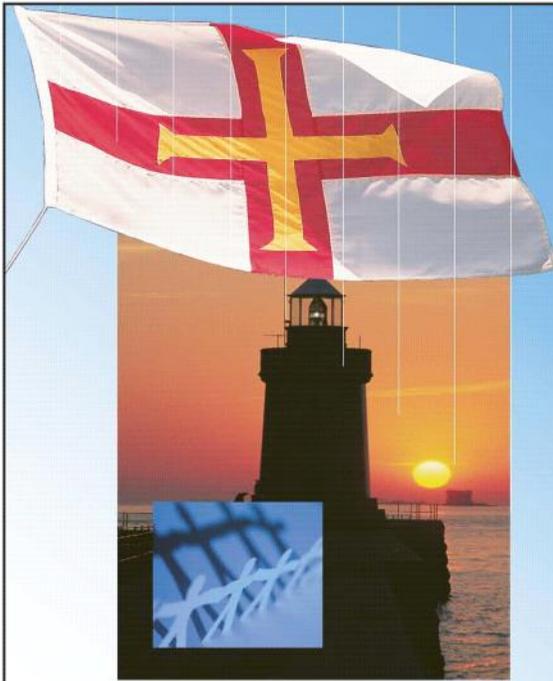


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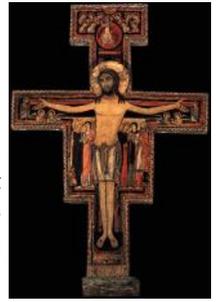


From the Editor

We have devoted this issue of the *Parish Magazine* to evangelists, given that so many of them, of all types and orders of greatness, appear in the October *Lectioary* on their feast days. The cover photo of the Abbey of Saint Magloire in Dinan, donated to us by Frances Cambrai-Bell, gave us the original idea, reinforced by the realisation that Francis of Assisi, William Tyndale, Teresa of Avila, Hugh Latimer and Luke the Evangelist are all commemorated in the same month. Saint Magloire is not in the *Lectioary* and his feast day is celebrated only locally, but the examples of these six 'bringers of good news' whose lives are recounted briefly herein, could well serve as encouragement to us to become not-so-timid evangelists ourselves.

Claudia Moore

Blueprint for a Successful Parish



There is much discussion today about the loss of community and how parishes, even those who seem to be well-attended, do not appear to be the *centre* of the community. This is no doubt due to the sense of alienation that many feel in the modern world. It is also due to the gradual changes that have occurred in society.

One could argue that if parishes are able to re-establish Christian *community*, the possibility of their influencing and transforming the post-Christian world is radically increased. How might such communities be established?

An analysis of the growth of the early Church as described by the Acts of the Apostles seems to point to **four ministries** that we should replicate today.

The first, of course, is **worship**. This not only means participating in Masses on Sundays or on weekdays; it also means praying in our homes, using (for example) the liturgy of the daily office, or other collections of prayers and Scripture readings.

The second is the organisation of **social events**. There are many possibilities: participating in meals organised after services (such as our Dedication Lunch on 7th October); specially-organised meals (including our Friendship Lunch on 9th October); or even inviting newcomers to share refreshments after Mass in the Vicarage (9.30am) or in the Vestry (11.00am).

The third is **education**. There is a need for instruction, both of children and adults. We can encourage families to join us at Sunday Club during the 9.30am service; and we can plan (as adults) to attend the 'Drawing Near to God' course offered at St Stephen's in October and November.

The fourth is **charity**, which describes the spirit of love that encourages people to donate time and money for the care of others in the church, in the community and beyond.

These four ministries all provide opportunities for lay people (as well as priests!) to become involved. As we contribute in this way to parish life, we will flourish in a special way as part of it; and others will be attracted to the life that we share together.

When parishes choose to replicate ministries such as these, they will surely contribute to the establishment of a thriving church; and when each element is in place, the fifth element – **evangelisation** – occurs almost spontaneously.

