



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 8th April 2018

## Second Sunday of Easter

### 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.**

### Start of the Procession

Let us proceed in peace

**In the Name of Christ. 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 & Family Ministry

**Hymns:** 121: S.23

**11:00am** Sung Mass with Sermon & Procession

**Hymns:** 109: 103: 101 (omit\*): 121

### 684 Low Sunday / The Second Sunday of Easter

**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...

**Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. *V.* 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.

## First Reading - Acts Ch4 v32-35

<sup>32</sup>Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

## Second Reading - 1 John Ch1 v1 - Ch2 v2

<sup>1</sup>We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— <sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— <sup>3</sup>we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>2</sup><sup>1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Priest:** Alleluia, alleluia.

**Priest:** I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one.  
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

**All:** Alleluia.

## **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

## Services for this week

**Monday 9th April 10.00am 'Little Treasures' Toddlers Group**

**Tuesday 10th April 11.00am** Said Mass - William Law - Spiritual Writer, 1761

**Wednesday 11th April 7.00pm** Said Mass - George Selwyn - Bishop, 1878

**Friday 13th April 7.00pm** Said Mass - Martin - Pope & Martyr, 656

**Sunday 15th April**

**The Third Sunday of Easter**

**9.30am** Said Mass & Family Ministry

**11.00am** Sung Mass with Sermon

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

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

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

### **The Guernsey Chamber Choir**

will perform in a concert of 'Reflective Music for Easter'  
on **Saturday 14th April at 7.30pm** in St Stephen's Church.

Admission is free; donations will support the renovation  
of the William Morris windows.

### **Nomination Forms**

Nominations are required at the AGM for people to fill various positions to enable the smooth running of our church.

These forms can be found at the back of church for you to nominate and second people for the positions required.

Nominations are not accepted at the AGM, so please ensure that these are returned by Sunday 22nd April.

It is essential we fill these positions so please do not leave it to someone else to make a nomination or we could end up with no one to fill these posts.

### **Lent Boxes**

If you have not already could you please return your Lent boxes as soon as possible so we can send your donations to Tumaini and MAF

Please join us for refreshments:

- *in the Vestry after the 11.00am Mass*  
*(Fr John and Claudia are on leave this week)*

*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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