



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 23rd April 2017

## The Second Sunday of Easter

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

### Start of the Procession

Let us proceed in peace

**In the Name of Christ. Amen**

### Prayer at the Easter Tomb

Risen Lord Jesus, as Mary Magdalene met you in the garden on the morning of your resurrection, so may we meet you today and every day; speak to us as you spoke to her; reveal yourself as the living Lord; renew our hope and kindle our joy; and send us to share the good news with others. **Amen.**

### End of the Procession

O Lord hear our prayer

**And let our cry come unto thee**

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred; open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. **Amen.**

### Services Today

**9.30am** Said Mass with Hymns and Sermon  
**Hymns: 124: 113**

**11.00am** Sung Mass with Sermon & Procession  
**Hymns: 109: 120/S23: 101 (omit \*) 117**

### 684 Quasi Modo

**Introit** As new-born babes, alleluia: desire ye the sincere milk of the word, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Psalm** Sing we merrily unto God, our helper: make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob. Glory be to the Father...

**Alleluia** - Alleluia. Alleluia. In the day of my resurrection, saith the Lord: I will go before you into Galilee. Alleluia. After eight days, when the doors were shut: stood Jesus in the midst of his disciples, and said, Peace be unto you. Alleluia.

**Offertory** The angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and said unto the women: He whom ye seek is risen, as he said, alleluia.

**Communion** - Reach hither thy hand, and behold the print of the nails, alleluia: and be not faithless, but believing, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## Collect

Almighty Father,  
you have given your only Son to die for our sins  
and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness  
that we may always serve you  
in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## 1st Reading – Acts Ch2 v14a, 22-32

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them:

<sup>22</sup> ‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—<sup>23</sup>this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup>But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

<sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

<sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

<sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,

or let your Holy One experience corruption.

<sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

<sup>29</sup> ‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup>Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

“He was not abandoned to Hades,

nor did his flesh experience corruption.”

<sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

## New Testament Reading – 1 Peter Ch1 v3-9

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and

honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup> Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

### **Gospel - John Ch20 v19-31**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

### **Post Communion**

Lord God our Father,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
you have assured your children of eternal life  
and in baptism have made us one with him:  
deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in your love,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Please remember in your prayers**

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

## Services for this week

**Tuesday 25th April 11.00am** Said Mass BCP - Mark the Evangelist  
**Wednesday 26th April 7.00pm** Said Mass - Stephen of Perm - Bishop, 1396  
**Friday 28th April 7.00pm** Said Mass - Peter Chanel - Martyr, 184

### **Sunday 30th April** **The Third Sunday of Easter**

**9.30am** Said Mass with Hymns and Sermon  
**11.00am** Sung Mass with Sermon

### **CHURCH AGM**

The Church Annual General Meeting will be held after the 7.00pm Mass  
at **7.30pm on Wednesday 26th April**  
Report booklets for the AGM are available at the back of Church.  
Please take a copy and mark the AGM in your diary

### **"Songs, Soup and Sweet"**



**This Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> 12.00 noon until 2.00 p.m.**  
in the Community Centre.

Please get your tickets (£6.00) from Marg or David TODAY 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 as soon as possible.  
See the Magazine for details of all events



### **Lent Outreach Project 2017**

Please return your Lent collection boxes so we can send  
the monies off to MAF

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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