



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 16th November 2025

## The Second Sunday Before Advent

### Services Today

**9:30am** Said Mass with Children's Church  
**11:00** Sung Mass  
**Hymns** **234: Responsorial Psalm 98: 495: 306 :452**

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God, do not be afraid; Lift up your voices,  
the Lord is near; lift up your voices, the Lord is near.*

### 715 (v) 2nd Sunday before Advent

**Introit:** Thus saith the Lord, I know the thoughts that I think toward you, thoughts of peace, and not of affliction: Ye shall call upon me, and I will hearken unto you, and will bring again your captivity from every nation' Lord thou art become gracious unto thy land: **Psalm** thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. Glory be

**Gradual:** It is thou, O lord, that sav-est us from our enemies: and put-test them to confusion that hate us. We make our boast in God all day Long: and will praise thy Name for ever

**Alleluia:** Alleluia. Alleluia. □. Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice. Alleluia.

**Offertory:** Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

**Communion:** Verily I say unto you, what things soever ye desire when ye pray: believe that ye receive them, and it shall be done unto you.

## **Collect**

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son was revealed  
to destroy the works of the devil  
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:  
grant that we, having this hope,  
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;  
that when he shall appear in power and great glory  
we may be made like him  
in his eternal and glorious kingdom;  
where he is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever

## **Old Testament Reading - Malachi Ch4 v1-2a**

Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and that day that is coming will set them on fire,' says the Lord Almighty. 'Not a root or a branch will be left to them. 2 But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves.

## **Responsorial Psalm 98:**

**'All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God'**

## **New Testament Reading - 2 Thessalonians Ch3 v6-13**

6 In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. 7 For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, 8 nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, labouring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. 9 We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. 10 For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: 'The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.' 11 We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. 12 Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. 13 And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.

## **Gospel - Luke Ch21 v5-19**

5 Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, 6 'As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down.' 7 'Teacher,' they asked, 'when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?'

8 He replied: 'Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, "I am he," and, "The time is near." Do not follow them. 9 When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.'

10 Then he said to them: 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. 11 There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.'

12 'But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. 13 And so you will bear testimony to me. 14 But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. 15 For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. 16 You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. 17 Everyone will hate you because of me. 18 But not a hair of your head will perish. 19 Stand firm, and you will win life.'

## **Post Communion**

Gracious Lord,  
in this holy sacrament  
you give substance to our hope:  
bring us at the last  
to that fullness of life for which we long;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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

Fr John & Carol Luff, Willa Owen, Brian Garner, Jill Stephenson, Paulo De Augustino,  
Margaret Morris, David and Barbara Streek, Wendy Clamp, Mandy Le Tissier,  
Eileen Samman, Margaret Boden Heaume, Paul Domaille, Lindsay Gallagher  
and Barbara Renouf

## NOTICES

**Monday to Friday 8.00am - Morning Prayer**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

**10.00am - Coffee and Chat in Church**

**11.30am Wreath Making**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

**Sunday Next Before Advent**

**Christ the King**

**9:30am** Said Mass with Children's Church

**11.00am** Sung Mass



**December/January**

**Bumper Magazine**

**A note from the Editor!**

Please could I have any copy for this  
BUMPER Magazine by

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

All donations are most welcome!

They can either be given to me  
(Nikki) in person or emailed  
to [nikkiattwooll@gmail.com](mailto:nikkiattwooll@gmail.com)

We invite you to join us at St Stephen's  
to prepare for Advent and Christmas



**"Make your own wreath"  
WORKSHOP**

Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2025

11.30am to 1.30pm

St Stephen's Community Centre

**£30**

*Cost includes your wreath that you make,  
£11 donation to Guernsey Motor Neurone LBG  
and some festive warm drinks and snacks*

RSVP: by Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025

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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](mailto:fmil397026@aol.com)

*There were two thieves so lazy that they robbed a bank and in order not to count the money, they waited for the evening news to find out how much they had stolen.*