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From the Editor

Loaves and Fishes: We took the theme for this issue of the *Parish Magazine* from a wonderful sermon that Fr Marc preached at the Family Service on 29th July – reported far and wide so that, even though Fr John and I were not there, we heard how well it had gone, how small things can make for big results, how simple beginnings and a firm faith can produce the unexpected. And so we thought: ‘what a rich subject to delve into!’ And herein are offered thoughts on the simple story of the loaves and fishes, and miraculous endings to modest starts.

Claudia Moore

Jehovah Jireh



After years of waiting, Abraham finally had the son that God had promised to him. But then, God asked him to offer his only son as a burnt offering. Without any question or bargaining, Abraham arose early the next morning. He prepared the things needed for the offering and together with Isaac and two servants, journeyed to the place where God had told him to go.

As Abraham approached his destination, he told his servants that he and Isaac were going to worship and would soon return. As they walked, Isaac asked about the lamb for the burnt offering, to which Abraham replied, 'the Lord will provide'.

When they arrived at Mount Moriah, Abraham built an altar and laid Isaac on top. When he was about to offer Isaac, the angel of the Lord stopped him. Abraham saw a ram caught in the bush and he sacrificed it as a burnt offering in place of Isaac. With gratitude, Abraham called the place 'Jehovah Jireh', a Hebrew term which means 'The Lord will provide' (Genesis 22. 14).

In difficult and uncertain times, we may find it hard to believe that God will indeed provide for us. And yet He does. Our God is faithful. He has not forgotten us. He knows *and sees* our circumstances. It is helpful to know that the English word 'provision' is actually the compound of two Latin words which mean 'to see beforehand'. God is the One who sees our needs beforehand and provides for us.

The story is told of a mother and her son who were about to cross a once shallow river that had burst its banks after some heavy rains. Until then, crossing the river had seemed routine. Having mustered enough courage to step into the water, the mother said to her son, 'Hold my hand, we are going to attempt to cross.' After a thought, the lad suggested to his mother, 'Let me hold your hand instead, in that way you will hold on to me whatever the circumstances. I am not sure I would not let go of your hand should anything happen during the crossing.'

The lad had put all his trust and confidence in his mother. So likewise can we put our trust and confidence in our heavenly Father. Jehovah Jireh will provide.

Er John Moore

Church Diary - September 2018

Saturday 1	Giles of Provence, Hermit, c. 710	10.00-11.30am Drop-In Coffee Morning
Sunday 2	The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Said Mass (Family Min) Fr John 11.00am Sung Mass Fr John
Monday 3	Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher, 604	10.00am 'Little Treasures' Toddlers' Group
Tuesday 4	Birinus, Bishop of Dorchester (Oxon), Apostle of Wessex, 650	11.00am Mass Lady Chapel 12.00pm Friendship Lunch - Community Centre
Wednesday 5		7.00pm Mass Lady Chapel
Thursday 6	Allen Gardiner, Founder of the South American Missionary Society, 1851	
Friday 7		7.00pm Mass Resurrection Chapel
Saturday 8	The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
Sunday 9	The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Said Mass (Family Min) Fr John 11.00am Sung Mass Fr John
Monday 10		10.00am 'Little Treasures' Toddlers' Group
Tuesday 11		11.00am Mass Lady Chapel
Wednesday 12		7.00pm Mass Lady Chapel
Thursday 13	John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, Teacher, 407	
Friday 14	Feast of the Holy Cross	7.00pm Mass Resurrection Chapel
Saturday 15	Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258	7.30 pm RAFA Concert
Sunday 16	The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Said Mass (Family Min) Fr John 11.00am Sung Mass Fr John 12.30pm Baptism of Brodi Ian Stephen Smith
Monday 17	Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Visionary, 1179	10.00am 'Little Treasures' Toddlers' Group
Tuesday 18		11.00am Mass Lady Chapel
Wednesday 19	Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690	7.00pm Mass Lady Chapel
Thursday 20	John Coleridge Patteson, first Bishop of Melanesia, and his Companions, Martyrs, 1871	
Friday 21	Feast of St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	7.00pm Mass Resurrection Chapel
Saturday 22		4.00pm Taizé Service
Sunday 23	The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Family Service Fr John 11.00am Sung Mass Fr John 12.30pm Sunday Club Lunch
Monday 24		10.00am 'Little Treasures' Toddlers' Group
Tuesday 25	Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, Spiritual Writer, 1626	11.00am Mass Lady Chapel
Wednesday 26	Wilson Carlile, Founder of the Church Army, 1942	7.00pm Mass Lady Chapel
Thursday 27	Vincent de Paul, Founder of the Congregation of the Mission (Lazarists), 1660	
Friday 28		7.00pm Mass Resurrection Chapel
Saturday 29	Feast of Michael and All Angels	
Sunday 30	The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity Harvest Festival	10.30am Combined Mass