Fr John Moore

Church Diary - October 2018

Monday 1	Remigius, Bishop of Rheims, Apostle of the Franks, 533 Anthony Ashley Cooper, Earl of Shaftesbury, Social Reformer, 1885	10.00am 'Little Treasures' Toddlers' Group
Tuesday 2		11.00am Mass Lady Chapel
Wednesday 3	George Bell, Bishop of Chichester, Ecumenist, Peacemaker, 1958	7.00pm Mass Lady Chapel
Thursday 4	Francis of Assisi, Friar, Founder of the Friars Minor, 1226	
Friday 5		7.00pm Mass Resurrection Chapel
Saturday 6	William Tyndale, Translator of the Scriptures, Reformation Martyr, 1536	
Sunday 7	The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity Dedication Festival	10.30am Combined Mass Fr John 12.00pm Dedication Festival Lunch— Community Centre
Monday 8		10.00am 'Little Treasures' Toddlers' Group
Tuesday 9	Denys, Bishop of Paris, and his Companions, Martyrs c. 250 Robert Grosseteste, Bishop of Lincoln, Philosopher, Scientist, 1253	11.00am Mass Lady Chapel 12.00pm Friendship Lunch—Community Centre
Wednesday 10	Paulinus, Bishop of York, Missionary, 644 Thomas Traherne, Poet, Spiritual Writer, 1674	7.00pm Mass Lady Chapel
Thursday 11	Ethelburga, Abbess of Barking, 675 James the Deacon, Companion of Paulinus, 7th century	
Friday 12	Wilfrid of Ripon, Bishop, Missionary, 709	7.00pm Mass Resurrection Chapel
Saturday 13	Edward the Confessor, King of England, 1066	7.00pm Quiz Evening—Community Centre
Sunday 14	The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Said Mass (Family Min) Fr John 11.00am Sung Mass Fr John
Monday 15	Teresa of Avila, Teacher, 1582	10.00am 'Little Treasures' Toddlers' Group
Tuesday 16	Nicholas Ridley, Bishop of London, and Hugh Latimer, Bishop of Worcester, Reformation Martyrs, 1555	11.00am Mass Lady Chapel Cancelled 11.00am Beechwood Harvest Festival
Wednesday 17	Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, Martyr, c. 107	7.00pm Bible Study—Week 1 Vestry
Thursday 18	Luke the Evangelist	
Friday 19	Henry Martyn, Translator of the Scriptures, Missionary in India and Pakistan, 1812	7.00pm Mass Resurrection Chapel
Saturday 20		
Sunday 21	The Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Said Mass (Family Min) Fr John 11.00am Sung Mass Fr John 12.30pm Baptism of Alexander Hunter Lowe
Monday 22		10.00am 'Little Treasures' Toddlers' Group
Tuesday 23		11.00am Mass Lady Chapel
Wednesday 24		7.00pm Bible Study—Week 2 Vestry
Thursday 25	Crispin and Crispinian, Martyrs at Rome, c. 287	
Friday 26	Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons, Scholar, 899	11.30am Ladies' College Commemoration Service 7.00pm Mass Resurrection Chapel
Saturday 27		
Sunday 28	The Last Sunday after Trinity The Feasts of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles	9.30am Family Service Fr John 11.00am Sung Mass Fr John
Monday 29	James Hannington, Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa, Martyr in Uganda, 1885	10.00am 'Little Treasures' Toddlers' Group
Tuesday 30		11.00am Mass Lady Chapel
Wednesday 31	Martin Luther, Reformer, 1546	7.00pm Mass Lady Chapel

Looking Further Ahead



Nov 1	Thursday	7.00pm	Feast of All Saints Weekday Mass
Nov 2	Friday	7.00pm	Feast of All Souls (The Holy Departed) Weekday Mass
Nov 7	Wednesday	7.00pm	Bible Study Week 3 – Drawing Near to God
Nov 9	Friday	10.20am	Ladies' College Remembrance Day Service
Nov 10	Saturday	10.00am -12.00pm	Autumn Fayre – St Stephen's Community Centre
Nov 11	Sunday	12.30pm	Baptism of Ezra Garnham
Nov 14	Wednesday	7.00pm	Bible Study Week 4 – Drawing Near to God
Nov 17	Saturday	7.00pm	Supper and Evening of Jazz with Alison Castle and the Elastic Band in the St Stephen's Community Centre
Nov 21	Wednesday	7.00pm	Bible Study Week 5 – Drawing Near to God
Nov 24	Saturday	4.00pm	Taizé Service
Nov 28	Wednesday	7.00pm	Bible Study Week 6 – Drawing Near to God
Dec 11	Tuesday	7.30pm	Grammar School Carol Service
Dec 13	Thursday	2.30pm	Beechwood Carol Service
Dec 14	Friday	2.00pm	Melrose Carol Service
Dec 16	Sunday	2.30pm	Christmas Stocking
Dec 17	Monday	7.30pm	Ladies' College Carol Service
Dec 24	Monday	11.30pm	Midnight Mass of Christmas Eve, preceded by Carols at 11.00pm
Dec 25	Tuesday	10.30am	Combined Mass – Christmas Day
Dec 26	Wednesday	10.30am	Combined Mass – Feast of St Stephen

Travels in Iraq

In 1947 I was stationed in Baghdad to the General commanding the British Military Mission to the Iraqi Army. I worked in a private office next to the General with a middle-aged Quartermaster who was in charge. The General was a very kind man and gave us a staff car to share and to use as we wished on non-working religious holidays, of which there were many. The driver of the car, a 1942 Chevy four-door saloon, was an Iraqi soldier who was very knowledgeable about Iraqi history and keen to share it. We let him organise our trips.

