



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 25th March 2018



Blessing of Palms

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die, let these palms be for us signs of his victory; and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Palms are distributed and the Gospel is read

Dear friends, Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

Start of Procession

Let us proceed in Peace

In the Name of Christ. Amen

End of Procession

Deliver me from mine enemies O God

**Defend me from them that rise up
against me**

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah; grant us the faith to know you and love you; that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. **Amen.**

Services Today

9:30am Said Mass with Hymns and Sermon
Hymns: **S.30: MPS 682**

11:00am Sung Mass with Sermon
Hymns: **511/509: 86:S.8: 92**

12.30pm Baptism of Harper Philips

681 Palm Sunday

Antiphon Hosanna to the Son of David: blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord. O King of Israel: Hosanna in the highest.

Gradual Christ became obedient for our sakes unto death: even the death of the Cross. *V.* Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him: and given him a Name which is above every name.

Offertory Thy rebuke hath broken my heart, I am full of heaviness: I looked for some to have pity on me, but there was no man: neither found I any to comfort me; they gave me gall to eat, and when I was thirsty they gave me vinegar to drink.

Communion O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it: thy will be done.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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 - Zechariah Ch9 v9-12

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the warhorse from Jerusalem;
and the battle-bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

New Testament Reading - 1 Corinthians Ch2 v1-12

²When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.
⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,
'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him'—
¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly

human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Gospel Acclamation

Priest: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal Glory.

Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.
Therefore God has exalted him
and given him the name that is above every name.

All: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Gospel – John Ch12 v12-16

¹²The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,
'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—
the King of Israel!'

¹⁴Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

¹⁵'Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!'

¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.

Please remember in your prayers

Elizabeth Opie, Joyce Craske, Judy Bobbitt, Maureen Pitman,
Alisha De Guerin, Christine Shaw, Tony Renouf, Brenda Penfold
David Le Lievre and Barbara Streek.

Please pray also for Pam; for Michele, Jaike and Glyn, all suffering from
cancer; for Melvyn Boxall, Chris Bellinger;
and for Samuel, a 12 year-old boy diagnosed with leukaemia.

Services for Holy week

Monday 26^h March 10.30am Ladies' College Easter Service

7.00pm Said Mass

Tuesday 27th March 9.00am Rehearsal for Beechwood Easter Service

11.00am Beechwood Easter Service

3.00pm - Said mass BCP

Wednesday 28th March 7.00pm Said Mass

Maundy Thursday 29th March 7.00pm Sung Mass, Stripping of the Altar
and Watch until **10.00pm**

Good Friday 30th March 9.30am Reproaches

2.00pm Stations of the Cross

Easter Saturday 31st March 8.00pm Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter

Sunday 1st April

EASTER DAY

9.30am Said Mass with Family Ministry

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon & Procession

Maundy Thursday Watch

This year the watch will be from the end of the Mass until 10.00pm

Please put your name on the list at the back of church.

If we are to keep these traditions going we need everyone's support.

Help Required

We will be cleaning the silver at **9.30am on Wednesday 28th March** and cleaning the Church at **9.30am on Thursday 29th March** ready for Easter.

Any time you can give would be much appreciated.



The artwork displayed at the back of Church has been produced by pupils of the Ladies College who took their inspiration from our William Morris Window Restoration Project.

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<http://st-stephens-guernsey.org>

Please join us for refreshments:

- *in the Vicarage after the 9.30am Mass*
- *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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