NOTICES

Monday to Friday 8.00am - Morning Prayer
Tuesday 17th November 11.00am - Said Mass
Saturday 21st November 10.00am - Coffee and Chat in Church

Sunday 22nd November
Sunday Next Before Advent
Christ the King
9:30am Said Mass
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 20th November
All donations are most welcome!
They can either be given to me (Nikki) in person or emailed to 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, 21st November 2026
3:00pm
St Stephen's Community Centre
£30
Cost includes your wreath that you make,
£11 donation to ***Priaulx Premature Baby Foundation***
and some festive warm drinks and snacks
RSVP: by Monday, 16th November 2025
joe.thompson@deanery.gg *or* 01481 720268

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

If money doesn't grow on trees, why do banks have branches?
And if money did grow on trees, 'fall' would be everyone's favourite season.

Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 15th November 2026

The Second Sunday Before Advent

(Safeguarding Sunday)

Services Today

9:30am	Said Mass
11:00	Sung Mass
Hymns	**449: Responsorial Psalm 90: 339: S.31: 372**

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
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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' **Psalm** Lord thou art become gracious unto thy land: 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: Lord thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold I have gained beside them five talents more. Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thought has been faithful over a few things; I will make you ruler over many things; enter thou in to the joy of the Lord

Please remember in your prayers
Fr John & Carol Luff, Jill Stephenson, David Streek, Wendy Clamp, Mandy & David Le Tissier, Margaret Boden Heaume, Lindsay Gallagher, Barbara Renouf, and Helen Sheppard

We also pray for the family and friends of Barbara Streek who died recently

Stay in touch with St Stephen's: visit our website at
http://st-stephens-guernsey.orgVicar: Father Joe Thompson Tel.01481 720268

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 - Zephaniah Ch1 v7, 12-18

Be silent before the Sovereign Lord,
for the day of the Lord is near.
The Lord has prepared a sacrifice;
he has consecrated those he has invited.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps
and punish those who are complacent,
who are like wine left on its dregs,
who think, "The Lord will do nothing,
either good or bad."
13 Their wealth will be plundered,
their houses demolished.
Though they build houses,
they will not live in them;
though they plant vineyards,
they will not drink the wine.'
14 The great day of the Lord is near –
near and coming quickly.
The cry on the day of the Lord is bitter;
the Mighty Warrior shouts his battle cry.
15 That day will be a day of wrath –
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of trouble and ruin,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and blackness –
16 a day of trumpet and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the corner towers.
17 'I will bring such distress on all people
that they will grope about like those who are blind,
because they have sinned against the Lord.
Their blood will be poured out like dust
and their entrails like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath.'
In the fire of his jealousy
the whole earth will be consumed,
for he will make a sudden end
of all who live on the earth.

Responsorial Psalm 90:
'May the favour of the Lord, the Lord our God be upon us'

New Testament Reading - 1 Thessalonians Ch5 v1-11

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, 2 for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 While people are saying, 'Peace and safety', destruction will come on them suddenly, as labour pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. 5 You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. 6 So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. 9 For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. 10 He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Gospel - Matthew Ch25 v14-30

14 'Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. 15 To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. 16 The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. 17 So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. 18 But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 'After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. 20 The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. "Master," he said, "you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more."21 'His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"22 'The man with two bags of gold also came. "Master," he said, "you entrusted me with two bags of gold: see, I have gained two more."43 'His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!" 24 'Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. "Master," he said, "I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25 So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you."26 'His master replied, "You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? 27 Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.28 "'So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. 29 For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. 30 And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

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.