



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 8th March 2020  
The Second Sunday of Lent

**9.30am** Said Mass with Family Ministry  
**Hymns:** **84: MP 1346**

**11.00am** Sung Mass with Sermon  
**Hymns:** **84: 72: 63: 434**

**12.30pm** Baptism of Jacob Piercy

## **677 Reminiscere**

**Introit** My heart hath talked of thee, seek ye my face; thy face, Lord, will I seek: O hide not thy face from me. Ps. The Lord is my light and salvation: whom then shall I fear? Glory be ... As it was... My heart hath...

**Gradual** Let the nations know that thou, whose Name is Jehovah: art only the Most Highest over all the earth.  $\Psi$  O my God, make them like unto a wheel: and as the stubble before the wind.

**Tract** Thou hast moved the land, O Lord: and divided it.  $\Psi$  Heal the sores thereof: for it shaketh.  $\Psi$  That they may triumph because of the truth: that thy beloved may be delivered.

**Offertory** My delight shall be in thy commandments, which I have loved: my hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved.

**Communion** Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of Man be risen again from the dead.

## **Please remember in your prayers**

Tony Renouf, Hazel and John Greany, Christine Shaw,  
Val Moullin, Brenda Penfold, Alisha De Guerin,  
Andy Mauger, Anthony De La Mare, Lorraine Lewis,  
a woman battling with alcoholism,  
Bridget, Roy Sarre, Melvyn Boxall, Chris Bellingier and Janice Firth.

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## Collect

Almighty God,  
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,  
that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted  
    into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things  
    that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Old Testament Reading - Genesis Ch12 v1-4a

<sup>1</sup>Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

## New Testament Reading Romans Ch4 v 1-5, 13-17

<sup>1</sup>What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.  
The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.  
Harden not your hearts.

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## **Gospel - John Ch3 v1-17**

<sup>1</sup>There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup>'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

## **Post Communion**

Almighty God,  
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves;  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,  
and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all adversities  
    which may happen to the body,  
and from all evil thoughts  
    which may assault and hurt the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Services This Week

**Monday 9th March 10.00am** Little Treasures Toddlers' Group

**Tuesday 10th March 11.00am** Mass - BCP

**Wednesday 11th March 7.00pm** Discussion Group followed by Compline

**Saturday 14th March 4.00pm** Walsingham Cell (Mass at The Vale Church followed by tea)

**Sunday 15th March**

**The Third Sunday of Lent**

**9.30am** Said Mass with Family Ministry

**11.00am** Sung Mass

### A request from Guernsey Welfare Service

The following donations will be especially appreciated: tinned peas, carrots, potatoes and any other tinned vegetables, chocolate biscuits and snacks for children. No baked beans, please. Many thanks.



*A spiritual journey towards restoration and renewal*

### Lent Bible Discussion Group

On Wednesday evenings from 7.00 - 8.15pm. Each discussion will be followed by a short service of Compline.



### Friendship Lunch

**Tuesday 10th March £6.50**

12.00pm in the St Stephen's Community Centre

Fish Pie or Vegetable Pie and Gâche Pudding

Please book by Sunday 8th March  
Contact Jean Le Huray Tel 255207

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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