Looking Further Ahead



Oct 7	Sunday	12.00pm	Dedication Festival Lunch in the St Stephen's Community Centre
Oct 8-12			Guernsey Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham
Oct 13	Saturday	7.00pm	Quiz Evening at the St Stephen's Community Centre
Oct 16	Tuesday	11.00am	Beechwood Harvest Festival
Oct 17	Wednesday	7.00pm	Bible Study Week 1 - Drawing Near to God
Oct 24	Wednesday	7.00pm	Bible Study Week 2 - Drawing Near to God
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 14	Wednesday	7.00pm	Bible Study Week 4 - Drawing Near to God
Nov 17	Saturday	7.00pm	Supper and Evening 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 - 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 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

Loaves and Fishes

‘Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not yet perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened? Do you have eyes, and fail to see? Do you have ears and fail to hear? And do you not remember? When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you collect?’ They said to him, ‘Twelve.’ ‘And the seven for the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you collect?’ And they said to him, ‘Seven’. Then he said to them, ‘Do you not yet understand?’ (Mark 8. 17-21)

The miracle of the loaves and fishes appears in all four gospels, the only miracle other than the Resurrection considered important enough to appear in all four. Why was it considered so important?

This miracle was both a *reminder* and a *promise*:

- It was a *reminder* of the manna in the wilderness, so people would see the connection between Moses and Jesus: Moses, who was to bring the people to the Promised Land; and Jesus, who was to be the ransom for our sins and to give us eternal life.

- It was also a *reminder* of the prophet Elisha, who fed a hundred men with twenty loaves of barley and ‘had some left’ (2 Kings 4. 42-44), a miracle performed ‘according to the word of the Lord’.

- A *promise*, as a miraculous foreshadowing and anticipation of the great gift of the Eucharist (‘...he ordered the crowd to sit down on the ground; and he took the seven loaves, and after giving thanks he broke them ...’). In the Blessed Sacrament, the everlasting covenant anticipated by Isaiah and others comes to full fruition. In it, divine gift and abundance are perfectly realised and offered.

The miracle is also about *provision*. God did not suddenly multiply the loaves and fishes all up front; he *kept them from running out*’.

Why is this so monumental that it is included, like the Resurrection, in all four gospels? Because we so often forget that **God will provide**. We feel insignificant and unworthy and we lack trust that God will always be there to equip us, no matter how great the challenge or how unqualified we esteem ourselves to be. Jesus had compassion on the crowd, and acted. We see an opportunity to provide our input into a situation, to share our faith with someone, to perform however tiny or however great an action, and we need to believe that God will provide. Corrie Ten Boom, the Dutch Christian who lived through horrible times in World War II, used to say that God always provides, but He may not give you the ticket until you are about to board the train.

We need to be expectant of God's ever-faithful provision, even if we do not see it materialising in advance. Jesus did not have the loaves and fishes distributed to the crowd in advance of their hunger; he performed the miracle at the time they needed to eat before starting on the long road to their homes.

Jehovah Jireh does not mean 'the Lord can provide', nor 'the Lord did provide'. It means:



Always.

Friendship Lunch

The next Friendship Lunch will be on Tuesday, 4th September at 12.00pm in the Community Centre. For planning purposes, kindly let Jean Le Huray (Tel. 255207) know you are coming before that date.



