

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



March 2024

Dear All



Well we have nearly got through another winter and what a winter it was what with the seemingly constant rain and the WIND; and that was just in the choir loft!

(Sorry girls, I couldn't resist!)

Now we can look forward to sunnier weather and the joy of Easter. There are a lot of symbols associated with Easter but this year my mind turns to the Easter dove; the symbol of peace because goodness knows that is what our poor beleaguered world needs more than anything at the moment and I am praying for good sense and honour to prevail. On a happier note, I have been trying to think of ideas to keep this magazine fresh and you will see that this month we have a new recipe page which is something that I would like to continue so if you have any recipes that you use often and swear by please send them in. I have called the page 'Really Reliable Recipes' because I do like an alliteration (!) and the first one is from Father Joe mainly because the original idea was his so I thought it only fair that I should make him start us off! The other idea that he had was that if any of you have any interesting hobbies you could write about them; I am sure that we would find that interesting so please have ago.

As I have said before; this is your magazine so please let me know if there is anything that you would like me to put in.

In the meantime; have a wonderful month everyone and a Happy and Joyous Easter to you all.

Love Nikki



All contributions for the April magazine will be gratefully received.

**Copy deadline will be
Friday 29th March 2024**

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Lenten Musings



“God does not always provide explanations for your difficulties, but He does provide the promises of His Word.” – Warren W. Wiersbe

Lent marks the ideal opportunity for us to examine our lives a little more closely than we usually do. This isn't (or shouldn't be) something that scares us nor makes us feel that we are worth less. It may make us feel uncomfortable, but only because we come to see how our choices have drifted us away from the space God wants for us.

In the New Living Translation which we use in St Stephen's the word LOVE appears 759 times, more so than in other translations (NIV = 686, ESV = 684) according to biblestudytools.com. In John 3: 16 we read of how God loves the world so much that He gave His one and only Son, to save the world. God has proven throughout human history that He loves us more than life itself. Our response to that love in our daily walk with the Lord is what we focus on more closely during Lent.

I am often asked what made me leave South Africa and come all the way to Guernsey. When I read about the people of St Stephen's in the advert I saw in the Church Times, my heart was stirred by God to respond. What I have discovered in my time here (six months – so I'm no expert by any means) is the most wonderful community, people who have reached out to me and helped make the adjustment so much easier. My thanks to you all for the wonderful love that you have shown to me, and to my precious family.

This community has been through a great deal in the past few years. The interregnum was long and we also faced the passing of two of the parish stalwarts who had been guiding the ship through their ministry. People were asked to pray for someone to come and help them to heal and to grow from that space. God has responded, by providing from His infinite love, a simple South African boy to take up the reins as Vicar. I am humbled and amazed to be here. Every single day I thank God for the joy He has brought into my life by bringing me into this precious community.

Lent is the opportunity to reflect on my journey thus far, on those areas where I have made mistakes and where I need to grow. It also is a reminder of all that has gone before, and the friends that have made this journey possible through their love. The overwhelming sense that I get through my quiet time is one of gratitude and love. The journey has been hard (and still is with Aileen being back in South Africa for now) and it has presented its own difficulties, however, it has brought so much love and joy into our lives.

My prayer for each one of us this Lent is that we would take the courage to find a quiet space and to reflect on our journey, not with a sense of foreboding or fear, but with an open heart to recognise the Hand of God at work in our lives. May this journey bring us ever closer to the Heart of God and enable us to realise that He is always with us, and His love for each one of us will never change.

May this Season of Lent give us an attitude of gratitude as we journey to Calvary... and beyond in the loving presence of Almighty God.

May God bless you and keep you close to His heart.

Love Fr Joe

St Stephen's Revels

On Saturday June 1st we are holding the

St Stephen's Revels in the Church Garden.

This will be a combined event with the St Stephen's Brownies, Guides, Rainbows and Rangers and our congregation.

We have agreed to do the teas, coffee and cakes, and we will have a book stall for good quality books. We will also have a handicraft stall, so please start planning now what you can make to put on this stall i.e. sewn and knitted items, jam, chutney and cakes.

