



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 25th April 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

## Services Today

**10.30am** Sung Mass with Sermon  
**Hymns: 457: 107: 282: 369**

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**Introit** The lovingkindness of the Lord filleth the whole world, alleluia. By the word of the Lord the heavens were stablished, alleluia, alleluia.

**Psalm** Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; for it becometh well the just to be thankful. Glory be...

**Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. V. The Lord hath sent redemption unto his people. Alleluia. V. I am the good Shepherd: and know my sheep and am known of mine. Alleluia.

**Offertory** O God, thou art my God, early will I seek thee: and lift up my hand in thy Name, alleluia.

**Communion** I am the good Shepherd, alleluia: and know my sheep, and am known of mine, alleluia, alleluia.

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## **Collect**

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## **First Reading - Acts Ch4 v5-12**

<sup>5</sup>The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem,  
<sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who  
were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners  
stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did  
you do this?' <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers  
of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good  
deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has  
been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel,  
that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus  
Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.  
<sup>11</sup>This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has  
become the cornerstone."

<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under  
heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

## **Second Reading - 1 John Ch3 v16-24**

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to  
lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God's love abide in  
anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need  
and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

<sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our  
hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater  
than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not  
condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him  
whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what  
pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his

Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.  
<sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them.  
And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

### **Gospel - John Ch10 v11-18**

Jesus said to the Pharisees,<sup>11</sup>I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes- it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

### **Post Communion**

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Services for this week

**Monday 26th April 10.00am** 'Little Treasures' Toddlers Group

**Tuesday 27th April 11.00am** Said Mass BCP

**Sunday 2nd May**

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**9.30am** Said Mass & Messy Church

**11.00am** Sung Mass with Sermon

## CHURCH AGM

The Church AGM will take place immediately after this morning Mass  
The AGM is open to **all** members of the church and those on the Electoral Roll  
are eligible to vote.

This is an opportunity for you all to have an input.  
Agenda & Reports booklets are available on the black chest

Drinks are available at the front of the church on the right.

## GUERNSEY BACH CHOIR & ORCHESTRA

**7.30PM SATURDAY 1ST MAY 2021**

CONDUCTOR ALAN GOUGH

Entrance by Programme £10



Please join us for refreshments:

- *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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