



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 8th January 2017
First Sunday of Epiphany
The Baptism of Christ

9:30am Said Mass with Hymns and Sermon
Hymns: 52: 49

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon and Procession
Hymns: 55: 352: 23: 49

Epiphany 1- Prayers at the Crib

Let us pray:

The Kings, Lord, brought myrrh, frankincense and gold. We bring you nothing but who we are. We pray you Lord, to purify our hearts that they may be worthy to become your dwelling place, now and for ever. **Amen.** *(The Promise of His Glory)*

At the end of the procession

∇ The voice of the Lord is upon the waters

✠ **The Lord is upon many waters**

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people which call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

669 In excelso throno

Introit Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; wherefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

Psalms My heart overfloweth with a good matter; I speak of the things which I made concerning the King. Glory be to the Father...

Gradual Blessed be the Lord, even the God of Israel: which only doeth wondrous things. ∇ The mountains also shall bring peace: and the little hills righteousness unto the people.

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. ∇ I have found David my servant. With my holy oil have I anointed him. Alleluia.

Offertory Blessed be he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: we have wished you good luck, we that are of the house of the Lord. God is the Lord who hath showed us light, alleluia, alleluia.

Communion As many of you as have been baptised into Christ have put on Christ, alleluia.

Collect

Eternal father,
Who at the baptism of Jesus
Revealed him to be your Son,
Anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
Grant to us, who are born again by water and the spirit,
That we may be faithful to our calling
As your adopted children;
Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
Who is alive and reigns with you,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah Ch42 v1-9

¹ Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
² He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
³ a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
⁵ Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
⁶ I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸ I am the Lord, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
⁹ See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

New Testament Reading – Acts Ch10 v34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Gospel – Matthew Ch3 v13-17

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

Post Communion

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens
and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of your rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our lord.

Please remember in your prayers

Elizabeth Opie, Joyce Craske, Sheila & Alex Mather,
Judy Bobbitt, Penny Taylor, Maureen Pitman,
Brenda Penfold, and Edgar Blampied,
Pray also for the soul of Heather Le Gallez,
May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory

Services for this week

Tuesday 10th January 11.00am Said Mass BCP - William Laud - Archbishop, 1645

Wednesday 11th January 7.00pm Said Mass - Mary Slessor - Missionary, 1915

Thursday 12th 1.00pm Funeral - Heather Le Gallez

Friday 13th January 7.00pm Said Mass - Hilary of Poitiers - Teacher, 36

Sunday 15th January

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

9:30am Said Mass with Hymns and Sermon

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon



Thank you all for your messages left on our

Church Christmas card.

This year it has raised £465

which, coupled with a generous gift of £500,

means we are able to start

the year with a magnificent donation of **£965** for **MAF**.



Thanks to the **Sunday Club**

Their sale of marzipan

fruits and peppermint

creams raised a

wonderful **£122** for

Save the children.



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Smarties Tubes

Not least! Thank you for returning your Smarties

Tubes. We have collected **£85.78** which is being sent

to the Tumaini Container Appeal.



A great start to our outreach for 2017!

Stay in touch with St Stephen's: visit our website at
<http://st-stephens-guernsey.org>

Please join us for refreshments in the vestry after the 11:00am Mass

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

Deadline for notices for next bulletin – **6.00pm Thursday**

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