We do want this event to be a great social and financial success, so please do all you can to provide 'goodies' for the stalls. More importantly make sure you write this date in your diary and invite all your friends and relations to come and have a fun afternoon.

The Revels will take place from **2.00 until 5.00 p.m.** and if wet will be held in the Community Centre.

Remember

St Stephen's Church needs you,
so please do all you can to help with this event.



Really Reliable Recipes

South African Melktert (Milk Tart)

This milk tart recipe is a traditional South African tart that is easy to prepare and can be served hot or cold.

Prep Time: 20 mins

Cook Time: 50 mins

Total Time: 1 hr 10 mins

Ingredients

- cooking spray
- 1 cup white sugar
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted
- 3 egg yolks
- 1 cup cake flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 4 cups milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 egg white
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon sugar

Directions

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Coat a 9-inch deep-dish pie plate with cooking spray.

Mix together sugar and butter in a large bowl until smooth. Add egg yolks and beat until light and fluffy. Sift in cake flour, baking powder, and salt; stir until well-blended. Mix in milk and vanilla until combined.

Whip egg whites with an electric mixer in a separate bowl to stiff peaks. Fold into batter. Pour into the prepared pie plate; sprinkle cinnamon sugar on top.

Bake in the preheated oven for 25 minutes, then reduce temperature to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). Continue baking until the center is set when pie is gently jiggled, 25 to 30 minutes.

Nutrition Facts (per serving)

294

Calories

9g

Fat

47g

Carbs

8g

Protein

Lent: A Season of Fasting and Feasting

FAST from judging others; FEAST on seeing Christ in all.

FAST from harsh words; FEAST on words that build up others.

FAST from discontent; FEAST on gratitude.

FAST from anger; FEAST on patience.

FAST from pessimism; FEAST on optimism.

FAST from worry; FEAST on trusting God.

FAST from complaining; FEAST on appreciation.

FAST from bitterness; FEAST on forgiveness.

FAST from criticism; FEAST on compliments.

FAST from discouragement; FEAST on hope.

FAST from self-consciousness; FEAST on companionship and service.

FAST from suspicion and lies; FEAST on the truth.

FAST from thoughts that weaken; FEAST on promises that inspire.

FAST from idle gossip; FEAST on silence with a purpose.

FAST from despair; FEAST on hope in God.

FAST from trying to "go it alone"; FEAST on prayer.

FAST from materialism; FEAST on family and friends.

FAST from hatred and resentment; FEAST on love and forgiveness.

I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phones.

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

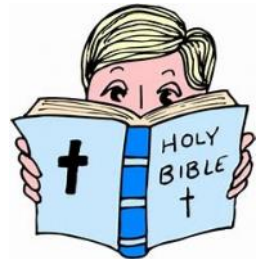
What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to kids as gifts?

What if we used it as we travelled?

What if we used it in case of an emergency?

What if we upgraded it to get the latest version?



This is something to make you go...hmmm...where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing.

Unlike our cell phone, we don't ever have to worry about our bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill!



SUNDAY SCHOOL HOWLERS

LOT'S WIFE

The Sunday school teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted. "My Mummy looked back once while she was driving" he announced triumphantly "and she turned into a telephone pole!"

FRIENDSHIP

Tuesday 12th March at 12midday
St Stephen's Community Centre

Menu:-

Cottage Pie & Vegetables

Vegetarian option

Rice Pudding and Fruit Compote

£10 per person. Please let me know as soon as possible for any dietary requirements. Please book no later than Sunday 10th March.

Jean Le Huray Tel. 255207 Mob.07781 404558

Recycle4charity

Thank you to everyone who has given me their printer cartridges, together we have raised in the last twelve months £33.65 and since 2017 £222
In January we raised £26.15

Please keep them coming, every little helps St. Stephen's and you are recycling also.

We have also raised £15.05 through easyfundraising.org.uk in the last 3 months.

Don't forget if your shopping on line to use easyfundraising.org.uk it is easy and we get donations for Church.

Talk to Steph, who will tell you all about it.

