



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 28th April 2019

## The Second Sunday of Easter

**Alleluia - Christ is Risen!  
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### Start of the Procession

Let us proceed in peace.

**In the name of Christ. Amen**

### 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.**

### 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** Family Service  
**Hymns:** **S.12: S.23**

**11.00am** Sung Mass with Sermon and Procession  
**Hymns:** **109: 101: 119 (omit \*): 121**

**12.30pm** Baptism of Alyssa-Brooke Reynolds

### 684 *Quasi Modo*

**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 to the Father...

**Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. And after eight days, when the doors were shut: stood Jesus in the midst of his disciples, and said, Peace be unto you. Alleluia. The Angel of the Lord descended from heaven: and came and rolled away the stone, and sat upon it. Alleluia.

**Offertory** The earth trembled, and was still: When God arose to judgement, alleluia.

**Communion** Christ, being raised from the dead, dieth no more, alleluia: death hath no more dominion over him, 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 Ch5 v27-32

<sup>27</sup>When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup>saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' <sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup>The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

## Second Reading - Revelation Ch1 v4-8

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.  
So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

## **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 This Week

**Monday 29th April 10.00am** 'Little Treasures' Toddlers' Group

**Tuesday 30th April 11.00am** Mass - BCP

**Wednesday 1st May 7.00pm** Mass

**7.30pm Church AGM**

**Friday 3rd May 7.00pm** Mass

**Sunday 5th May**

**The Third Sunday of Easter**

**9.30am** Said Mass with Family Ministry

**11.00am** Sung Mass with Sermon

### CHURCH AGM

The Church Annual General Meeting will be held at  
7.30pm Wednesday 1st May in the Vestry.

Report booklets for the AGM are available at the back of Church.

### THE GUERNSEY GLEE SINGERS

Conducted by Lydia Pugh

Sing, sing, sing

For 'The Tree of Jesse'

FEATURING JILL STEPHENSON AND  
THE GUERNSEY MUSIC CENTRE JUNIOR CHOIR  
CONDUCTED BY RACHEL WRIGHT

At St Stephen's Church

**Saturday 4TH MAY 2019 at 7.30 pm**

Minimum Donation of £6 including refreshments

Raising funds for St Stephen's William Morris windows restoration



The profit from the Friendship Lunches have enabled us to send £100 to Unicef. Many thanks to Jean.



### Lent Boxes

May we please have any Lent Boxes returned as soon as possible so we can send the monies off to MAF & Tumaini.



Stay in touch with St Stephen's: visit our website at  
<http://st-stephens-guernsey.org>

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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