

*The Parish Magazine
of St Stephen's Church
Guernsey*



April 2024

Hello my dear friends,

I am still buzzing from our Easter celebrations. What a special weekend it was with an inspiring mixture of our beloved older traditions and some new ideas; I feel very lucky to have been part of it all.



Of course we are still in the season of Easter Tide and will be for the 50 days between Easter Sunday and Pentecost; a good reason, in my opinion, to keep the happiness and feelings of hope that Easter brings alive in our hearts along with joy and gratitude!

“The great gift of Easter is hope”
Basil C. Hume

We are also very lucky to have a beautiful island spring to look forward to and that is something that I never take for granted.

“Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection not in books alone but in every leaf of spring-time”
Martin Luther

As you can see. I am feeling very blessed!
Have a wonderful month.



Love Nikki

All contributions for the May magazine will be gratefully received.

**Copy deadline will be
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Easter People

“Ponder how valuable your soul must be for the devil to tirelessly pursue it, and the King to lay down His own life for it.” – Unknown author

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! Easter has dawned into our hearts and souls. We have journeyed through Lent and spent time reflecting on the stepping stones that draw us closer to the heart of the Divine. During Holy Week we walked alongside the Disciples as they witnessed the events in Jerusalem, culminating in Calvary and the death of Jesus.

However, Good Friday is meaningless unless we see it in the light of that early Easter dawn. The Christ emerges triumphant from the tomb (“Thanks Joseph for the loan of that space, but I’m done now.”). Incredulity and disbelief, the impossible has happened – and all through the incredible love that God has for His people. Who are we that God should do this for us and how wonderful is the grace of God that He should think so highly of us..?

A very special thank you to everyone who helped to make our Easter celebrations so memorable. It fills my heart with such joy to see how everyone has been involved in some way as we gathered for the various services. Maundy Thursday was such a peaceful space, especially with the Garden of Repose to follow the Mass. The Reproaches and Mass on Good Friday, together with the Stations of the Cross later, were deeply moving for many of us. Easter Saturday saw many families join us for the making of Easter baskets and the Great Egg Hunt; the church and gardens were buzzing with the joy and delight of the children. It was a morning of fun and laughter, with delicious teas for the “older children”. The Vigil on Saturday night took a slightly different format from the past, but was so powerful. Easter Sunday saw the tomb open, with the Resurrection Light radiating from within, such an incredible statement of our faith! We continue our journey as Easter People, renewed and strengthened by our Lord and Saviour, Jesus the Christ.

One of the great joys that Easter brings, is the promise that Spring is here. I have so enjoyed watching the different flowers that have emerged after the winter months. Although I am told that things will be much better in a few weeks’ time, when the weather is warmer and all the other flowers poke their heads up. I am busy preparing some of the beds in our garden to really showcase the wonder of creation. That is, if I can keep our dogs from digging them up! Our precious dogs arrived from South Africa three weeks ago and have settled really well into island life. They have been chasing all manner of wildlife around the garden, dipped their paws in the sea, and barked at any who would hear to announce their presence. It is such a joy to have them with us.

Aileen is almost ready to join us. She has resigned from her position at work and is preparing to join us shortly. We look forward to welcoming her into our new home. We are so happy to be here in Guernsey and we can’t wait to see what the next few months have to offer us as a family. More than anything, we are looking forward to how God will transform all our lives in our journey together as the family of St Stephen’s. It promises to be such a joy...

I hope that you enjoy reading through our magazine this month, there are some really interesting articles and a great recipe to try (and the occasional laugh!). May we never forget just special we are in God’s eyes and may we respond to His love in the service of our lives. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

With all my love. Fr Joe

STRANGER THAN FICTION?

Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying apart from the other wrappings." – The Gospel According to St John (John 20: 6-7).

There have been a number of articles on social media over the past few weeks which have highlighted this verse and sought to question the significance of the head cloth being separate from the other wrappings. Is there some deeper meaning to these words?

Almost a whole verse is dedicated to tell us that the cloth was separate from the other cloths that had been used to wrap the body of Jesus on the evening of Good Friday. Not only that, it was folded meticulously. Why? Was St John just being faithful to what he saw and wanting to reflect every detail accurately, or was there something else? The popular consensus on the internet suggests there is...

The suggestion is that there is a meaning in how the napkin was supposedly traditionally folded at the end of a meal. The servant/s would be watching their master, and what he did at the end of the meal with his napkin motivated their next move. Should the master wipe his fingers and his mouth, brush his beard and then crumple up the napkin before tossing it on the table, then the servant/s would know that he was finished with his meal and they could come in and clear up the dishes. The crumpled up napkin meant that the master was satisfied and that he was leaving the table.