On one such day, the driver turned up at the YMCA nice and early and said that today he had something special to show us. It was something very important to his religion, the Jewish religion, and to ours, the Christian religion.

We set off south alongside the river Euphrates. The river never dried completely in summer, so there was always some farming, both animal and arable. Much more in winter and spring than in summer, but Baghdad was a big city with an insatiable appetite. The farms moved into the streambed in the summer and out again before the rains came.

After a couple of hours we came to a town. The houses started to become more derelict as we journeyed inward. At last we started to climb a small hill until the road came to an end and we stopped. Immediately our car was surrounded by screaming children all wanting to show us the site. When our driver, who was in military uniform, got out of the car the hubbub moderated. The kids did not want to push their luck. Our driver entrusted the car to an able-bodied teenager and selected another to guide us. He said everyone knew how the game was played and we did not need to worry. The fees were moderate and would be shared. He would ensure that everything was done properly.

Our guide took us to the top of the hill. Below us was a road leading to the entrance steps of an impressive temple. The temple was roofless and behind the colonnades was a large room beyond which were further impressive halls. The building had been restored by King Faisal, and later embellished by Saddam Hussein. The room was ideal for feasting. Our attention was however drawn by our guide to the left of the temple. Here was a terraced hill with a temple at the summit.

Down the middle of the terraces ran a stream of running water which periodically flooded thus feeding beautiful flowering trees and bushes. The water for this magnificence was brought up from the Euphrates by an ingenious invention still used today called an Archimedes Screw. I cannot explain it not being an engineer, but it does work and requires the power of water alone to operate.

After the fascination of the Hanging Gardens of Babylon our attention was drawn by our guide to the opposite wall of the temple. It was here that God Himself (or an angel maybe) had condemned the emperor Belshazzar. God's finger wrote: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN. The interpretation of the word is: MENE: God hath numbered thy kingdom, and hath finished it. TEKEL: thou art weighed in the balance, and art found wanting. UPHARSIN: thy kingdom is divided, and is given to the Medes and Persians (Daniel Ch5 v25-28). That said it all.

Our thanks to our driver for an unforgettable day.

John Bamforth

Francis of Assisi (1181/1182-1226: Feast Day 4th October) needs no introduction. He is one of the most popular saints. He was the son of a prosperous Assisi silk merchant and spent his early life pursuing the pleasures open to someone of his standing. In his early twenties, he began to be disappointed in his life and became interested in spiritual matters. He embraced the life of a penitent and, in 1208 was inspired to devote himself to a life of poverty. He adopted the dress of the poorest Umbrian peasants, a coarse woollen tunic knotted with a rope, and travelled in the countryside preaching penance, brotherly love and peace in language people could understand. Francis's embrace of Christ-like poverty was a radical idea at the time. His example drew others to him, and within a short period of time, he had eleven followers. The brothers lived a simple life in a deserted house near Assisi, continuing to spend much of their time wandering through the mountainous districts of Umbria, making a deep impression upon their hearers. In 1209 he composed a simple rule for his followers, which came from verses in the Bible. Francis of Assisi received admittance of his Franciscan Order by the Pope in 1209. He was canonised as a saint two years after his death.

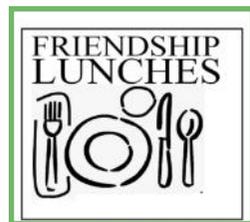
William Tyndale (c.1494–c.1536: Feast Day 6th October) was an English scholar, a leading figure in the Protestant Reformation and is well-known for his translation of the New Testament into English (the latter accomplishment being against the law, viewed as an attack on the Catholic Church and the laws of England which at the time upheld the Catholic Church's position). He was educated at Oxford and Cambridge and was ordained as a priest in 1521. He was pursued for heresy, lived in hiding for many years, and was finally arrested and sentenced to death. He had started a translation of the Old Testament and, interestingly, even though Tyndale's translation of the Old Testament remained unfinished at his death, his work formed the basis of all subsequent English translations of the Bible, including the 'King James' version of 1611.

Teresa of Avila (1515–1582: Feast Day 15th October) was one of the great Christian mystics. She became a Carmelite nun early in her adult life. At the age of 43, she decided she wanted to found a new order recommitting to the values of poverty and simplicity. She wanted to move away from her present convent, which made a life of prayer difficult. Initially, her aims were greeted with widespread opposition from within the town of Avila. However, with the support of some priests, the opposition waned, and she was allowed to set up her first convent. She proved to be an influential leader and founder and devoted much of the rest of her life to travelling around Spain, setting up new convents based on the ancient monastic traditions.

