



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025

## The Fourth Sunday of Easter

**Alleluia - Christ is Risen!**  
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### Services Today

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

**11:00am** Sung Mass  
**Hymns:** **457: Responsorial Psalm 23: 103: 282: 369**

### CHORUS

*Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts, Shine though the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church gathered today.*

### 686 Easter 4 (The Fourth Sunday of Easter)

**Introit** The loving kindness of the Lord filleth the whole world, alleluia. By the word of the Lord the heavens were stablished, alleluia, alleluia. **Psalm** Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; for it becometh well the just to be thankful. Glory be...

**Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. □. The Lord hath sent redemption unto his people. Alleluia. □. I am the good Shepherd: and know my sheep and am known of mine. Alleluia.

**Offertory** O God, thou art my God, early will I seek thee: and lift up my hands in thy Name, alleluia.

**Communion** I am the good Shepherd, alleluia: and know my sheep, and am known of mine, alleluia, alleluia.

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

## **Collect**

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## **First Reading - Acts Ch9 v36-43**

In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. About that time she became ill and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, 'Please come at once!'

Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood round him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning towards the dead woman, he said, 'Tabitha, get up.' She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.

**Responsorial Psalm 23: 'The Lord is my Shepherd there is nothing I shall want. The Lord is my Shepherd there is nothing I shall want'.**

## **Second Reading - Revelation Ch7 v9-17**

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:

'Salvation belongs to our God,  
who sits on the throne,  
and to the Lamb.'

All the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying: 'Amen!'

Praise and glory  
and wisdom and thanks and honour  
and power and strength  
be to our God for ever and ever.  
Amen!'

Then one of the elders asked me, 'These in white robes – who are they, and where did they come from?' I answered, 'Sir, you know.' And he said, 'These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore,

they are before the throne of God  
and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne  
will shelter them with his presence.  
"Never again will they hunger;  
never again will they thirst.  
The sun will not beat down on them,"  
nor any scorching heat.  
For the Lamb at the centre of the throne  
will be their shepherd;  
"he will lead them to springs of living water."  
"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."'''

### **Gospel - John 10 v22-30**

Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. The Jews who were there gathered round him, saying, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.'

Jesus answered, 'I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one.'

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## NOTICES

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

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 11.00am - Said Mass**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

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

**11.30am Meeting of the Social Events Group**

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

**EASTER 5**

**9.30am Said Mass with Children's Church**

**11.00am Sung Mass**



There will be an important meeting of the Social Events group next Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 11.30 p.m after the coffee morning in the vestry. This is to plan our Mad Hatter's Tea Party on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.



***Friendship lunch***  
**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May - 12pm**

Menu:- (£10)

Main: Grilled chicken with creamy garlic mushroom pasta

Vegetarian pasta (without chicken)

Dessert: Birthday cake

RSVP: Jean Le Huray  
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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**

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*A retired boxer goes to see his doctor because he's having trouble sleeping. "Have you tried counting sheep?" the doctor asks. "I tried," the boxer explains, "but every time I get to the number nine I stand up."*