Menu: Cottage Pie or Vegetarian Option, Trifle
£6.50 for an excellent meal



Association

Tribute in Brass

in aid of the

RAFA Charity Wings Appeal

St Stephen's Church

Saturday 15th September at 7.30pm

Featuring Guernsey Concert Brass with Bel Canto

Music to celebrate the centenary of the formation of the RAF

Directed by Tim Wright

£5.00 – tickets available at the door

Parking available at Ladies' College

Taizé comes to Guernsey!



A service of music interspersed with times of silence, prayer, meditation and adoration in the style of the Taizé Community.

Saturday 22nd September 2018

4.00-5.00pm

St Stephen's Church, St Peter Port

Harvest and Dedication

As we move into Autumn it is nearly time to observe these two Church events. Harvest is to be celebrated on 30th September and our gifts will be items for the Food Bank which we have been supporting throughout the year (see page 15 for an update on their current needs).

The following 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.

Ann Goss

A Further Word about the Dedication Lunch

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 (Tel 255207) with any dietary requirements



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 Dragon or Ann Goss know if you are coming.

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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Editor's note:

The 'Do You Know...?' column was made very easy for me this time round: John Greany kindly skipped the interview altogether and gave me the following personal testimony for this article.

Roots; or Who do I think I was?

I am not a proper Guernseyman; I have, however, adopted Guernsey by marriage and by permanent residence for 20 years, and hope that Guernsey has adopted me. My own genealogy is rather mixed. On my father's side my great grandfather was a tanner in Buttevant, a small town near Mallow, north of Cork in Ireland. He married a lady from Dublin and their four sons all did well in the professions of Navy, Army, Law and Medicine.

My grandfather, Philip, joined the Indian Medical Service and became a leading surgeon there. He married a lady, Agnes, from a prominent Scottish family, the Wingates. (For some reason the family was, for a while, resident in Jersey.) Agnes's brother Sir Reginald was, in his day, much more famous and important than the Orde Wingate whose activities with the Chindits in Burma got a lot of publicity during World War I. Uncle Reggie was Kitchener's right-hand man in the Nile River war, which led to the victory over the 'Mad Mahdi' at the battle of Omdurman in 1898. Later, as Governor-General, he was the virtual ruler of the Sudan for many years and oversaw a huge development of that country's economy.

My grandparents lived most of their lives in India but kept a rented house in Ealing, West London, for leave and their children's education. Their eldest son Jack won the DSO in Gallipoli in 1915 but was killed a year later during the attempt to relieve the siege of Kut in Mesopotamia (now Iraq). His loss brought my grandfather to an early grave in 1919, and I never met him. Their daughter Norah became my favourite aunt. Although very attractive, like many others after the slaughter of World War I, she remained a spinster all her days. However, she had an interesting life and met many famous men including Tubby Clayton of Toc H fame and the England cricketer Trevor Bailey. She kept the averages for Ealing Cricket Club almost to her life's end. My father was born in Poona in India but was educated in England. He was well grounded in the classics and even in his last years could tell you the gender of any Latin noun - having learned the gender rhymes in the Latin primer by heart at an early age.

After graduating from Oxford my father became a traffic apprentice on the North Eastern Railway (later the London & North Eastern Railway). He was based in Newcastle and among his fellow apprentices was one Laurie Marr, who lived in Alnwick, Northumberland, with two sisters and a brother. My father visited Laurie's home and in due course a romance flourished between Laurie's sister Elizabeth and him. She was a talented pianist and music teacher.

They were married in 1926 at Winchelsea in Sussex, where they along with Aunt Norah and several other of their contemporaries had holidayed for several summers in the early 1920s. My father held several posts along the North East coast over the next few years, during which time three children were born. I arrived in 1934 when my father was manager of the large railway dock at Hull. Soon afterwards he joined the Tyne River Commission and we moved to Newcastle. A short time later he was appointed Secretary to the Shipping Federation in the City of London. We moved to a rented house in Highgate where my parents stayed until 1948.

