



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 12th January 2025

The First Sunday of Epiphany

9.30am Said Mass with Children's Church

11.00am Sung Mass

Hymns: 52: Responsorial Psalm 29: 55: 57: 48

Chorus

There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us.
There is a longing in our hearts for love, we only find in you, our God

669 Epiphany 1 The Baptism of Christ (The First Sunday of Epiphany)

Introit Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; wherefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

Psalm My heart overfloweth with a good matter; I speak of the things which I have made concerning the King. Glory be...

Gradual Blessed be the Lord God, 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.* I have found David my servant. With my holy oil have I anointed him. Alleluia.

Offertory Blessed be he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: we have wished you good luck, we that are of the house of the Lord. God is the Lord who hath showed us light, alleluia, alleluia.

Communion As many of you as have been baptised into Christ have put on Christ, alleluia.

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 - Isaiah Ch43 v1-7

But now, this is what the Lord says –
 he who created you, Jacob,
 he who formed you, Israel:
'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
 I have summoned you by name; you are mine.
²When you pass through the waters,
 I will be with you;
and when you pass through the rivers,
 they will not sweep over you.
When you walk through the fire,
 you will not be burned;
 the flames will not set you ablaze.
³For I am the Lord your God,
 the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour;
I give Egypt for your ransom,
 Cush^a and Seba in your stead.
⁴Since you are precious and honoured in my sight,
 and because I love you,
I will give people in exchange for you,
 nations in exchange for your life.
⁵Do not be afraid, for I am with you;
 I will bring your children from the east
 and gather you from the west.
⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up!"
 and to the south, "Do not hold them back."
Bring my sons from afar
 and my daughters from the ends of the earth –
⁷everyone who is called by my name,
 whom I created for my glory,
 whom I formed and made.'

Responsorial Psalm 29: 'May the Lord bless his people with peace'

New Testament Reading - Acts Ch8 v14-17

¹⁴ When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. ¹⁵ When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, ¹⁶ because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷ Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Gospel - Luke Ch3 v15-17 & v21-22

¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered them all, 'I baptise you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.'

²¹ When all the people were being baptised, Jesus was baptised too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; 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

Fr John & Carol Luff, Willa Owen, Brian Garner, Jill Stephenson, Paulo De Augustino, John Greany, Pamela Parkes, Margaret Morris, David Amory and David Streek

NOTICES

Monday to Friday 8.00am - Morning Prayer
Tuesday 14th January 11.00am - Said Mass
Saturday 18th January 10.00am - Coffee and Chat in Church

19th January 2025
The Second Sunday of Epiphany
9:30am Said Mass with Children's Church
11.00am Sung Mass

Deanery Electoral Roll 2025

By 23rd March 2025, all Churches in Guernsey will need to submit a new Electoral Roll to the Deanery. This means that all those already on the Roll will need to complete a new form, plus it is hoped that some of the newer members of our congregation will also join.

The reason for being on the Roll is to show a commitment to St Stephen's Church and allows you to make suggestions, and vote at the Annual General Meeting, and so take a larger part in our parish life.

Enrolment Application forms are available on the black chest or available from Tony Goss, the Electoral Roll Officer. Please return your completed form Father Joe, one of the Church Wardens, or me

Please join us for refreshments
In the Vestry after the 11am Mass

After Mass please put the kneelers back on the shelf. Thank you!

Deadline for notices for next bulletin – **6.00pm Thursday**
To Fliss or email fmil397026@aol.com

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