



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

## The Second Sunday of Epiphany

### Services Today

<b>9:30am</b>	Said Mass with Children's Church
<b>11:00 Hymns</b>	Sung Mass with Procession <b>349: Responsorial Psalm 40 (v1-12) 55: 343:476</b>
<b>6.30pm</b>	Town Church Evensong at St Stephen's

Spirit of the Living God,  
Fall afresh on me,  
Spirit of the Living God,  
Fall afresh on me.  
Break me, melt me, mould me, fill me.  
Spirit of the Living God,  
Fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God,  
move among us all;  
make us one in heart and mind,  
make us one in love:  
humble, caring, selfless, sharing  
Spirit of the living God  
fill our lives with love!

### 670 *Omnis terra*

**Introit** All the earth shall worship thee, O God, and sing of thee: they shall sing praise to thy Name, O most highest. **Psalm** O be joyful in God, all ye lands: sing praises unto the honour of his Name; make his praise to be glorious. Glory be to the Father...

**Gradual** The Lord sent his word and healed them: and they were saved from their destruction. ¶ O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness: and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men. **Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. ¶ Praise the Lord, all ye angels of his: praise him, all his host. Alleluia.

**Offertory** O be joyful in God, all ye lands; sing praises unto the honour of his Name: O come hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God; and I will tell you what the Lord hath done for my soul, alleluia.

**Communion** We will rejoice in thy salvation: and triumph in the name of the Lord our God.

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<http://st-stephens-guernsey.org>: Vicar: Father Joe Thompson Tel.01481 720268

## Collect

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
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 Ch49 v1-7

Listen to me, you islands;  
hear this, you distant nations:  
before I was born the Lord called me;  
from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.  
2 He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me into a polished arrow  
and concealed me in his quiver.  
3 He said to me, 'You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will display my splendour.'  
4 But I said, 'I have laboured in vain;  
I have spent my strength for nothing at all.  
Yet what is due to me is in the Lord's hand,  
and my reward is with my God.'  
5 And now the Lord says –  
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant  
to bring Jacob back to him  
and gather Israel to himself,  
for I am honoured in the eyes of the Lord  
and my God has been my strength –  
6 he says:  
'It is too small a thing for you to be my servant  
to restore the tribes of Jacob  
and bring back those of Israel I have kept.  
I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,  
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'  
7 This is what the Lord says –  
the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel –  
to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation,  
to the servant of rulers:  
'Kings will see you and stand up,  
princes will see and bow down,  
because of the Lord, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

## Responsorial Psalm 40:

**'Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad.'**

## New Testament Reading - 1 Corinthians Ch1 v1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, **2** To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ – their Lord and ours: **3** Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**4** I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. **5** For in him you have been enriched in every way – with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge – **6** God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. **7** Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. **8** He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. **9** God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Gospel - John Ch1 v29-42

**29** The next day John saw Jesus coming towards him and said, ‘Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! **30** This is the one I meant when I said, “A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.” **31** I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptising with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.’

**32** Then John gave this testimony: ‘I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. **33** And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptise with water told me, “The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptise with the Holy Spirit.” **34** I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.’**35** The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. **36** When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, ‘Look, the Lamb of God!’

**37** When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. **38** Turning round, Jesus saw them following and asked, ‘What do you want?’ They said, ‘Rabbi’ (which means ‘Teacher’), ‘where are you staying?’ **39** ‘Come,’ he replied, ‘and you will see.’ So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.**40** Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. **41** The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (that is, the Christ). **42** And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas’ (which, when translated, is Peter).

## Post Communion

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Please remember in your prayers

Fr John & Carol Luff, Willa Owen, Brian Garner, Jill Stephenson, Paulo De Augistino, Margaret Morris, David and Barbara Streek, Wendy Clamp, Mandy Le Tissier, Margaret Boden Heaume, Lindsay Gallagher, Barbara Renouf, Peter Le Page and Helen Shepherd

## NOTICES

**Monday - Friday 8.00am Morning Prayer**  
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 11.00am Mass**  
**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1.00pm Said Mass**  
(Whilst Town Church is closed)  
**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January 10.00am Coffee and Chat in Church**

**Sunday 25th January**  
**Third Sunday of Epiphany**  
**9:30am - Said Mass with Children's Church**  
**11.00am - Sung Mass**  
(Bake Sale)  
**6.30pm Town Church Evensong at St Stephen's**



### February Magazine A note from the Editor!

Please could I have any copy for this Magazine by **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**  
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)



Every last  
Sunday of  
the month

Home made and home-grown items, cakes, savoury bakes, jams and preserves are happily received for our Bake Sales on the last Sunday of every month after the 9.30 and 11.00 services at the back of church or in the garden weather permitting.

25 January 22 February 29 March 26 April 31 May 28 June  
26 July 30 August 27 September 25 October 29 November

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**  
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*What do you call milk produced in the first month of the year  
Janu-dairy*