We began school at a local establishment in Highgate but, as the war developed and bombing seemed likely, we children, having been issued with our gasmasks, were evacuated to family friends in Oxford ('Uncle' Cyril and the formidable 'Aunt' D), under the care of Eva, a Russian Jewess refugee, who had been married to a member of the SS! Aunt D's only son was packed off to Canada for the duration but my mother got cold feet and refused to let us go. We were lucky as the war more or less passed us by in Oxford, although our London house suffered quite badly in the blitz. The only bit of action I remember was seeing an RAF Whitley bomber, with an engine on fire, heading downwards to the other side of Oxford. While we were watching the two dogs ate the chocolate cake set out for our tea in the garden. The sad thing was that with severe petrol rationing our parents could rarely make the journey to see us. When they did come their departure always led to floods of tears.

By the beginning of 1942 the worst of the blitz was over. We were split up to various schools and when the Easter holidays came around we were able to return to our home in Highgate - to find the ceilings supported by corrugated iron and pit props and bombed out houses all around. We slept in a Morrison shelter, like a large iron cage, and the guns banged all night; that was quite exciting and not very dangerous. My youngest sibling Andrew arrived in the middle of the 1944 V1 (Buzz Bomb) era. In the summer of 1944, to keep us out of the way, we were sent off to a kind of 'holiday camp' in a school in

Hertfordshire. One night a Buzz Bomb fell in a nearby cabbage field and we spent a happy morning looking for pieces (no Health and Safety then). Later that year we were able to holiday in Sussex; D Day had passed but long convoys of troops and vehicles were still moving down to the channel ports. My brother Michael and I walked up on the downs, which had been used for troop training and live firing. We came home with an armful of shells and bombs and were giving them a scrub under the tap when my father descended on us and removed them very quickly!

Time passed by with education, National Service and Sandhurst. My first overseas posting with the Wiltshire Regiment was to Cyprus; we lived in camps along the North Coast including Kyrenia, where our base was the picturesque castle by the harbour. It had been used as a detention centre for EOKA terrorists but, after a large number escaped (not on our watch I hasten to add), it reverted to being a military base. As luck would have it Hazel was living in Kyrenia with a military cousin, looking after their baby girl. She soon became a visitor to our mess in the castle and, during a truce in 1957, we were able to see much more of the island.

Hazel is half Irish and half true Guernsey. Her father Doctor Maurice Fox came from Ireland in 1929 to assist his brother Bill during a flu epidemic. He decided to stay in the practice and, at a friend's wedding, met his future bride, Frances Stevens-Guille - a direct descendant of the Guilles of St George in the Castel. Hazel and her sister Sylvia together with their parents were evacuated in 1940 as the German invasion became imminent. They returned in 1946 and Hazel's parents remained here (and attended St Stephen's) until they both died in the 1990s.

I was back in England for a medium machine gun course in 1957, when Hazel invited me to Guernsey for the August Bank Holiday. I accepted gladly but, being naïve, had no idea that, in addition to a ticket for the ferry, one also needed a sailing ticket to get on board, in those days of bucket and spade holidays for the masses! Luckily my father had an agent in Southampton who was able to obtain this precious document and I was able to board. So it was that at 6am on a sunny bank holiday in 1957 I arrived in Guernsey for the first time to see a large crowd waiting on the dock, among whom were Hazel, Sylvia and their father! Subsequently we visited the Fox family farm in County Wicklow and I then returned to Cyprus for another year. After negotiations with her father (and my commanding officer) were complete, we were engaged by post and married at St Stephens in 1959.

My maths were never a strong point, least of all algebra - however, by my reckoning, our 3 daughters are $\frac{1}{8}$ Scottish, $\frac{1}{4}$ Guernsey, $\frac{1}{4}$ English and $\frac{3}{8}$ Irish. However, the situation is not quite so simple as that because Hazel's great grandfather (The Rev George Guille, sometime Rector of Alderney) married an English lady, Sophia Stevens from Devon., and his son Hubert took the name of Stevens-Guille and also married an English lady - Catherine Rooke from Wiltshire.