If, however, the master folded the napkin and placed it next to his plate, the servant/s knew that they should not touch anything. By folding the napkin, the master was apparently saying, 'I'm coming back.' There are some who are claiming that this is significant in relation to Jesus because it means He has unfinished business... And so what is the meaning of these words? We have to go back to the original Greek and see what that says. One of the major issues we have is how we translate these Greek words into English. Some versions of the Bible refer to the cloth as a napkin (KJV, AS, RSV), the NIV describes it as a 'burial cloth', and the NLT simply suggests it was a cloth. The Greek word used was '*saudarion*' – used to refer to a towel or an absorbent cloth. It gets even more complicated when we look at the word used to describe the state of the cloth, '*entulisso*'. Most translations describe this word as 'folded', some describe it as 'rolled up' or 'wrapped', but the Greek word usually means twisted or entwined.

Perhaps the best answer to these speculations is to look at the actions described by those wanting to find deeper significance. The use of a napkin as a serviette, whether folded or not, only emerged in Europe many centuries later. It was a custom that was neither known nor practiced in the Middle East at the time of Jesus crucifixion. St John was describing the scene as he saw it. In his description lies that evidence that Jesus' body had not been stolen, there was no hurried departure or violence, the cloth had been 'folded'. Time had been taken to place that cloth separately to the others. It was a place of peace and order – Jesus took His time in the tomb. What is most important for us is the reaction of St John to the evidence – **"He saw and believed..."** (v8).

Father Joe

Really Reliable Recipes

Beth's so simple it's almost magic scones!

Ingredients:-

3 1/2 cups of flour
1 cup of double cream
1 cup of lemonade.

Simply put all the ingredients in a bowl
& mix together.

Turn out on to a floured board & cut out the scones.
Having pre-heated the oven to 200c /180 fan
bake for 15minutes.

Although they are best eaten warm; these scones will
keep for up to 3 days and will also freeze well.





GUERNSEY
CHAMBER CHOIR

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CONCERT A CELEBRATION OF SPRING

Friday 26 April 2024 | 7.30 - 8.30pm

St Stephen's Church

Refreshments from 7.00pm

Conductor : Helen Grand

**Featuring a range of beautiful
music to celebrate the
beginning of spring**

Free entry

Retiring collection

Parking courtesy of The Ladies' College



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From Tony and Ann Goss:

Many years ago we went to Bhutan, a tiny Buddhist country in the Himalaya, and saw this notice in the bank.

With so much frustration about the service we receive from banks today, wouldn't it be good if this policy could be used !



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- *THE LIFE BLOOD OF THIS AND EVERY OTHER BUSINESS. WITHOUT THEM WE WOULD HAVE TO CLOSE OUR DOOR.*

DONT EVER FORGET IT!

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOWLERS



THE GOOD SAMARITAN

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan, in which a man was beaten, robbed and left for dead. She described the situation in vivid detail so her students would catch the drama then she asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the Roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?"

A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd throw up"

FRIENDSHIP

Tuesday 9th April at 12midday

St Stephen's Community Centre

Menu:-

Baked Gammon and vegetables

Fruit Flan

£10 per person.

Please let me know as soon as possible for any dietary requirements.

Please book no later than

Sunday 7th April

Jean Le Huray Tel. 255207 Mob.07781 404558



ST. STEPHEN'S PLAYER'S VARIETY NIGHTS

**FRIDAY 19TH &
SATURDAY 20TH APRIL**

£15 PER PERSON

at

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7 P.M. FOR 7.30 P.M.**



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Don't miss out on this fantastic fun evening, showcasing our island's Talent.



St Stephen's Church Family Time

Sunday 5 May 2024 2.30 – 4 pm

Dress appropriately for the weather as we will be outside for most of the time



CHURCH CALENDAR APRIL 2024

Monday April 1 - Friday April 5	08.00am Morning Prayer
Tuesday April 4	11.00am Weekday Mass
Sunday April 7	The Second Sunday of Easter 9.30am Said Mass 11.00am Sung Mass
Monday April 8 - Friday April 12	08.00am Morning Prayer
Tuesday April 9	11.00am Weekday Mass
Thursday April 11	5.45 – 7.30pm Chamber Choir Rehearsal
Sunday April 14	The Third Sunday of Easter 9.30am Said Mass 11.00am Sung Mass
Monday April 15- Friday April 20	08.00am Morning Prayer
Tuesday April 16	11.00am Weekday Mass
Thursday April 18	5.45 – 7.30pm Chamber Choir Rehearsal
Sunday April 21	The Fourth Sunday of Easter 9.30am Said Mass 11.00am Sung Mass
Monday April 22 Friday April 26	08.00am Morning Prayer
Tuesday April 23	11.00am Weekday Mass
Thursday April 25	5.45 – 8.30pm Chamber Choir Rehearsal
Friday April 26	7.00pm Chamber Choir Rehearsal
Saturday April 27	11.30am Social events Meeting
Sunday April 28	The Fifth Sunday of Easter 9.30am Said Mass 11.00am Sung Mass Church AGM following 11.00am Mass

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD....

