



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 22nd March 2026

The Fifth Sunday of Lent Passion Sunday

Services Today

9:30am Said Mass with Children's Church

11:00 Sung Mass

Hymns

79: Responsorial Psalm 130: 383: 83: 95

Chorus

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten God alone fills us.

680 *Judica me*

Introit Give sentence with me, O God, and defend the cause of my soul against the ungodly people: deliver me, and rid me from the deceitful and wicked man; for thou, O Lord, art my God, and my strong salvation.

Psalm O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me: and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling. (*No Gloria Patri*)

Gradual Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies: teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee. ∇ It is the Lord that delivereth me from my cruel enemies, and setteth me up above mine adversaries: thou shalt deliver me from the wicked man. **Tract** Many a time have they fought against me: from my youth up. ∇ May Israel now say: yea, many a time have they vexed me from my youth up. ∇ But they have not prevailed against me: the plowers ploughed upon my back. ∇ And made long furrows: but the righteous Lord hath hewn the snares of the ungodly in pieces.

Offertory I will give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart; O do well unto thy servant, that I may live, and keep thy word: quicken thou me, according to thy word, O Lord.

Communion When the Lord saw the sister of Lazarus weeping at the tomb, and the Jews also weeping, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus come forth: and he that was dead came forth bound hand and foot with grave clothes.

Collect

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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.

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

Old Testament Reading - Ezekiel Ch37 v1-14

The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. 2 He led me to and fro among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. 3 He asked me, 'Son of man, can these bones live?' I said, 'Sovereign Lord, you alone know.' 4 Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones and say to them, "Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! 5 This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. 6 I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.'"

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. 8 I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

9 Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, "This is what the Sovereign Lord says: come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" 10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet – a vast army.

11 Then he said to me: 'Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off." 12 Therefore prophecy and say to them: "This is what the Sovereign Lord says: my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. 13 Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. 14 I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.'"

Responsorial Psalm 130: 'Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord'

New Testament Reading - Romans Ch8 v6-11

6 The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. 7 The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. 8 Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. 9 You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. 10 But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. 11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Gospel - John Ch11 v1-45

Now a man named Lazarus was ill. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay ill, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) 3 So the sisters sent word to Jesus, 'Lord, the one you love is ill.' 4 When he heard this, Jesus said, 'This illness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it.' 5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. 6 So when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed where he was two more days, 7 and then he said to his disciples, 'Let us go back to Judea.' 8 'But Rabbi,' they said, 'a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?' 9 Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the day-time will not stumble, for they see by this world's light. 10 It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light.' 11 After he had said this, he went on to tell them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen

asleep; but I am going there to wake him up.’¹² His disciples replied, ‘Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better.’¹³ Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep.¹⁴ So then he told them plainly, ‘Lazarus is dead, ¹⁵ and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.’¹⁶ Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, ‘Let us also go, that we may die with him.’¹⁷ On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁹ and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.²¹ ‘Lord,’ Martha said to Jesus, ‘if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.’²³ Jesus said to her, ‘Your brother will rise again.’²⁴ Martha answered, ‘I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.’²⁵ Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?’²⁷ ‘Yes, Lord,’ she replied, ‘I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.’

²⁸ After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. ‘The Teacher is here,’ she said, ‘and is asking for you.’ ²⁹ When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.³² When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. ³⁴ ‘Where have you laid him?’ he asked. ‘Come and see, Lord,’ they replied.³⁵ Jesus wept.³⁶ Then the Jews said, ‘See how he loved him!’

³⁷ But some of them said, ‘Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?’³⁸ Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹ ‘Take away the stone,’ he said. ‘But, Lord,’ said Martha, the sister of the dead man, ‘by this time there is a bad odour, for he has been there four days.’⁴⁰ Then Jesus said, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?’⁴¹ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, ‘Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.’

⁴³ When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out!’ ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, ‘Take off the grave clothes and let him go.’⁴⁵ Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

NOTICES

Please note there will be **No Morning Prayer or Tuesday said Mass during Father Joes absence**

[Tuesday 24th March 11am ECJS Easter Service](#)

[Saturday 28th March 10.00am](#)

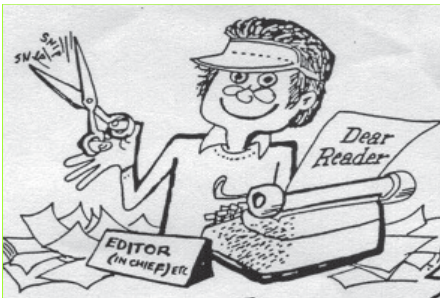
Coffee and Chat in Church

Toddler Group

Sunday 29th March
Palm Sunday

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

11.00am - Sung Mass with Procession and Distribution of Palms
Bake Sale



April Magazine

A note from the Editor!

Please could I have any copy for this Magazine
by

Friday 27th March

All donations are most welcome!

They can either be given to me (Nikki) in person
or emailed to nikkiattwooll@gmail.com



Marg's Cards

**New cards now are now
available at the back of
church including a
selection of Easter cards!**

A Reminder about Payment to Charity Forms

As you know, if you have made donations to a charity of more than £500 in any year then that charity can claim back the tax you have paid on that donation. St Stephen's is a registered Charity, so we can claim the tax rebate on **any** payments you have made to the church.

This is a very valuable and vital source of income for the church at no cost to you, so may I ask you all to complete the forms (found on the black chest) and return them to me as so as possible. If you have any questions as to what and how you can claim, please ask me. This is all treated with the strictest confidence. Tony

Please remember in your prayers

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

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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