

*The Parish Magazine
of St Stephen's Church
Guernsey*



March 2025



Hello all

I read an inspiring quote the other day;

“During Lent we don’t do things for God,
but with God”

It got me thinking about what Lent means to me. You see I have always liked the Lent season, for many reasons; the main one being that it helps me to focus both on my faith and on the joys to come. Thinking about it, that is probably why I enjoy Advent and Christmas Eve more than I do Christmas day.

This year I want to use Lent as a time for standing with all my brothers and sisters around the world who are suffering great hardship and terror in their lives. I know that I can’t do anything practically, but I can pray and that, to me anyway, is just as important as any fasting or sombre behaviour. We have no need to be weeping and wailing and gnashing our teeth because we know what is coming! Here is another quote that I think you will enjoy; it made me laugh out loud!

“You could say that prayer without fasting is like boxing with one hand tied behind your back, and that fasting without Prayer is, well, dieting”

Be happy my friends and have a blessed Lent.

Love Nikki



**All contributions for the April magazine
will be gratefully received!!.**

Copy deadline will be Friday 21st March 2025

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Lent – The Cinderella Season



The season of Lent arrives at the beginning of March with Ash Wednesday. This has, for many, been a negative time in the Church calendar – probably because we were made to give up sweets and chocolates. And yet it is one of the most powerful of the seasons as it prepares us to celebrate Easter and all that involves; we are called to really examine our faith journey and make sure we are not missing components.

During this season we will be looking a little more closely at the Lord's Prayer. Our reflections will focus on the writings of William Barclay and some of his insights into the meaning behind these familiar words. We have two sessions on a Thursday each week, one at 2.00pm and then repeated at 7.30pm. Everyone is most welcome to join us for what promises to be an opportunity to grow closer to the heart of God in this most lovely of all prayers.

It is also a time of year when (hopefully) we will begin to see some evidence of the approach of Spring. It is really interesting to watch people begin to change as the days grow longer, as if the weight of winter has been lifted from their shoulders. We have already witnessed some magnificent displays of daffodils, with their bright yellow faces smiling as we pass them. There have been a couple of snowdrops peeking shyly out a passers-by, and the primroses appear to be laughing as they emerge and share their joy. Isn't it just so wonderful to watch our natural world as it too emerges from the slumbers of winter?

Speaking of hope, we are looking forward to a number of events that will mark our 160th anniversary. St Stephen's Church was opened for worship on the 6th of January 1865. Since then the Church on the hill has been a beacon of light and faith to the people of Guernsey. We pray that this tradition may continue for many years to come. At this stage there are concerts planned and the possibility of a family picnic to whet our appetite.

In a slight change from the past (yes I know people don't like change – but this isn't a big one) we will hold our Annual General Meeting in March. We have usually waited until Easter has passed before doing our annual review of parish life. The ruling in the Deanery is that these meetings have to be done by the end of April, which is probably why it was held late in April. This year, however, Easter is late in April and Aileen and I are hoping to get away on a holiday for a few days, hence the decision to move the date. I want to take the opportunity to thank all who have been involved in the APCC for their assistance and guidance for the Trustees. These have been really good meetings and the insights have been so very helpful.

We are so blessed to have such dear people, who really care about our community, here at St Stephen's. Thank you to everyone for being involved in the life of St Stephen's. Every day I thank God for the wonderful joy of being here and being able to serve Him in this place. As Vicar I believe my main role is to help guide people closer to the heart of God, and that means enabling them to realise their role as God's children in this sacred space. My prayer for all of us going forward is that we will continue to explore what that might mean for us as individuals and as a community.

On behalf of Aileen, James, Erin and myself, we thank you for all your love and care for us as a family. We are so happy to be at St Stephen's – what a precious Church family we have joined!

May I wish you a happy and blessed Lent.

God bless you and keep you close to His heart. Love Fr Joe



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Learn more about how to cope with grief

Talk with someone who will listen

Drop in, have a cuppa and a chat

6 week block of sessions as dated:

Billie & Leslie
Norman Rooms
L'Abbaye, (by Vale
Church Rectory)
Perry's Guide
VAL 6 B5

Thurs 20th March 6-7pm

Thurs 10th April 10-11a.m

Thurs 1st May 6-7pm

Thurs 22nd May 10-11am

Thurs 12th June 6-7pm

Thurs 3rd July 10-11am



Four engineers get into a car. The car won't start.
Mechanical engineer; it's definitely a broken starter.
Electrical engineer; Nope, it must be a dead battery.
Chemical engineer; Nah, you guys are misguided, it must be impurities in the petrol.
IT engineer; Hey guys, I have an idea. How about we all get out of the car and get back in.....