Thank you. Steph





CHURCH SQUIRRELS



There were five houses of religion in a small town:

The Presbyterian Church,
The Baptist Church ,
The Methodist Church ,
The Catholic Church and
The Jewish Synagogue.

Each church and Synagogue was overrun with pesky squirrels.

One day, the Presbyterian Church called a meeting to decide what to do about the squirrels. After much prayer and consideration they determined that the squirrels were predestined to be there and they shouldn't interfere with God's divine will.

In The BAPTIST CHURCH the squirrels had taken up habitation in the baptistery. The deacons met and decided to put a cover on the baptistery and drown the squirrels in it. The squirrels escaped somehow and there were twice as many there the next week.

The Methodist Church got together and decided that they were not in a position to harm any of God's creation. So, they humanely trapped the Squirrels and set them free a few miles outside of town. Three days later, the squirrels were back.

But -- The Catholic Church came up with the best and most effective solution. They baptized the squirrels and registered them as members of the church. Now they only see them on Christmas , Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday and Easter.

Not much was heard about the Jewish Synagogue, but they took one squirrel and had a short service with him called circumcision and they haven't seen a squirrel on the property since.

When I was younger I hated going to weddings. All my aunts would poke me in the ribs and cackle “you’re next”. They stopped that after I started doing the same to them at funerals! ‘

ST STEPHEN'S PARISH CALENDAR

MARCH 2024

Sunday March 3	The Third Sunday of Lent 9.30am Said Mass 11.00am Sung Mass 2.30pm – 4.00pm Family Service
Monday March 4- Friday March 8	08.00am Morning Prayer
Tuesday March 5	11.00am Weekday Mass
Thursday March 7	2.00pm – 3.00pm Lent course 'Stepping Stones' 7.30pm - 8.30pm Lent course 'Stepping Stones' 5.45 – 7.30pm Chamber Choir Rehearsal
Sunday March 10	The Fourth Sunday of Lent 9.30am Said Mass 11.00am Sung Mass
Monday Mar 11 – Friday Mar 15	Fr. Joe in UK for training (St Columba's Woking)
Tuesday March 12	11.00am Weekday Mass Fr. Joe away
Thursday March 14	2.00pm – 3.00pm Lent course 'Stepping Stones' 7.30pm - 8.30pm Lent course 'Stepping Stones'
Friday Mar 15	2.30pm Funeral Stephen Le Maitre
Sunday March 17	The Fifth Sunday of Lent 9.30am Said Mass 11.00am Sung Mass
Monday March 18- Friday March 22	08.00am Morning Prayer
Tuesday March 19	11.00am Weekday Mass
Wednesday Mar 20	11.00am Elizabeth College Junior School Easter Service 4.00pm – 5.00pm Rainbows
Thursday Mar 21	11.00am – 12.00pm Ladies' College Easter Service 2.00pm – 3.00pm Lent course 'Stepping Stones' 7.30pm - 8.30pm Lent course 'Stepping Stones'
Sunday March 24	Palm Sunday 9.30am Said Mass 11.00am Sung Mass with Procession
Tuesday March 26	11.00am Weekday Mass
Wednesday March 27	9.30am Silver cleaning

MARCH CALENDAR CONT'D

Thursday March 28	9.30pm Church Cleaning 7.00pm Maundy Thursday Mass Followed by the Watch until Midnight
Friday March 29	10.00am Good Friday Reproaches 2.00pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday Mar 30	10.00am – 11.30am Easter Egg Hunt. 8.00pm Easter Saturday Vigil & First Mass of Easter
Sunday March 31	Easter Day 9.30am Said Mass 11.00am Sung Mass with Procession

LOOKING AHEAD....