Saint Magloire (late 6th century: Feast Day 24th October) was born in Clamorgan (Wales) and is thought to be the cousin (or nephew) of St Sampson, who introduced Christianity to Guernsey and Sark. He succeeded St Sampson as the bishop of Dol in Brittany. Later in life, he withdrew from Brittany to a monastic life on the isle of Sark, where he founded a monastery in the north-west of the island in a wooded valley which still bears the name of *la Moinerie*. He is the patron saint of Sark. His Feast Day is celebrated locally on 24th October, and on 27th October in the Diocese of Quimper and Léon.

Friendship Lunch

The next Friendship Lunch will be on Tuesday, 9th October at 12.00pm in the Community Centre. For planning purposes, kindly let Jean Le Huray (Tel. 255207) know you are coming before that date. £6.50 for an excellent meal.



Dedication Sunday

On Sunday, 7th October we will be having our Dedication service with a combined Mass at 10.30am. Afterwards there will be lunch in the Community Centre (see below for details). We do hope everyone will come to make it a really special Church family occasion.

Menu - Cold Meat, Salad, Jacket Potatoes, Apple Pie & Cream

Tickets - Adults £8, Children £4, under 5s free.

Available from Sunday 23rd September

Please contact Jean Le Huray with any dietary requirements Tel 255207

Saturday 13th October – Quiz Night

7.00pm for 7.30pm

Please tell friends, family, work colleagues and make up teams of six.

Bean Jar, Meat/Vegetarian Chili £8 per person

Donations Bar and Raffle – Proceeds go to St Stephen's Church

Please let Steph Dragun or Ann Goss know if you are coming.

Our Autumn Fayre

This will be held on Saturday, 10th November from 10.00am – 12.00pm in the Community Centre. It is hoped that the earlier date and time will mean people can buy Christmas presents sooner, and also it will not clash with the arrival of Father Christmas! Please will everyone start making items for the stalls so that we have a good supply of merchandise for sale to make the Fayre a big success. The stalls will be:

Bric a brac

Bottles

Books

Christmas gifts

Cakes and preserves

Jewellery and scarves

Raffle

Teas and coffees

Tony and Marg Kaines

Stephanie Dragun

Judith Keen

Annie Peatfield

Eileen Samman

Judith Laine

Fliss Millard and Zee Lanoe

Jean Le Huray and Ann Goss

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham 8th – 12th October

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St Stephen's Church
Bible Study and Prayer Groups 2018
'DRAWING NEAR TO GOD'
*A six-week study on Wednesday evenings
7.00pm - 8.15pm, concluding with Compline*



17 th October	<i>Preparing for the Journey</i>
24 th October	<i>The Gates of Thanksgiving</i>
7 th November	<i>The Court of Praise</i>
14 th November	<i>The Altar of Sacrifice</i>
21 st November	<i>The Holy Place</i>
28 th November	<i>The Holy of Holies</i>

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Childhood Memories at St Stephen's

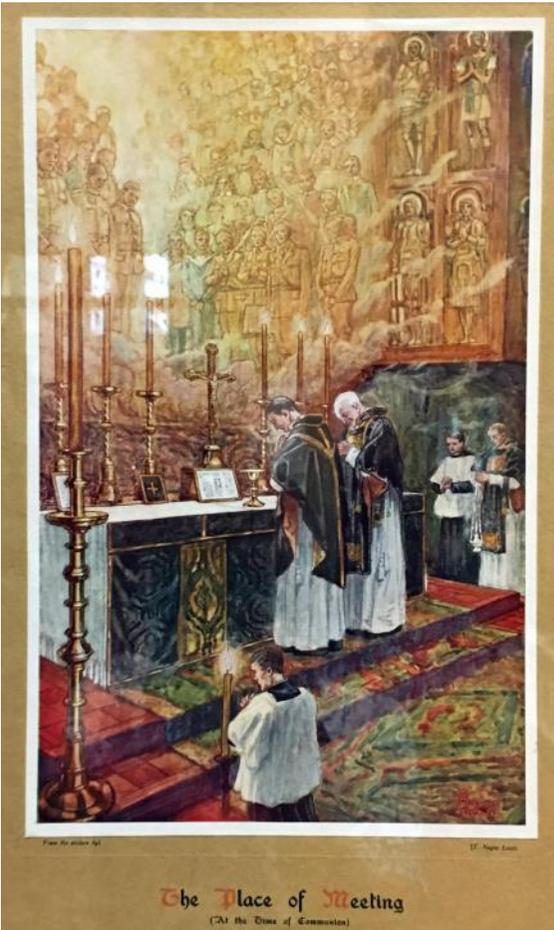
I wonder if you have ever noticed the print that hangs in the church, which is entitled '*The Place of Meeting*' (*At the time of Communion*)' by T. Noyes Lewis and was published as a print shortly after World War I. It hangs by the entrance of the door to the choir loft and is obscured when the door is open. It is something that made an impression on me from an early age depicting as it does the servers and the priest at the consecration with the vision of the fallen behind the altar.

