



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 21st April 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Services Today

9:30am Said Mass

11:00am Sung Mass with Sermon

Hymns: 457: Responsorial Psalm 23: 107: 282: 369

There's a quiet understanding when we're gathered in the Spirit,
It's a promise that he gives us, When we gather in his name.
There's a love we feel in Jesus, There's a manna that he feeds us,
It's a promise that he gives us, When we gather in his name.

And we know when we're together, sharing love and understanding,
That our brothers and our sisters feel the oneness that he brings.
Thank you, thank you, thank you, Jesus, for the way you love and feed us,
For the many ways you lead us, Thank you, thank you, Lord.

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Introit The loving kindness of the Lord filleth the whole world, alleluia. By the word of the Lord the heavens were stablished, alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; for it becometh well the just to be thankful. Glory be...

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. *V.* The Lord hath sent redemption unto his people. Alleluia. *V.* I am the good Shepherd: and know my sheep and am known of mine. Alleluia.

Offertory O God, thou art my God, early will I seek thee: and lift up my hand in thy Name, alleluia.

Communion I am the good Shepherd, alleluia: and know my sheep, and am known of mine, alleluia, alleluia.

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<http://st-stephens-guernsey.org>

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First Reading - Acts Ch4 v5-12

⁵ The next day the council of all the rulers and elders and teachers of religious law met in Jerusalem. ⁶ Annas the high priest was there, along with Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and other relatives of the high priest. ⁷ They brought in the two disciples and demanded, "By what power, or in whose name, have you done this?"

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers and elders of our people, ⁹ are we being questioned today because we've done a good deed for a crippled man? Do you want to know how he was healed? ¹⁰ Let me clearly state to all of you and to all the people of Israel that he was healed by the powerful name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene,^[a] the man you crucified but whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹ For Jesus is the one referred to in the Scriptures, where it says, 'The stone that you builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.'^[b]

¹² There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved."

Responsorial Psalm 23: 'The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want, The lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want'

Second Reading - 1 John Ch3 v16-24

¹⁶ We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister^[a] in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person?

¹⁸ Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions. ¹⁹ Our actions will show that we belong to the truth, so we will be confident when we stand before God. ²⁰ Even if we feel guilty, God is greater than our feelings, and he knows everything.

²¹ Dear friends, if we don't feel guilty, we can come to God with bold confidence. ²² And we will receive from him whatever we ask because we obey him and do the things that please him.

²³ And this is his commandment: We must believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as he commanded us. ²⁴ Those who obey God's commandments remain in fellowship with him, and he with them. And we know he lives in us because the Spirit he gave us lives in us.

Gospel - John Ch10 v11-18

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep. ¹² A hired hand will run when he sees a wolf coming. He will abandon the sheep because they don't belong to him and he isn't their shepherd. And so the wolf attacks them and scatters the flock. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because he's working only for the money and doesn't really care about the sheep.

¹⁴ "I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, ¹⁵ just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. So I sacrifice my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep, too, that are not in this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They will listen to my voice, and there will be one flock with one shepherd.

¹⁷ "The Father loves me because I sacrifice my life so I may take it back again. ¹⁸ No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again. For this is what my Father has commanded."

Post Communion

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please remember in your prayers

Father John Luff, Willa Owen, Lydia Grammer, Brian Garner, Carl Symes, Hugh Lloyd-Jones, David Streek, Jill Stephenson, Bill Rollo, Paulo De Augustino, David Streek, and a Mother with two young children diagnosed with cancer.

Services for this week

Monday to Friday 8.00am - Morning Prayer

Tuesday 23rd April 11.00am - Said Mass

Saturday 27th April

10.00am - Coffee and Chat in Church

11.30am - Social Events Meeting

Sunday 28th April

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.30am Said Mass

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon

Followed by the Church AGM

The Church AGM will take place after the 11.00am mass next Sunday 28th April

The following Nominations are Required:-

- ◆ Parochial Representative to the Deanery Synod
 - ◆ APPC Members (4 Required)
 - ◆ Safeguarding Officer

May Magazine A note from the Editor!

Please could I have any copy for this Magazine by **Friday 26th April**
All donations are most welcome!

They can either be given to me (Nikki) in person
or emailed to nikkiattwooll@gmail.com



Please join us for refreshments
In the Vestry after the 11am Mass

After Mass please put the kneelers back on the shelf. Thank you!

Deadline for notices for next bulletin – **6.00pm Thursday**
To Fliss or email fmil397026@aol.com

One day the sheep dog said to the shepherd: "Here are all the 100 sheep."
"The shepherd was surprised: "What? We only have 97 sheep."
The dog said: "I know. I rounded them up."