Friday 3 rd May	Evening Rehearsal Guernsey Bach Choir and Orchestra (TBC)
Saturday May 4	Afternoon rehearsal 8.00pm Guernsey Bach Choir and Orchestra (TBC)
Wednesday May 8	12pm – 4.00pm Sixth Form Valedictory Service Rehearsal
Friday May 10	10.30am -11.30am Sixth Form Valedictory Service
Monday May 20 – Thursday May 23	Fr. Joe in UK To meet Bishop Stephen
Tuesday May 21	11.00am Weekday Mass Fr. Joe away
Thursday May 16	5.45 – 7.30pm Chamber Choir Rehearsal
Thursday May 23	5.45 – 7.30pm Chamber Choir Rehearsal

The Truth about Grandparents

An 8-year-old wrote, "A grandmother is a lady who has no children of her own, so she likes other people's boys and girls. Grandparents don't have anything to do except be there. If they take us for walks, they slow down past pretty leaves and caterpillars. They never say 'Hurry up.' Usually they are fat but not too fat to tie shoes. They wear glasses, and sometimes they can take their teeth out. They can answer questions like why dogs hate cats and why God isn't married. They don't talk like visitors do which is hard to understand. When they read to us, they don't skip words or mind if it is the same story again. Everybody should try to have a grandparent, especially if you don't have television, because grandmas and grandpa's are the only grownups who always have time.



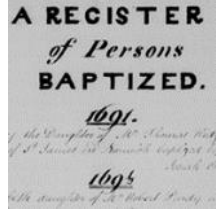


The Guild of Intercession

John Carré 19/4/1892; Charles Ernest George Cummings 9/4/1928; James Hayes 20/4/1935; Emily Paul 7/4/1938; Charles Wheat (Priest) 3/4/1939; Edith Holmes 18/4/1941; Elsie Louise Guille 19/4/1945; William Le Lacheur 19/4/1947; William Francis Adams 3/4/1949; Annie Hamon Gallienne 6/4/1949; Eva Patricia Mary Oates 22/4/1949; Thomas Frederick Sarchet Watson 26/4/1949; Angelina Warry 11/4/1950; Clara Ann Simon 14/4/1950; Farrar Wolferston Thomas 10/4/1951; William Marshall Fraser 28/4/1951; Mark Edwards 19/4/1952; Henry Charles Help 1/4/1953; Dorothy Gliddon 24/4/1953; Marjorie Joan Le Huray 3/4/1954; Emily Grace Cross 6/4/1954; Cyril Golding-Bird (Bishop) 9/4/1955; John Arthur Attwood 4/4/1956; Cecil Ernest Hamel 6/4/1956; Edmundson Nelson Greenhow (Priest) 8/4/1956; William Grimwood Taylor 20/4/1957; Elsie Amelia Grut 22/4/1957; Edna Freda Machon 25/4/1957; Arthur Nathaniel Foster 15/4/1958; Rose Macfarlane 19/4/1958; William Arthur Warry 29/4/1958; Julia Hitchens 30/4/1959; Thomas Edward Le Page 19/4/1960; Elsie May Lowe 5/4/1961; Mabel Blanche Hall 12/4/1961; James Price Lewis 17/4/1961; Walter John Ellis 19/4/1961; Clifford George Helman 20/4/1961; Albert Edward Hawkins 25/4/1961; Thomas A B King 3/4/1962; Walter Richard Hart 20/4/1962; Frederick Joseph Guille 25/4/1962; Harold William Sarchet 23/4/1963; Edmund Thomas Allett 14/4/1964; John Edward Bazille Corbin (Priest) 30/4/1964; Ellen Mary Inder 3/4/1965; Robert Hamilton 14/4/1968; Greta Annie Marquis 9/4/1969; William Charles Smith 20/4/1970; Herbert Forester King 27/4/1970; Alfred Edward Avery 2/4/1971; Hilda Evelyn Lainé 4/4/1972; Elsie Grace Rich 4/4/1972; Grace Adams 17/4/1972; Margaret Elizabeth Corbin 17/4/1974; Edith Amy Le Page 30/4/1974; Michael Ingham 2/4/1977; Gladys Irene Martel 21/4/1977; Joseph Edward Matthews 21/4/1978; Mary Duncan (Mollie) Randall 15/4/1979; Marjorie Rich 15/4/1983; Gwendoline Moore 23/4/1983; Madge Gahan 14/4/1985; Leslie Moon (Priest) 26/4/1985; Phyllis May Jehan 14/4/1987; Demas Charles Matthews 24/4/1990; Elsie Maria Till 11/4/1994; Daphne Aimée Cohu Ogier 24/4/1996; Phyllis Kate Burgess, 26/4/1996; Muriel Winifred Priaulx Brockford 7/4/1997; William Billington 1/4/2001; Florence Mary Bateson 1/4/2001; Eric Lockett 5/4/2003; Christopher William Hunt 28/4/2004; Jeanne Margarettas Blondel 5/4/2006; George Arthur Winslade 17/4/2006; Oliver Charles Colt 9/4/2007; Mabel Doris Beatrice Derry 14/4/2007; Elsie Corbet 12/4/2008; Howard Thomas Durey 7/4/2009; Amelia Evie (Millie) Leale 17/4/2009; James William Martin 22/4/2009; Dorothy Victoria Evangeline May Smith 11/4/2010; Joy Edith Spoelstra 13/04/2011; Joan Ethel Le Moigne 11/3/2013; David Norman Allison 26/4/2013; Betty Ann Minnie Plumley 4/4/2015; Mary Edith Dowdney 27/4/2015; Gladys May Inder 26/4/2016; Sally Ann Browning 25/4/2017; Rodney Leslie Bateman 7/4/18. Year unknown: Sidney Walter Hunt, 1/4; Robin Michael Selwood, 1/4; Stanley Edward Brooks, 10/4. Liam Bourgaize 29/4/2023