John Greany



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



Professor Graham Dawber

It was with sadness that we learned of the death of Graham Dawber who has been a regular contributor to the St Stephen's Church magazine which he received each month. He responded with a copy of the magazine of his own church, the United Reformed Church, Alsager where Graham and his wife Audrey played very active roles (Graham as church organist while Audrey's culinary expertise is legendary). Needless to say articles were exchanged with editorial permission!

Graham and Audrey visited St Stephen's in July 2010 for the funeral of Graham's younger brother, Keith who was Head of Strings at the Guernsey Music Service.

We thank Graham for his many contributions and send our deepest sympathy to Audrey and their family.

A Word from Guernsey Welfare



We wanted as usual to continue to say thank you for your on-going support from the churches and people you represent. Your gifts keep arriving and it allows us to be generous! So sorry that we do not acknowledge them individually but do please pass our thanks on and assure people we do not take this for granted.

I think we will have more people coming in the short term due to the changes in rent brought in by the States and the organising of these as well as the tariff that will be coming in soon for waste. All these seemingly little things add up. We had someone in today who is £10 worse off but that makes a big difference to the family.

Just to say we seem to be short of squash, biscuits, pasta sauces, meat products and tins of carrots and peas. We are still doing well for tea, pasta, beans and cereal.

The weekly pick-ups from Waitrose, for their fresh food that is past its best before dates, have been such a blessing. We get regular bread supplies and for example this week new potatoes, green beans and tomatoes. This supplements the non-perishable food well.

So a huge thank you, we really do appreciate your kindness.

The Archangel Michael

(29th September – The Feast of St Michael and All Angels)

The Archangel Michael is mentioned three times in the book of Daniel, once in the book of Revelation, and once in the Epistle of St Jude.

In the Old Testament, the prophet Daniel experiences a vision after having undergone a period of fasting. Daniel 10. 13-21 describes Daniel's vision of an angel, who identifies Michael as the protector of Israel. In Daniel 12. 1, Daniel is informed that Michael, 'the great prince, the protector of your people', will arise during the time of the end. The idea that Michael was the advocate of the Jews became so prevalent that, in spite of the rabbinical prohibition against appealing to angels as intermediaries between God and his people, Michael came to occupy a certain place in the Jewish liturgy.

Both New Testament authors introduce Michael quite abruptly, taking it for granted that their readers know who he is. This is certainly due to the Archangel Michael's prominence in pre-Christian Jewish literature.

St John, the author of Revelation, wrote: 'And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon' (Revelation 12. 7). The mention of Michael in the Epistle of St Jude is as follows: 'But when the archangel Michael contended with the devil and disputed about the body of Moses, he did not dare bring a condemnation of slander against him, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"'.

These words refer to an episode in a Jewish apocryphal work called *The Assumption of Moses*, which is only partially preserved; it is not the part that survives, but ancient scholars such as Origen (Church Father, 184-253 C.E.), who had the complete text to hand, claim that it is in the work cited by St Jude.

One explanation of the story is that the devil sought to claim possession of Moses's body as that of a murderer, since he had killed the Egyptian (Exodus 2. 11-12), and it was for this that Michael said, 'The Lord rebuke you'. (In this context, it should be remembered that the Greek word for

devil - *diabolos* - means 'slanderer'). Another explanation is based on a tradition which goes all the way back to Tertullian (Church Father, 155-240 C.E.), that idolatry was taught to humankind by the devil; therefore, in the story cited by St Jude, the devil's purpose in trying to get the body of Moses would be to have the Jews worship it as an idol.

Why is Michael (an angel) a saint?

In the tradition of the Church, Michael and all angels are ranked as '*sancti*', or holy ones. In the Litany of the Saints, for instance, they are acclaimed and invoked as '*Sancti Michael*' (Holy Michael) and '*Omnes Sancti angeli et archangeli*' (All holy angels and archangels). The great ninth-century Office hymn at Michaelmas praises 'Christ, the fair glory of the holy angels' ('*Christe, sanctorum decus angelorum*', *New English Hymnal*, 190).

