



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 15th April 2018

## Third Sunday of Easter

### Services Today

**9:30am** Said Mass with Hymns and Sermon  
**Hymns:** 103: S.11

**11:00am** Sung Mass with Sermon  
**Hymns:** 119: 120/S3: 118: 117

### 685 Easter 3 / The Third Sunday of Easter

**Introit** O be joyful in God, all ye lands, alleluia; sing praises unto the honour of his Name, alleluia; make his praise to be exceeding glorious, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Psalm** Say unto God, O how wonderful art thou in thy works, O Lord: through the greatness of thy power. Glory be...

**Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. *℣.* The disciples knew the Lord Jesus: in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia. *℟.* Ought not Christ to have suffered these things: and to have entered into his glory? Alleluia.

**Offertory** Praise the Lord, O my soul; while I live will I praise the Lord: Yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing my praises unto my God, alleluia.

**Communion** O sing unto the Lord, alleluia: sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name; be telling of his salvation from day to day, alleluia, alleluia.

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## **Collect**

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained  
by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
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.

## **First Reading - Acts Ch3 v12-19**

<sup>12</sup>When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?' <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup>'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.'

## **Second Reading - 1 John Ch3 v1-7**

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

<sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

## **Gospel - Luke Ch24 v36b - 48**

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'  
<sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?' <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence. <sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.

### **Post Communion**

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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

Elizabeth Opie, Joyce Craske, Judy Bobbitt, Maureen Pitman,  
Alisha De Guerin, Christine Shaw, Tony Renouf,  
David Le Lievre, Barbara Streek and James Bourgaize.  
Please pray also for Pam; for Michele, Jaike and Glyn; for Melvyn Boxall,  
Chris Bellinger; and for Samuel.

We pray particularly for Rod Bateman, who died recently.  
May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

**'Lunch in a Barn' on Rogation Sunday, 6th May at 1.00pm**

Tickets £5 are now available from Ann.  
Please see the April Magazine for details.

## Services for this week

**Monday 16th April 10.00am 'Little Treasures' Toddlers Group**

**Tuesday 17th April 11.00am** Said Mass - Donnan - Martyr, 618

**Wednesday 18th April 7.00pm** Said Mass - Laserian - Monk, 639

**Friday 20th April 7.00pm** Said Mass - Agnes of Montepulciano - Nun, 1317

**Saturday 21st April 4.00pm Taizé Service**

**Sunday 22nd April**

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**9.30am** Said Mass & Family Ministry

**11.00am** Sung Mass with Sermon

### **Art Fund**

Guernsey Fundraising Committee

### **SAVING THE TREE OF JESSE:**

**The Conservation and Renewal of Stained Glass**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

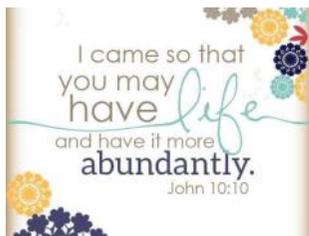
An illustrated talk by Steve Clare

at Les Cotils Centre, St Peter Port, 6.30 for 7pm

Send your ticket request to [elisabethgraceevans@gmail.com](mailto:elisabethgraceevans@gmail.com)

or ring Mrs Elisabeth Evans on 01481 720929

**Steve will also be in church Monday morning at 10.30pm to talk about their restoration work.**



### **Taizé Service**

**Saturday 21st April at 4.00pm**

### **Nomination Forms & AGM Agenda and Reports Booklets**

Nomination forms and the Agenda and Reports Booklets for the AGM are available at the back of church. **Please give your nomination forms to the Churchwardens as soon as possible.**

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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