  
where all living things reflect your glory.  
You give us this great and beautiful earth,  
to discover and to cherish.

You give us the fish in the sea,  
the birds of the air,  
and every plant and tree;  
the life that sleeps in the winter earth,  
and awakens again in the spring.

You made us all,  
each wonderfully different,  
to join with the angels  
and sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We thank you, loving Father,  
because, when we turned away,  
you sent Jesus, your Son.  
He gave his life for us on the cross  
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit  
that these gifts of bread and wine  
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died,  
when darkness had fallen,  
Jesus took bread.  
He gave thanks, broke it,  
and shared it with his disciples, saying:  
'This is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,  
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:  
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,  
for the forgiveness of sins. Do this to remember me.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.  
As you feed us with these gifts,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
and change us more and more  
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another,  
as we look forward to that day  
when suffering is ended,  
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.  
And now with all your saints  
we give you glory,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The priest breaks the bread*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

*Everyone is welcome at the altar – to receive either the bread and wine or a blessing. If you wish to receive a blessing, please keep your hands below the rail.*

*After Communion we pray:*

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

## **HYMN**

*(please stand)*

## **THE BLESSING**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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The United Parish of Newnham with Nately Scures with Mapledurwell with Up Nately with Greywell

**Journeying together,  
we worship God and serve the community**

**Our Mission is to:**

- † work together to grow God's kingdom**
- † reach out to the whole community to share His love**
- † be inclusive, relevant and Christlike**