I think that this image must have contributed, as I grew older, to lead me to be a great believer in the communion of saints. I suspect that it has also a bearing

on my preference for the priest and people to be joined together facing east at the consecration.

Twice a year we sing hymns kneeling as a prayer, which I find focus very much on this thought. The first being Dedication Sunday when we sing Hymn 208 'In the day of thanksgiving one psalm let us offer' and on Remembrance Sunday when we sing hymn 526 'The Russian Contakion of the departed'. The words of both are very poignant and moving to sing (never, in my opinion, a reason for not singing them) and to my mind a fitting celebration on these two important occasions. Singing these hymns is yet another fond memory I have from my time as a little lad in the choir and I hope that St Stephen's will carry on these traditions in the future.

Tony Kaines



Gift Month 2018

As usual we are keeping October as our Gift Month.

May we thank you all for your very generous support and giving, be it your time, talents or monetary gifts without which our church ministries could not continue.

You have seen the charts describing our current financial situation, which the APCC requested to be circulated with the weekly bulletins. It will be no surprise to learn we are running a deficit (expenditure exceeding income) again so far this year.

We manage to cover over one-half of our expenditure from our weekly giving, while the rest has to be made up from fundraising events, concerts, church fees (weddings and funerals), donations, and Gift Month. We try our very best to keep spending to a minimum, but as you know from your own experience the list of expenditure seems endless: insurance, rates, utilities, consumables (candles, printing expenses of magazine, bulletins, etc.), outreach, Quinquennial Reports and the maintenance of an old building, to mention a few. We also have an obligation to pay our share towards priest stipends, retirement funds and the support of the wider Deanery and Diocese. It soon mounts up!

We were reminded last year at a Stewardship meeting that God has given us a beautiful island to live in, a blessed life (certainly if you look at the world as a whole) and a wonderful place for us all to come together and worship.

How much then do we give back to God? Well, that is between you and Him.

You will find an envelope in this magazine (or on the black chest at the back of church) for you to use to make your gift. Please give it to Fr John or one of the Church Wardens some time during the month.

May God bless our endeavours.

Thank you.

Hugh Latimer

The Last of the Anglican Medieval Evangelists

Hugh Latimer (1485-1555: Feast Day 16th October) martyred by burning in Oxford during the Marian persecution on 16th October 1555 and commemorated on that day in the Anglican Calendar, had been bishop of Worcester. He resigned when the Act of Six Articles was passed during the reign of Henry VIII. Because of this, he experienced alternate periods of imprisonment and freedom until the accession of Edward VI when he was again offered the See of Worcester. This he declined by reason of age and infirmity and his 'desire to devote himself to preaching and to aiding the injured and oppressed amongst the ordinary subjects of the king'.

He used on extensive scale what the Middle Ages had known and enjoyed as 'exempla'. This was the use of fables, folktales, racy anecdotes, miraculous stories, often salted with personal reminiscences. There were famous collections of these produced particularly for preachers, dating to the 6th century 'Dialogues' of Pope Gregory the Great in which, although himself a man of immense ability, he told of many curious miracles in the life of St Benedict for the benefit and simple credulity of his monks of St Andrew. Other collections of 'exempla' became famous too, such as Nicholas Bozon's 14th century 'Les contes moralisés' and, in the previous century, Odo of Cheriton's 'Parabolae'. Geoffrey Chaucer had satirical fun with them in the 'Miller's Prologue and Tales' in the *Canterbury Tales*, while wandering mediaeval friars with their pernicious habit of playing to the gallery, made good use of 'exempla' often at the expense and annoyance of ill-educated parish priests.

Preaching before Edward VI and his court in April 1549, Latimer made his point by the use of autobiographical allusions, while disregarding the fables and the more vulgar anecdotes. 'My father' he said, 'was a yeoman, and had no land of his own, only he had a farm of three or four pounds a year at the uttermost, and thereon he tilled so much as kept half a dozen men. He had pasture for a hundred sheep and my mother milked 30 kine. He kept me at school or else I had not been able to preach before the king's majesty now. Nor were bodily exercises neglected. My poor father taught me to shoot, and how to lay my body to the bow.' The sermon was on what he regarded as the great evil of the day, and the source of all other evils: the neglect of bishops and the continual absence of the clergy from their parishes while taking care to draw their stipends.

