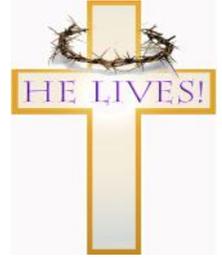




Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen



Sunday 16th April 2017

Easter Sunday

**Alleluia - Christ is Risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Start of the Procession

Let us proceed in peace

In the Name of Christ. Amen

Blessing of the Easter Tomb

Almighty God, by your ✠Blessing of this Garden may we who have prepared it in celebration of his victory be strengthened in faith, know the power of his presence, and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory, for he is alive and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

End of the Procession

The Lord is risen from the tomb, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Who for our sake hung upon the tree, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Christ is risen from the dead: and become the first-fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death: by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die: even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. **Amen.**

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Introit I am risen, and am still with thee, alleluia; thou hast laid thine hand upon me, alleluia: thy knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me, alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm O Lord, thou hast searched me out, and known me: thou knowest my down-sitting, and mine up-rising. Glory be to the Father...

Gradual This is the day which the Lord hath made: we will be joyful and glad in it. √ O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: and his mercy endureth for ever.

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. √ Christ our Passover: is sacrificed for us. Alleluia.

Offertory The earth trembled and was still: when God arose to judgement, alleluia.

Communion Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, alleluia: therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Services Today

9.30am Said Mass with Hymns and Sermon
Hymns: 117: 110

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon & Procession
Hymns: Carol 17: 105 (2nd Tune): 104: 110

Collect

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

1st Reading - Acts Ch10 v34 - 43

³⁴Then 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.'

2nd Reading - Colossians Ch3 v1- 4

¹So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Gospel - John Ch20 v1-18

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' ¹⁶Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Post Communion

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please remember in your prayers

Elizabeth Opie, Joyce Craske, Christine Shaw,
David Streek, Judy Bobbitt, Penny Taylor, Maureen Pitman, and Dulcie.

Pray also for the souls of Doreen Hancock and Terry Roberts.
May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory

Services for this week

Tuesday 18th April 11.00am Said Mass - Laserian - Monk, 639

1.00pm Funeral - Doreen Hancock

Wednesday 19th April 7.00pm Said Mass - Alphege - Archbishop & Martyr, 1012

Friday 21st April 7.00pm Said Mass - Anselm of Canterbury - Teacher, 1109

Sunday 23rd April

The Second Sunday of Easter

9.30am Said Mass with Hymns and Sermon

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon & Procession



Ukuladeez Concert

Saturday April 22nd at 7.30 p.m.

in St Stephen's Church

Entry by programme £5.00 on the door

Songs, Soup and Sweet"



Saturday, April 29th 12.00 noon until 2.00 p.m. in the Community Centre.
Please get your tickets (£6.00) from Ann or Marg as soon as possible so we can arrange numbers for the catering.



Quiz Night

Saturday 6th May 7.00 p.m. in the
Community Centre

Tickets £5.00 from Steph or Ann

See the Magazine for details of all events

A BIG thank you to all who have helped to make the Church beautiful for Easter

Stay in touch with St Stephen's visit our Web site 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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