Monday April 1- Friday April 5	08.00am Morning Prayer
Tuesday April 4 Sunday April 7	11.00am Weekday Mass 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 Thursday April 11 Sunday April 14	11.00am Weekday Mass 5.45 – 7.30pm Chamber Choir Rehearsal 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 Thursday April 18 Sunday April 21	11.00am Weekday Mass 5.45 – 7.30pm Chamber Choir Rehearsal 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 Thursday April 25 Friday April 26 Saturday April 27 Sunday April 28	11.00am Weekday Mass 5.45 – 8.30pm Chamber Choir Rehearsal Possible Concert Chamber Choir Rehearsal 11.30am Social events Meeting The Fifth Sunday of Easter 9.30am Said Mass 11.00am Sung Mass Church AGM following 11.00am Mass
Monday April 29- Friday May 3	08.00am Morning Prayer



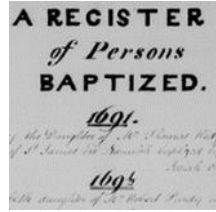
The Guild of Intercession

May Elizabeth Le Page 30/3/1929; Rosalie Alexandria Woodward 20/3/1932; Bernard Cecil Slade Le Bargy 17/3/1938; Amelia Katharine Cox 9/3/1940; George Edward Romeril 20/3/1941; Arthur William Brookfield 2/3/1942; Helen Douglas Guthrie Utermark (Deaconess) 26/3/1944; Fanny Louise Matthews 25/3/1945; Emily Ann Lihou 7/3/1948; Augustus Robert Hallett 1/3/1950; John de Caen Soffe 8/3/1950; Zelia Mahy 13/3/1950; Elsie Ellen Robilliard 4/3/1951; Esther Jane Kent 13/3/1951; John Michael Hooper 17/3/1951; George Alfred Le Gallez 27/3/1951; Baldwin Walter Peel 31/3/1951; Sybil Hampden Hodges 12/3/1952; Margaret Walsh Parsons 31/3/1952; Walter Robert Taylor 7/3/1953; George Nicolas Pike 27/3/1953; Floretta Marion Brookes 30/3/1953; Hilary Charles Marrett 4/3/1954; William John Ogier 7/3/1955; Mildred Frances Kemp 6/3/1956; Walter Whitford 15/3/1956; Nelson Symons 13/3/1957; Ellen Lizzie Blackshaw 16/3/1957; Edgar George Le Page 26/3/1957; Winnie Domaille Fitzgerald 26/3/1958; Frederick Edward Collard (Priest) 2/3/1959; Basil Augustus Robilliard 4/3/1959; John Clifford Huddle 4/3/1959; Bertha Amelia June Crocker 5/3/1959; Beatrice Marian Robilliard 21/3/1959; Hugh Herbert West 10/3/1960; Harry Herbert Blanchford 10/3/1960; Clifford George Helman 20/3/1961; Richard William Summers 8/3/1962; Alfred Thomas Hopkins 12/3/1962; William Hugh Masters 26/3/1962; Alice May Gillson 30/3/1962; Gary Peter Franklin 4/3/1963; Owen Stanley Harris 4/3/1963; Richard Verrant Moorman 11/3/1963; William Kennedy Bott 1/3/1965; Dorothy Feak 19/3/1966; Spencer Walter Gerhold (Priest) 8/3/1969; Elizabeth May-Lister Cooper 11/3/1969; Elizabeth Robin 30/3/1969; Charles William Foster 12/3/1970; Harry Edwin Robilliard 4/3/1972; Dorothy Amy Palmer King 6/3/1973; Ethel Newman 27/3/1974; Ethel May De La Mare 4/3/1976; Kate Felix 9/3/1976; John Le Page 13/3/1977; Eric Alfred William Andrews 26/3/1977; Hilda May Rabey 1/3/1978; Phyllis May Le Cornu 21/3/1979; Elsie Macgregor Andrews 3/3/1980; Henry Martin Lihou 9/3/1981; Margaret Sophia Ravins 28/3/1981; Edward Daniel Rowe 28/3/1987; John Francis Edwin Pye 21/3/1991; Evelyn Alice Le Moigne 28/3/1992; Donald William Piprell 22/3/1994; Valerie Louise Bowles 9/3/1995; Dorothy Alexandra Sarchet 11/3/1997; Elsie Frances Henley Ross 12/3/1997; Reginald John Le Page 4/3/2000; Florence Mildred Kaines 24/3/2000; Elizabeth Annie Coleman 31/3/2001; Marjorie Croucher 5/3/2002; Joan Marjorie Higgins 20/3/2004; Robert Henry Swift 8/3/2006; Sean-Paul Bougourd 19/3/2006; Christine Alice Galliot 17/3/2007; Bertie Edward (Ted) Curtis 27/3/2007; Frances Marsh 4/3/2008; Howard Marshall Hasson 1/3/2009; Olive May Inder 25/3/2009; Henry William Albert Spencer 5/3/2010; Eric Albert Bishop 6/3/2010; Ethel Margaret Herschel 25/3/2010; Stanley Robert Vaudin 16/3/2012; Margaret Josephine Anne Butt 28/3/2012; Michael Walter Yabsley 31/3/2012; Doris Milicent Hodge 6/3/2013; Anthony Barker Bleasdale 23/3/2013; Joyce Brennan-Roper 12/3/2015; Beatrice Mary Bisson 13/3/2016; Enid Eunice Buckingham 24/3/2016; Priscilla Bygott-Webb 25/1/2016; Doris Guille Higgins 30/3/2016; Ann Maureen Denning 18/3/2017; Doreen Elizabeth Hancock 22/3/2017; Edgar George Blampied 28/3/2017; Carole Ann Exall 25/03/2019. Clare Le Billon 29/03/22 Sheila Daphne Garner 17/03/23 Christopher Backland 07/03/20