'I heard of a bishop of England that went on visitation, and as it was the custom when the bishop should come, for the great bell to be rung; but the great bell's

clapper was fallen down, the tail was broken, so that the bishop could not be rung into the town. There was a great matter made of this, and the chiefs of the parish were much blamed for it. The bishop was quick with them and signified he was much offended. They made their answers and excused themselves as well as they could...but there was one wiser than the rest, and he comes to the bishop and said "Why, my lord doth your lordship make so great a matter about the bell that lacketh its clapper? Here is a bell", said he, and pointed to the pulpit "that hath lacketh a clapper this twenty years. We have a parson that draweth out of this benefice fifty pounds every year, but we never see him." 'I warrant you', said Latimer, 'that the bishop was an unpreaching prelate, because never has the office of preaching been so disregarded.'

He then proceeded further to a personal reminiscence. He recalled riding on a journey homeward from London and giving advance notice that he would preach in a certain town the next morning. He expected to find a crowd gathered at the church, but the door was still fast locked. When at length the key was produced one of the company comes to me, and says 'Sir, this is a busy day with us; it is Robin Hood's day. The parish had gone abroad to gather for Robin Hood.' I thought my rochet (a bishop's surplice) should have been regarded though I were not. 'It is no laughing matter, my friend. It is a weeping matter that they prefer Robin Hood, a traitor and a thief, before the ministration of God's word, and all this cometh of negligent prelates.' It was only to be expected that such frequent assaults upon the pastoral failures of his brethren exposed Latimer to their dislike and hostility.

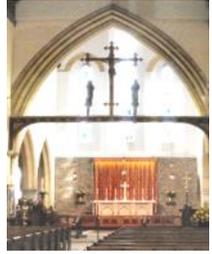
Fr Leslie Craske

Luke the Evangelist (Feast Day 18th October) the physician and companion of St Paul whose gospel preserved the most extensive biography of Jesus Christ. St Luke wrote a greater volume of the New Testament than any other single author, including the earliest history of the Church.

Luke came from the large metropolitan city of Antioch, a part of modern-day Turkey. Educated as a physician in the Greek-speaking city, Luke was among the most cultured and cosmopolitan members of the early Church. Scholars of archeology and ancient literature have ranked him among the top historians of his time period.

Luke was also among the only companions of Paul who did not abandon him during his final imprisonment and death in Rome. After the martyrdom of St Paul in the year 67, St Luke is said to have preached elsewhere throughout the Mediterranean, and probably died as a martyr. Fittingly, the evangelist whose travels and erudition could have filled volumes, wrote just enough to proclaim the gospel and apostolic preaching to the world.

View from the Pew



I've Learned

I've learned... That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.

I've learned... That no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.

I've learned... That life is tough, but I am tougher.

I've learned... That opportunities are never lost, some will take the ones you miss.

I've learned... That when you harbour bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.

I've learned... That I wish I could have told my Mum that I love her one more time before she passed away.

I've learned... That I should keep my words both soft and tender, because tomorrow I may have to eat them.

I've learned... That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

I've learned... That when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, you're hooked for life.

I've learned... That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while your climbing it.

I've learned... That the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.

Having spent most of his ministry as a curate and in chaplaincy in his home island, until taking charge of two churches in Birmingham, it occurred to Fr John Luff that it might be interesting to find out about others who had served in a similar way in Guernsey. This led him to compile lists of all known clergy who have served as curates in the island parishes. Fr Luff has also collected information on all the incumbents, and other clergy who have lived in the island in retirement. The Parish Magazine is grateful to Fr John for sharing the fruits of his research with us.

The Revd Otho W. Steele

Otho William Steele was the first curate-in-charge of St Stephen's to hold the post for an appreciable length of time.

He was born in 1839 at Belford, Northumberland, the son of Major Matthew Steele, 91st Regiment of Foot, and Anne Gilmore. He had two brothers, one in the army and one in banking, and four sisters, one who died in infancy, one who married a priest, and two spinsters.

He was educated at Christ's Hospital (the Bluecoat School) and at Trinity College, Dublin, where he graduated BA in 1863, and MA 1871. Having passed the Divinity Testimonium (2nd Class) in 1864, he was ordained Deacon at Norwich in that year and took Priest's Orders a year later. His first curacy was at Burnham Sutton, Norfolk, where he remained for the customary two years. He then moved to St Stephen's Guernsey from 1866-1872.

He married at St Stephen's on 16th January 1867, his bride being Flora, daughter of William Moir, of the Ceylon Civil Service. The Revd Charles Sidney Guille, senior curate at the Town Church, officiated. The Moir family, originally from Scotland, lived for many years in Amherst, St Peter Port. Otho and Flora Steele had three children, Flora Louisa, who died in infancy, Cicely Mary, who married an army officer, and Otho Frederick William, who became a motor engineer.

