



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 8th December 2024  
Second Sunday of Advent



**9:30am** Said Mass Children's Service

**11.00am** Sung Mass

**Hymns: 12: Responsorial Psalm 125: 10: 8: 14**

### 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

### **AT THE LIGHTING OF THE SECOND PURPLE ADVENT CANDLE**

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, just and true,  
to you be praise and glory for ever!  
Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets  
but in our days you speak through your Son  
whom you have appointed the heir of all things.  
Grant us your people to walk in his light  
that we may be found ready and watching  
when he comes again in glory and judgement;  
for you are our light and our salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,  
the prophets said you would bring peace  
and save your people in trouble:  
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas-tide  
and show all the world God's love. Amen**

### **658 Populus Sion**

**Introit** O people of Sion, behold, the Lord is nigh at hand to redeem the nations: and in the gladness of your heart the Lord shall cause his glorious voice to be heard. **Psalm** Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel: thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep. Glory be to the Father...

**Gradual** Out of Sion hath God appeared: in perfect beauty. Gather my saints together unto me: those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice. **Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. I Was Glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord Alleluia

**Offertory** Wilt not thou turn again, O God, and quicken us; that thy people may rejoice in thee: shew us thy mercy, O Lord; and grant us thy salvation.

**Communion** Jerusalem, haste thee, and stand on high: and behold the joy and gladness that cometh unto thee from God thy Saviour.

*A reminder that during Advent we do not sing the Gloria,  
so please remain kneeling after the Kyries for the Collect.*

## **Collect**

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power  
and come among us,  
and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness  
we are grievously hindered  
in running the race that is set before us,  
your bountiful grace and mercy  
may speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

## **Old Testament Reading - Malachi Ch 3 v 1-4**

'I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,' says the Lord Almighty.

<sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. <sup>3</sup> He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, <sup>4</sup> and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years.

## **Responsorial Psalm 125:**

**'Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion that stands for ever'**

## **New Testament Reading - Philippians Ch1 v3-11**

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup> In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup> being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

<sup>7</sup> It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. <sup>8</sup> God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

<sup>9</sup> And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, <sup>10</sup> so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup> filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God.

## **Gospel - Luke Ch3 v1-6**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar – when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Tracōnitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene – <sup>2</sup> during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup> As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

‘A voice of one calling in the wilderness,  
“Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.  
<sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled in,  
every mountain and hill made low.  
The crooked roads shall become straight,  
the rough ways smooth.  
<sup>6</sup> And all people will see God’s salvation.”

## **Post Communion**

Father in heaven,  
who sent your Son to redeem the world  
and will send him again to be our judge:  
give us grace so to imitate him  
in the humility and purity of his first coming  
that, when he comes again,  
we may be ready to greet him  
with joyful love and firm faith;  
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, Storm King, Pamela Parkes,  
Maddie Sarre and Margaret Morris.

## NOTICES

**Monday to Friday 8.00am - Morning Prayer**  
**Monday 9th December 6.00pm - ECJS Carol Service**  
**Tuesday 10th December 11:00am - Said Mass**  
**Tuesday 10th December 1.30pm - Little Learner's Nativity**  
**Thursday 11th December 7.30pm - Ladies College Carol Service**  
**Saturday 14th December 10.00am—Coffee and Chat in Church**

**Sunday 15th December**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**

**9.30am** Said Mass with Children's Service  
**11.00am** Sung Mass  
**4.00pm** Service of Nine lessons and Carols

### **AUCTION OF GUERNSEY POTTERY ITEMS**

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 14th**  
**7.00pm - 10.00pm**  
at the

**THE BEAN JAR COFFEE SHOP,  
27 COMMERCIAL ARCADE**

Raising funds for St Stephen's Children's Church Ministry supporting children and their families through the word & teachings of Christ

**St Stephen's Church**

**Service of Nine Lessons and Carols**

**SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER**  
**4.00pm**

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 [fml397026@aol.com](mailto:fml397026@aol.com)

*According to my chocolate Advent calendar...  
Theres only 3 days to Christmas*