



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 12th April 2026

The Second Sunday of Easter

Services Today

9.30am Said Mass with Children's Church
11.00am Sung Mass with Procession
Hymns: **109: Responsorial Psalm 16: 103: 101 Omit*: 117**

*Be still and know that I am God: ~
I am the Lord who heals your pain: ~
In thee, O Lord, I put my trust:*

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

Start of the Procession

Let us Process in Peace In the Name of Christ Amen

Prayer at the Easter Tomb

Risen Lord Jesus, as Mary Magdalene met you in the garden on the morning of your resurrection, so may we meet you today and every day; speak to us as you spoke to her; reveal yourself as the living Lord; renew our hope and kindle our joy; and send us to share the good news with others. **Amen.**

End of the Procession

O Lord hear our prayer. **And let our cry come unto thee**

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred; open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. **Amen.**

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Introit As new-born babes, alleluia: Desire ye the sincere milk of the word, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **Psalm** Sing we merrily unto God, our helper: make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob. Glory be...

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. □. In the day of my resurrection, saith the Lord: I will go before you into Galilee. Alleluia. After eight days, when the doors were shut: stood Jesus in the midst of his disciples, and said, Peace be unto you. Alleluia.

Offertory The angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and said unto the women: He whom ye seek is risen, as he said, alleluia.

Communion Reach hither thy hand, and behold the print of the nails, alleluia: and be not faithless, but believing, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Collect

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First Reading - Acts Ch2 v14a, 22-32

14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

22 'Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. 23 This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. 24 But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

25 David said about him:

"I saw the Lord always before me.
Because he is at my right hand,
I will not be shaken.

26 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest in hope,

27 because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
you will not let your holy one see decay.

28 You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence."

29 'Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. 30 But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. 31 Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. 32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

Responsorial Psalm 16: 'In your presence, O Lord, is the fullness of joy'

Second Reading - 1 Peter Ch1 v 3-9

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last

time. ⁶ In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith – of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire – may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel - John Ch20 v19-31

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.'

²⁸ Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!'

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.' ³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.

³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Post Communion

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin

Please remember in your prayers

Fr John & Carol Luff, Willa Owen, Jill Stephenson, David and
Barbara Streek, Wendy Clamp, Mandy Le Tissier, Margaret Boden Heaume,
Lindsay Gallagher, Barbara Renouf, Peter Le Page and Helen Sheppard

We also remember in our prayers for Aileen, Father Joe, Erin and James and the
family and friends of Margaret Morris (Aileens Mother), who died recently

NOTICES

Monday to Thursday 8.00am - Morning Prayer

Tuesday 14th April

11.00am - Said Mass

12.00pm - Friendship Lunch

Saturday 18th April

10.00am - Coffee and chat in church

7.30pm - Guernsey Concert Brass Concert

Sunday 19th April

Third Sunday of Easter

9.30am - Said Mass with Children's Church

11.00am - Sung Mass

TUESDAY 14TH APRIL
12PM

Friendship Lunch

**Quiche Lorraine or
Roasted Pepper Quiche**
served with salads & french loaf

**Pistachio, Passion Fruit &
Raspberry Pavlova**

Special dietary requirements catered for

£10.00

RSVP: Jill Mabire or Aileen Thompson
by Sunday 12th April
Tel: 01481 720 268

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

What does the Easter Bunny do in his free time?

Play Eggs-box.