



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 30th March 2025

The Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday

9.30am Said Mass with Children's Church

11.00am Sung Mass

Hymns: 77: Responsorial Psalm 34: 285: 387: 186

There's a quiet understanding when we're gathered in the Spirit,
It's a promise that he gives us, When we gather in his name.
There's a love we feel in Jesus, There's a manna that he feeds us,
It's a promise that he gives us, When we gather in his name.

And we know when we're together, sharing love and understanding,
That our brothers and our sisters feel the oneness that he brings.
Thank you, thank you, thank you, Jesus, for the way you love and feed us,
For the many ways you lead us, Thank you, thank you, Lord.

679 Lent 4 (The Fourth Sunday of Lent, Mothering Sunday)

Introit Rejoice ye with Jerusalem; and be ye glad for her, all ye that delight in her: exult and sing for joy with her, all ye that in sadness mourn for her: that ye may suck and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations. **Psalm** I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord. Glory be...

Gradual I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord. *V.* Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces. **Tract** They that put their trust in the Lord, shall be even as the Mount Sion: which may not be removed, but standeth fast forever. *V.* The hills stand about Jerusalem; even so standeth the Lord round about his people; from this time forth for evermore.

Offertory Lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death; lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him.

Communion It is meet that we should be glad, my son, for thy brother was dead and is alive again: was lost and is found.

Collect

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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 - Exodus Ch2 v1-10

2 Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, ² and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. ³ But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him. ⁵ Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the river-bank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. ⁶ She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. 'This is one of the Hebrew babies,' she said. ⁷ Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?' ⁸ 'Yes, go,' she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother. ⁹ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you.' So the woman took the baby and nursed him. ¹⁰ When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Responsorial Psalm 34: 'O taste and see that the Lord is gracious'

New testament Reading - 2 Corinthians Ch1 v3-7

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. ⁵ For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. ⁶ If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. ⁷ And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

Gospel - John 19 v25b- 27

²⁵ Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing near by, he said to her, 'Woman, here is your son,' ²⁷ and to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

Post Communion

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Reminder that the Electoral roll submissions need to be completed by the end of the month. So the last day will be 31 March 2025



**Guernsey
Welfare
Service**

Next week will be the first Sunday in the month so please remember to bring your gifts for our food bank collection to help those in financial difficulties.

NOTICES

Monday - Friday 8.00am - Morning Prayer

Tuesday 1st April 11.00am - Said Mass

Thursday 3rd April 2.00pm & 7.30pm - Lent Course

Saturday 5th April 10.00am Coffee and Chat in Church

Saturday 5th April 12.00 - Baptism

Saturday 5th April 8.00pm - Guernsey Bach Choir and Orchestra Concert

Sunday 6th April

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:30am Said Mass with Children's Church

11.00am Sung Mass

2.30pm Creative Children's Church

CONCERT

Saturday April 5th - 8.00pm

The Guernsey Bach Choir and Orchestra

Conductor

Alan Gough MBE

Parking is available by kind permission at The Ladies College.

Entry by Programme on the door: £10

CREATIVE CHILDREN'S CHURCH

PLEASE JOIN US

Agape Lunch

SUNDAY 6TH APRIL
12.30 to 2.00pm

St Stephen's Community Centre
RSVP: andrea.bateman@yahoo.co.uk
DM www.facebook.com/StStephensGuernsey

<http://st-stephens-guernsey.org>



TUESDAY 8TH APRIL
12PM

Friendship Lunch

Quiche & Spring Vegetables
Hot Cross Bun Pudding &
Custard or Cream

Vegetarian / Gluten-free / Diabetic / Dairy-free
options available

£10.00 per person

RSVP: Jean Le Huray
01481 255207

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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