



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 10th January 2021

## The First Sunday of Epiphany and The Feast of the Baptism of Christ

### Services Today

<b>9.30am</b>	Said Mass with Family Ministry
<b>Hymns:</b>	<b>49: S.30</b>
<b>11.00am</b>	Sung Mass with Sermon
<b>Hymns:</b>	<b>48: 49: 376: 114</b>
<b>12.30pm</b>	Baptism of Rylee-Rae de Garis

### **669 The First Sunday of Epiphany and The Feast of the Baptism of Christ**

**Introit** On a throne exalted I beheld, and lo, a man sitting, whom a legion of angels worship, singing together: behold, his rule and governance endureth to all ages.

**Psalm** O be joyful in God, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness. Glory be to the Father...

**Gradual** Blessed be the Lord, even the God of Israel: which only doeth wondrous things. *V.* The mountains also shall bring peace: and the little hills righteousness unto the people.

**Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. *V.* O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness. Alleluia.

**Offertory** O be joyful in God all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song: be ye sure that the Lord he is God.

**Communion** Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? Behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing: And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

## **Collect**

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,  
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;  
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 - Genesis Ch1 v1-5**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

## **New Testament Reading - Acts Ch19 v1-7**

<sup>1</sup>While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' <sup>3</sup>Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptised?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' <sup>4</sup>Paul said, 'John baptised with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' <sup>5</sup>On hearing this, they were baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— <sup>7</sup>altogether there were about twelve of them.

## **Gospel - Mark Ch1 v 4-11**

<sup>4</sup>John the baptiser appeared\* in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptised you with\* water; but he will baptise you with\* the Holy Spirit.'

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

## **Post Communion**

Lord of all time and eternity,  
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father  
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:  
by the power of your Spirit  
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth  
through the waters of the new creation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Please remember in your prayers**

Hazel and John Greany, Christine Shaw,  
Brenda Penfold, Alisha De Guerin, Val Moullin,  
a woman suffering from depression, Anthony De La Mare,  
Melvyn Boxall, Janice Firth, a woman battling with alcoholism,  
Maria, Jeanette, Alan Warner, Eileen Price, James and  
Gillian Harvey.

## Services This Week

**Monday 11th January 10.00am** 'Little Treasures' Toddlers' Group

**Tuesday 12th January 11.00am** Said Mass - BCP

**Saturday 16th January 2.00pm** Walsingham Cell at St Stephen's Church

**Sunday 17th January**

**The Second Sunday of Epiphany**

**9.30am** Said Mass with Family Ministry

**11.00am** Sung Mass with Sermon

### Payment to a Guernsey Charity Tax Forms

If you pay Guernsey Tax and have given £500 or more to the church in 2019, please remember to fill in a form (copies on the Black Chest ) and return it to John Greany, so we may claim the refund on your tax contributions for the church.

This is valuable income for the church at no cost to you.  
If you require any more information please speak to John or Tony.  
Thank you!

### Contributions to the February Parish Magazine

Nikki Attwooll has kindly accepted to prepare the February edition of the *Parish Magazine*.

Please send your contributions to  
[nikkiattwool@gmail.com](mailto:nikkiattwool@gmail.com).

Please join us for refreshments:

- *in the Vestry after the 9.30am and 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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