When he left St Stephen's in 1872, some eighty parishioners signed a memorial of their esteem and regard for him, and at a special meeting, Captain Sausmarez, with many kind words, presented him with a gold watch, a silver salver and a purse of £50 - substantial tokens of the estimation in which his services were held.

Mr Steele then took a short curacy at Warboys, a large village on the edge of the fens in the historic county of Huntingdonshire, where he remained for several months before becoming Vicar of Knutton, a colliery district formed out of the parishes of Wolstanton and Silverdale, near Newcastle-under-Lyme. He remained at Knutton for five years, and was then presented to the Rectory of Wolstanton, a large parish involved in the pottery and mining industries. While he was there, owing to the pressing needs of a rapidly increasing population, he was instrumental in building the additional church of St Andrew, Porthill, which was consecrated in 1886. He was Rural Dean of Newcastle-under-Lyme from 1890-1892.

After fifteen years at Wolstanton, he was appointed Rector of St Michael's Lichfield. During his tenure the spire of the church was restored and a new weathercock fitted, following a heavy storm, and the church was much improved and adorned with many valuable gifts.

Mr Steele took an active interest in many diocesan and civic societies and institutions. For many years he represented the Rural Deanery of Lichfield on the Diocesan Council. He was a member of the Diocesan Finance Committee, and he took an active interest in the Diocesan Church Extension Society. He was trustee of the Lichfield Conduit Lands, and initiated the proposal which led to the trustees making a substantial grant towards the erection of the new buildings of the Grammar School. He was chairman of the Girls' High School, and on the occasion of the grouping of the Church Elementary Schools in the City he was appointed chairman of the Board of Managers, positions which he relinquished on medical advice. He was Chaplain of the Lichfield Union Workhouse from 1898 to 1912.

He resigned the living in 1913, owing to advancing years and ill-health. On the occasion of his leaving his parishioners presented him with an illuminated address, and a cheque for 100 guineas.

He retired to Boscombe, where he died on 25th May 1922.

Fr John Luff

'Anglo-Catholic' ...matters

St Stephen's Church has a long and rich Anglo-Catholic tradition. Each month, the Parish Magazine will feature an article about one aspect of this tradition, which contributes so much to our corporate worship and the life of our church community.



The Rood Screen

The word 'rood' is derived from the Saxon word rood or rode, meaning 'cross'. The rood screen is so called because it was surmounted by the Rood itself, a large figure of the crucified Christ. Commonly, to either side of the Rood, there stood supporting statues of saints, normally Our Lady and St John.

Until the 6th century, the altar of Christian churches would have been in full view of the congregation, separated only by a low altar rail around it. Large churches had a ciborium, or canopy on four columns, over the altar, from which hung altar curtains which were closed at certain points in the liturgy. Then however, churches began to surround their altars with a colonnade which supported a decorated beam, along which a curtain could be drawn to veil the altar at specific points in the consecration of the Eucharist; and this altar screen, with widely spaced columns, subsequently became standard in the major churches of Rome.

The colonnaded altar screen was superseded from the 10th century onwards, when the practice developed of raising a canopy or *baldacchino*, carrying veiling curtains, over the altar itself.

Following the exposition of the doctrine of transubstantiation at the fourth Lateran Council of 1215, clergy were required to ensure that the reserved sacrament was to be kept protected from irreverent access or abuse; and accordingly some form of permanent screen came to be seen as essential, as the parish nave was commonly kept open and used for a wide range of secular purposes.

Hence the origin of the chancel screen was independent of the Great Rood; indeed most surviving early screens do not appear ever to have had a rood cross mounted on them. Nevertheless, over time, the rood beam and its sculptures tended to become incorporated into the chancel screen in new or reworked churches.

The decrees of the Council of Trent (1545–1563) enjoined that the celebration of the Mass should be made much more accessible to lay worshippers; and this was widely interpreted as requiring the removal of rood screens as physical and visual barriers. Almost all medieval churches in Italy were subsequently re-ordered following this model; and most screens that impeded the view of the altar were removed, or their screening effect reduced, in other Catholic countries.

The rood screen was a physical and symbolic barrier, separating the chancel, the domain of the clergy, from the nave where lay people gathered to worship. It was also a means of seeing; often it was solid only to waist height and richly decorated with pictures of saints and angels. Concealment and revelation were part of the mediaeval Mass. When kneeling, the congregation could not see the priest, but might do so through the upper part of the screen, when he elevated the Host on Sundays. In some churches, 'squints' (holes in the screen) would ensure that everyone could see the elevation, as seeing the bread made flesh was significant for the congregation.

At the English Reformation, the Reformers sought to destroy 'abused images', i.e. those statues and paintings which they alleged to have been the focus of superstitious adoration. Thus not a single mediaeval Rood survives in Britain. The rood screens themselves were sometimes demolished or cut down in height, but more commonly remained with their painted figures whitewashed and overpainted with religious texts.