This implies no confusion of angels with human saints, but the ascription of holiness to the angelic host. This may help to explain how the language of devotion unintentionally caused the Archangel to become known as Saint Michael.



In the past, the liturgical provisions for Michaelmas were less than satisfactory. Now, newer texts for the Feast of St Michael and All Angels (such as those given in *Common Worship: Festivals*) offer a wealth of liturgical resources which are permeated with angelic themes.

Fr John Moore

The Archangel St Michael defeating Satan
Guido Reni, 1635

'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 Definition of the Assumption of Our Lady

On 15th August each year, Anglo-Catholic parishes around the world celebrate the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, more properly known as the Feast of the Assumption.

It is important to consider what the word 'assumption' actually means and involves. Many Catholics would say that our Lady did not die, but was 'assumed' into heaven because of her purity. Understood in this way, the 'assumption' is imagined to be a transition from earth to heaven, rather like a Marian ascension.



This impression is reinforced by many works of art, including the one shown at left (*The Assumption of the Virgin*) by the great Italian baroque artist Guido Reni (1575-1642). Mary is elevated by angels, while (it appears) she is very much alive.

There is nothing theologically wrong with the painting of Reni, but it does not tell the full story. To understand this, we have only to look at another painting of the Assumption (*The Assumption of the Virgin*) by the Italian painter Annibale Carracci (1560-1609).



At the top of the painting (see right), we have the familiar scene of the Virgin being drawn up to heaven by angels; but at the bottom, we see in addition a group of onlookers who surround a tomb. This scene begs the question, 'If Mary did not die, why would there be a tomb?'

In another painting (*The Assumption of the Virgin*) shown below, Giovanni Battista Piazzetta (1682-1754) portrays the Assumption in a similar manner. Here, we see not only the tomb, but there is also great shock (revealed by a dramatic gesture) that the tomb of Our Lady is empty.



Clearly, the reason for this is that the Blessed Virgin *did die* at the end of her earthly life (or at least these artists believed so). In fact, the death of Mary has always been the tradition of the Church, East and West. It can be traced back as far as the fourth century C.E., the period to which is attributed a document called 'The Account of St John the Theologian of the Dormition of the Mother of God'. The word 'dormition' literally means 'falling asleep', but the term is used to mean a peaceful death.

According to tradition, three days after the death of Mary, she was not in her sarcophagus, which instead was full of fragrant flowers, as we see in the painting featured at right (*Assumption of the Virgin*) by Francesco Granacci, made in 1515.



What Our Lady experienced is bodily resurrection, a participation in the bodily resurrection of Christ, which is offered to all of us.

In 1950, Pope Pius XII published the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*; and in it, he stated that Mary's body was incorrupt and was assumed into heaven. For most of us, unlike the Blessed Virgin, there will be bodily corruption beforehand; but we will have the joy of going to heaven, too.