Year unknown Frederick Stone, 17/3.

May They Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory

Parish Register (February 2024)



Baptisms: None
Weddings: None
Funerals: None

READINGS FOR MARCH 2024

Sunday 3rd March	The Third Sunday of Lent	Exodus Ch20 v1-17 1 Corinthians Ch1 v18-25 John Ch2 v13-22
Sunday 10th March	The Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)	Exodus Ch2 v1-10 2 Corinthians Ch1 v3-7 Luke Ch2 v33-35
Sunday 17 th March	The Fifth Sunday of Lent Passion Sunday	Jeremiah Ch31 v31-34 Hebrews Ch5 v5-10 John Ch12 v20-33
Sunday 24 th March	Palm Sunday	Mark 11: 1-11 (Palm Gospel) Isaiah Ch50 v 4-9a Philippians Ch2 v5-11 Mark 15: 1-39. (Passion Reading)
Thursday 28 th March	Maundy Thursday	Exodus Ch12 v1-4 & 11-14 1 Corinthians Ch11 v23-26 John Ch13 v1-17 & 31b-35
Sunday 31st March	Easter Sunday	Isaiah Ch25 v6-9 Acts Ch10 v34-43 John Ch20 v1-18





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SUNDAY 11am	3rd Lent 3	10th Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	17th Lent 5 Passion Sunday	24th Palm Sunday	31st March Easter Sunday
HYMN	73 2nd tune	77	79	509	Carol 17
PROPER	678	679	680	681	683
Responsorial Psalm	19 7-end	107 1-9	119 9-16	118 19-end	118 14-24
OFFERTORY	72	185	90	86	105
COMMUNION	69	387	84	S.8	104
POST COMMUNION	379	186	95	511	110

**Maundy Thursday 28th March Hymn 308, Proper 682,
Responsorial Psalm 116.9-end: Offertory 269 Communion S.3,
Post Communion 268 Setting Merbecke**

Good Friday 29th March - Liturgy as set with Reproaches

**Holy Saturday 30th March 8.00pm Liturgy as set
Responsorial Psalm 114 Hymns 103 and 114 Missa de Angelis**

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 Group Scout Leader Rosalyne Le Huray Tel: 07781 127263	Delphine Renaud firstgtsybea- vers@outlook.com	Beavers Monday 5.30pm - 6.45pm	Community Centre 6 – 8 years old
	Leon Gallienne firstgsyscubs@outlook.com	Cubs Monday 7.00pm – 8.30pm	Community Centre 8 – 10 years old
	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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Community Centre	Jenny Lambert	Tel: 711701
	E-mail: ststephenscommunitycentre@gmail.com	
Flower Contacts	Ann Goss	Tel: 728433

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>