In the century following the English Reformation, newly built Anglican churches were invariably fitted with chancel screens, which served the purpose of differentiating a separate space in the chancel for communicants at Holy Communion, as was required in the newly adopted *Book of Common Prayer*. In effect, these chancel screens were rood screens without a surmounting loft or crucifix.

In the 19th century, Augustus Welby Northmore Pugin campaigned for the re-introduction of rood screens into Catholic church architecture. In Anglican churches, under the influence of the Cambridge Camden Society, many mediaeval screens were restored; though until the 20th century, generally without roods or with only a plain cross rather than a crucifix.

At St Stephen's Church, it was initially intended to install a Rood to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the church in 1915. However, the War made this difficult to complete and work was delayed, when it was decided to make the crucifix in particular a memorial to Fr Frank Edward Lowe, who served the church for 38 years (1880-1918).

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The Guild of Intercession

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Year unknown: Cardew Hutchinson, 30/10

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN GLORY

Parish Registers

**A REGISTER
of Persons
BAPTIZED.**

Baptisms

Brodi Ian Stephen Smith – 16th September 2018

1691.
*of the Daughter of Mr. Robert Pender
of St. James in Warwick baptiz'd by
Wm. Pender*
1695
the daughter of Mr. Robert Pender

Weddings

None

Funerals

None



October Bible Readings

Sunday 7th October	The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity	Genesis Ch28 v11-18 1 Peter Ch2 v1-10 John Ch10 v22-29
Sunday 14th October	Twentieth Sunday after Trinity	Amos Ch5 v6-7, 10-15 Hebrews Ch4 v12-16 Mark Ch10 v17-31
Sunday 21st October	The Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity	Isaiah Ch53 v4-12 Hebrews Ch5 v1-10 Mark Ch10 v35-45
Sunday 28th October	The Last Sunday after Trinity	Isaiah Ch28 v14-16 Ephesians Ch2 v19-22 John Ch15 v17-27



Hymns and Liturgical Music

October

SUNDAY 11.00am Sung Mass	7th October	14th October	21st October	28th October
	The Nine- teenth Sunday after Trinity	The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity	The Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity	The Last Sunday after Trinity
HYMN	C. 13 Procession	318	265	346
PROPER	716	712	713	717
OFFERTORY	205	296 1st Tune	433	197
COMMUNION	471	306	459	463 2nd Tu ne
POST- COMMUNION	208 Kneeling 206	S. 23	372	140
9.30am SAID MASS		433 S. 23	265 MP 367	420 S. 49

Guilds, Clubs & Activities at St Stephen's

RAINBOWS	Lesley Le Huray Tel: 254333	Wednesday 4.00pm - 5.00pm	Community Centre 5-7 years old
BROWNIES	Tamara Beach Tel: 07911 711052	Wednesday 5.00pm - 6.30pm	Community Centre 7 - 10 years old
GUIDES	Debbie Robillard Tel: 714850 + 07911 132440 beans975@gmail.com	Friday 6.00pm - 7.30pm	Community Centre 10 - 14 years old
1 st VICTORIA SEA SCOUT GROUP	Pierre Woodland Tel: 722210	Beavers Monday 5.30pm - 6.45pm	Community Centre 6 - 8 years old
Group Scout Leader	Paula Woodland Tel: 722210	Cubs Monday 7.00pm - 8.30pm	Community Centre 8 - 10 years old
Rosalynne Le Huray Tel: 257939	Julie Hutchins Mob: 07781 430700	Sea Scouts Wednesday 7.00pm - 9.00pm	Community Centre 10 - 14 years old
SUNDAY CLUB	Andrea Bateman andrea.batement@yahoo. co.uk	Sunday 9.30am	Church Vestry
YOUTH ALIVE!	Fr John Moore Tel: 720268	As arranged	Various venues
ST STEPHEN'S GUILD	Marg Kaines Tel: 254858	As arranged	Church 'housekeeping'
SERVERS Guild of the Servants of the Sanctuary	Tony Kaines Tel: 254858	Monthly See notice board	Info: www.GSSonline.org .uk
SOCIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE	Tony Goss Tel: 266214	As arranged	St Stephen's Vestry
ST STEPHEN'S PLAYERS	Steph Dragun Tel: 255654 steph.dragun@cwgsy.net	As arranged	Community Centre

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SUNDAY MASSES

9.30am	Said Mass with Family Ministry
11.00am	Sung Mass with Sermon

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday	11.00am	<i>The Book of Common Prayer</i>
Wednesday	7.00pm	<i>Common Worship</i>
Friday	7.00pm	<i>Common Worship</i>