



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 24th June 2018

The Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Services Today

9:30am	Family Service
Hymns:	S.39: S. 31
11:00am	Sung Mass with Sermon
Hymns:	12: 433: S.31: 408

727 Trinity 4 and the Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist

Introit From the womb of my mother the Lord hath called me by my name; and hath made my mouth as it were a sharp sword: beneath the shadow of his hand hath he hidden me, and hath made me like to a polish'd arrow.

Psalm It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord: and to sing praises unto the Name, O Most Highest. Glory be.....

Gradual Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee: and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee. *V.* The Lord put forth his hand and touched my mouth: and said unto me.

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. *V.* Among them that are born of women: a greater hath not risen than John the Baptist. Alleluia.

Offertory The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree: and shall spread abroad like a cedar in Libanus.

Communion And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways

Please remember in your prayers

Joyce Craske, Judy Bobbitt, Maureen Pitman,
Alisha De Guerin, Christine Shaw, Tony Renouf,
David Le Lievre, and Samantha Brehaut.

Please pray also for Michele, Jaïke and Glyn; for Melvyn Boxall;
for Chris Bellinger; and for Samuel.

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

Collect

Almighty God,
by whose providence your servant John the Baptist
was wonderfully born,
and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour
by the preaching of repentance:
lead us to repent according to his preaching
and, after his example,
constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice,
and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake;
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 - Isaiah Ch40 v1-11

- ¹ Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.
- ³ A voice cries out:
'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
⁵ Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'
- ⁶ A voice says, 'Cry out!'
And I said, 'What shall I cry?'
All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.
⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.
⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.
⁹ Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
'Here is your God!'

¹⁰ See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

¹¹ He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

New Testament Reading - Acts Ch13 v14b-26

¹⁴ And on the sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. ¹⁵ After the reading of the law and the prophets, the officials of the synagogue sent them a message, saying, 'Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, give it.' ¹⁶ So Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak:

'You Israelites, and others who fear God, listen. ¹⁷ The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. ¹⁸ For about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. ¹⁹ After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance ²⁰ for about four hundred and fifty years. After that he gave them judges until the time of the prophet Samuel. ²¹ Then they asked for a king; and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, who reigned for forty years. ²² When he had removed him, he made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, "I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes." ²³ Of this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he promised; ²⁴ before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. ²⁵ And as John was finishing his work, he said, "What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet."

²⁶ 'My brothers, you descendants of Abraham's family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent.

Gospel - Luke Ch1 v57-66, 80

⁵⁷ The time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. ⁵⁸ Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

⁵⁹ On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. ⁶⁰ But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' ⁶¹ They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' ⁶² Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. ⁶³ He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. ⁶⁴ Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. ⁶⁵ Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. ⁶⁶ All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

⁸⁰ The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

Services This Week

Monday 25th June 10.00am 'Little Treasures' Toddlers' Group

Tuesday 26th June 00am Said Mass

Wednesday 27th June 7.00pm Said Mass - Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria,
Teacher, 444

Friday 29th June 7.00pm Said Mass - **Peter and Paul, Apostles**

Sunday 1st July

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Said Mass & Family Ministry

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon

Post Communion

Merciful Lord,
whose prophet John the Baptist
proclaimed your Son as the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world:
grant that we who in this sacrament
have known your forgiveness and your life-giving love
may ever tell of your mercy and your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Guernsey Bach Choir

present *Jesu, meine Freude*

Saturday 30th June 2018 at 7.30pm

Entry by Programme donation at the door - minimum £5

A concert in aid of the William Morris windows appeal

CONGRATULATIONS

We extend our very best wishes to Gerald and Shirley Durman,
who were married at St Stephen's Church on 19th June 1958.



The making of the health kits for girls will be **Saturday 30th June at 1.30pm**, in the Community Centre Meeting Room. If you can spare some time it will be lovely to see you. There is no need to bring anything with you, as things are provided; however, if you have any shirt buttons, reels of unwanted cotton thread, long lengths of cord/ribbon or wool these can be bought along or dropped in the vestry for my collection.

Donations towards materials are welcome. Many thanks, Anne

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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