The Guild of Intercession

John Le Page, 3/9/1925; John Francis Smith, 24/9/1926; Edward Kinnersley Corbin, 20/9/1930; Mabel Emily Hamilton, 13/9/1935; Bryan Wyatt, 12/9/1944; James William Felix (Priest/Vicar), 5/9/1948; Ada Madell, 6/9/1949; Mabel Florence Frere, 13/9/1950; Alice Margaret Reilly, 29/9/1950; Maria Jane Johns, 16/9/1951; Fanny Holmes, 19/9/1951; Francis Lane Carter, 12/9/1952; Marie Woodward, 28/9/1952; Mary Summers, 16/9/1953; Rex Douglas Bourgaize, 20/9/1954; John Quartier Renouf, 27/9/1954; Arthur Slade Brookfield, 2/9/1955; Alfred James Mauger, 6/9/1955; Albert Edward Harris, 5/9/1956; Henry Douglas Hamilton, 5/9/1957; Francis William Adams, 24/9/1957; Elizabeth Maud Lacey, 27/9/1958; Elizabeth Alger Brooks, 25/9/1959; Edith Bingham Tupper, 27/9/1960; Clifford Edgar Palmer, 8/9/1961; Marguerite Le Page, 15/9/1961; Grace Mildred Board, 3/9/1962; Judith Lovet, 2/9/1965; Mary Grace West, 30/9/1966; George Kemp, 22/9/1967; Alice Lilian Smith, 14/9/1970; Jack Hart, 30/9/1980; Peter James Dowdney, 6/9/1984; Francis Alfred Dowinton, 11/9/1984; Alfred Le Huray, 12/9/1986; Ronald Eric Smith, 16/9/1986; Nicholas Marc Eldid Harrison, 7/9/1987; Peter John Chambers, 22/9/1987; Jill Mary Inder, 1/9/1988; Kathleen Jean Cochrane, 21/9/1988; Philippe René Asplet, 14/9/1989; Nancy Olive Helen Le Page, 8/9/1990; Lucy May Spillane, 27/9/1991; Olive Mary Chapple, 21/9/1992; Beryl Ivy Renouf, 24/9/1993; Arnold Cecil Gill Le Gallez, 17/9/1995; Amy Emily Tabel, 22/9/1996; Mary Grace Kemp, 29/9/1999; Michael David George Miles, 30/9/2001; Edward George Kaines, 26/9/2002; Anne Janette Friend, 22/9/2003; Steven Bernard Woodward, 4/9/2007; Phyllis Gwendoline Couch, 12/9/2007; Owen William Cochrane, 14/9/2008; Raymond Adamson Farrow, 19/9/2008; John Le Page Spoelstra, 21/9/2008; Malcolm Ernest Dodd, 16/9/2009; William Mather Bell, 25/9/2009; Phyllis Blanche Goulding, 4/9/2010; Patrick William Foley, 4/9/2011; Jennifer Ann Stone, 7/9/2011; Christina Brenda Maud Redman, 23/9/2012; Ann Naftel, 26/9/2012; Pamela Rosemary Vaudin, 24/9/2016.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN GLORY

Parish Registers

**A REGISTER
of Persons
BAPTIZED.**

1691.
The Daughter of Mr. Thomas Pitt
of St. James in Warwick baptiz'd by
Aurib. P.
1693
The daughter of Mr. Robert Pender is

Baptisms

Riley Sean Dean Skipton - 22nd July 2018
Imogen Grace Turvey - 19th August 2018
Renée Ava Eborall - 26th August 2018
Taylor Lily Eborall - 26th August 2018

Weddings

Philip Anthony Kiddy and Lisa Debra Le Page - 11th August 2018

Funerals

None



September Bible Readings

Sunday 2nd September	The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity	Deuteronomy Ch4 v1-2, 6-9 James Ch1 v17-27 Mark Ch7 v1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Sunday 9th September	The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity	Isaiah Ch35 v4-7a James Ch2 v1-17 Mark Ch7 v24-37
Sunday 16th September	The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity	Isaiah Ch50 v4-9a James Ch3 v1-12 Mark Ch8 v27-38
Sunday 23rd September	The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	Wisdom Ch1 v16-Ch2 v1, 12-22 James Ch3 v13-Ch4 v3, 7-8a Mark Ch9 v30-37
Sunday 30th September	The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	Joel Ch2 v21-27 1 Timothy Ch2 v1-7 Matthew Ch6 v25-33



Hymns and Liturgical Music

September

SUNDAY 11.00am Sung Mass	2nd The 14th Sunday after Trinity	9th The 15th Sunday after Trinity	16th The 16th Sunday after Trinity	23rd The 17th Sunday after Trinity	30th The 18th Sunday after Trinity Harvest 10.30am
HYMN	151 Tune 238	334	149	332 Omit *	259
PROPER	706	707	708	709	710
OFFERTORY	285 2nd Tune	378	439 1st Tune	333	261
COMMUNION	341	376	328	431	260
POST- COMMUNION	456	466	234	377	262
9.30am Said Mass	285 1st Tune S.3 sung twice	378 S.5	439 1st Tune MP 367	Family Service 375 S.12	Combined Service

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.bateman @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>