May They Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory

**Parish Register
(March 2024)**



Baptisms: None
Weddings: None
Funerals: Stephen Le Maitre
Stephen Spencer

READINGS FOR APRIL 2024

Sunday 7 th April	Second Sunday of Easter	Acts Ch4 v32-35 1 John Ch1 v1-Ch2 v2 John Ch20 v19-31
Sunday 14 th April	Third Sunday of Easter	Acts Ch3 v12-19 1 John Ch3 v1-7 Luke Ch24 v36b-48
Sunday 21 st April	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Acts Ch4 v5-12 1 John Ch3 v16-24 John Ch10 v11-18
Sunday 28 th April	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts Ch8 v26-40 1 John Ch4 v7-21 John Ch15 v1-8





April Hymns

SUNDAY	7th Easter 2	14th Easter 3	21st Easter 4	28th Easter 5
HYMN	109	119	457	112
PROPER	684	685	686	687
Responsorial Psalm	133	4	23	22 v25-end
OFFERTORY	103	120/S.23	107	310
COMMUNION	101 omit*	118	282	115
POST COMMUNION	121	117	369	113

Guilds, Clubs & Activities at St Stephen's

SUNDAY CLUB MESSY CHURCH	Andrea Bateman andrea.bateman@ yahoo.co.uk	1st Sunday of the Month	Church Vestry
RAINBOWS	Tamara Beach and Rachel Le Prevost 7thststephensrainbows @gmail.com	Wednesday 4.00pm – 5.00pm	Community Centre 5 – 7 years old
BROWNIES	Ellie Luce & Tamara Beach Tamara.beach@hotmail.com	Wednesday 5.00pm - 6.30pm	Community Centre 7 – 10 years old
GUIDES	Debbie Robilliard Tamara Beach and Sophie Leale Tel: 714850 + 07911 132440 beans975@gmail.com	Friday 6.00pm – 7.30pm	Community Centre 10 – 14 years old
RANGERS	Debbie Robilliard and Sophie Leale Tel: 714850 + 07911 132440 beans975@gmail.com	Wednesday 7.40pm – 9.00pm	Community Centre 14-21 years old
1st VICTORIA SEA SCOUT GROUP	Delphine Renaud firstgtsybea- vers@outlook.com	Beavers Monday 5.30pm - 6.45pm	Community Centre 6 – 8 years old
Group Scout Leader	Leon Gallienne firstgsyscubs@outlook.com	Cubs Monday 7.00pm – 8.30pm	Community Centre 8 – 10 years old
Rosalyne Le Huray Tel: 07781	c/o Rosalyne Le Huray firstgsyscouts@outlook.com	Sea Scouts Wednesday 7.00pm – 9.00pm	Community Centre 10 – 14 years old
ST STEPHEN'S GUILD	Marg Kaines Tel: 254858	As arranged	Church 'housekeeping'
SERVERS Guild of the Servants of the Sanctuary	Tony Kaines Tel: 254858	As arranged	Info: www.GSSonline. org.uk
SOCIAL EVENTS COM- MITTEE	Tony Goss Tel: 728433	As arranged	St Stephen's Vestry
ST STEPHEN'S PLAYERS	Steph Dragun Tel: 255654	As arranged	Community Centre

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SUNDAY MASSES

9.30am	Said Mass
11.00am	Sung Mass with Sermon

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Friday 8.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
Tuesday 11.00am	<i>Said Mass</i>