Really Reliable Recipe
Cinnamon doughnut muffins!
From Fr Joe

CINNAMON DOUGHNUT MUFFINS!

Bake them as muffins and you still get the deliciousness of doughnuts!

Ingredients

3/4 cup sugar
1 large egg
1 1/2 cup plain flour
2 tsp baking powder
1/4 tsp salt
1/4 tsp ground nutmeg
1/4 cup vegetable oil
3/4 cup milk
1 tsp vanilla essence

Coating

1 tsp ground cinnamon
1/3 cup sugar

Method

STEP 1 Preheat oven to 180C.
STEP 2 Using spray or vegetable oil, lightly grease a 12 muffin pan.
STEP 3 In a large bowl, beat together sugar and egg until light in colour.
STEP 4 In a smaller bowl combine flour, baking powder, salt and nutmeg.
STEP 5 Add dry flour mix to wet egg mix and combine with a wooden spoon.
STEP 6 Add oil, milk and vanilla and mix until smooth.
STEP 7 Spoon mixture into pan.
STEP 8 Bake for 15-18 minutes. Insert a skewer into the centre of a muffin to check.
STEP 9 While still hot remove from pan and roll the tops in combined cinnamon and sugar. Leave on a wire rack to cool.

Notes

You can also brush the muffins with melted butter after removing from tin to help adhere the cinnamon sugar mix.



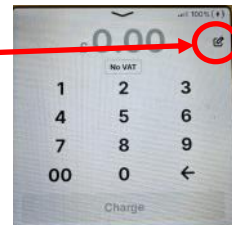
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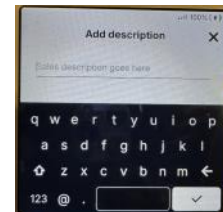
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The problem with being a Nerd is that sometimes you just can't resist tinkering with things. Take for example the 'sum-up machine' in church. Did you know that you can add a little message to your donation which will show up on the church's bank account? (Tony was impressed). The other week whilst making a cake purchase I couldn't help myself, it was niggling in my mind that there must be a way of adding text so had a little fiddle and this is what I discovered:-

1. On the home screen tap the little symbol on the top right hand of the screen.



2. This screen appears. Here you can (if you wish) type in the reason for your donation (ie books/cakes etc) Tap the little tick button at the bottom then you go back to the screen where you enter the amount and carry on with the transaction.



I'd like to say that all my tinkering is as successful but sadly this only occurs in about 5-10% of cases. Don't panic my nerd-letes we will soon be back into printer-land bear-with, bear-with.

Storm clouds were brewing in the utopia of Nerdsville (Pop.2) a couple of weeks before Christmas. My favourite printer and I had a difference of opinion, it said there was a cartridge fault, I said there wasn't. We reached a stalemate, an impasse, we locked horns and I threatened it with one more opportunity to 'buck its ideas up' or to the longue hougue recycling centre it goes!

Now don't get upset, this printer was bought second hand from Ebay for me to experiment on with the CISS system. It was an older model to the one I already had but discovered that I much preferred it to the newer model and

therefore used it for most of the church printing, the newer one being a good backup. With the amount of abuse it received during my experiments I'm surprised it lasted as long as it did so when it threw a wobbly before Christmas I wasn't surprised but still hoped to resolve our conflict.

I went back on ebay and found another older cheap second-hand model that I purchased so we are all good. However I thought—how fabulous would it be if I could fix it, then I would have three excellent bulletin-printing printers in addition to another one that is a desperate backup. (I would have to set the bulletin to print on the Monday in the hope of it being finished by the following Sunday!)

I have a collapsible bench/table that I set up in the spare room for such eventualities. The printer was put on the table and there it stayed until the other week when I decided the time had come. Pistols at dawn!

So picture the scene, the spare room is upstairs, the tools are in the shed in the garden—and who would believe that there could be quite so many different types of screw head and who would believe how many trips up and down the stairs and into the garden and back up the stairs it would take before I found the right one, and then who would believe that having found the right screw bit that you then couldn't reach the screw because it was buried so deep in the plastic frame work and then spend the next fifteen minutes or so going up and down the stairs and into the shed in the garden to find a suitable extension piece to reach the screw.

- ⇒ Lessons— learnt There were several but the main one being that, with the right tools, I am much better at taking things apart than putting them back together again! Enough said.
- ⇒ The printer and I are now only communicating through our lawyers.
- ⇒ Last Monday I went to Longue Hougue

Till next time nerd-letes





SAINTS OF THE MONTH

ST PERPETUA AND ST FELICITY

These two women, both young, were martyred in the city of Carthage in North Africa in 203AD during the persecutions by Emperor Septimus Severus.

Perpetua, who was 22, had recently married and had just given birth to a son when she was arrested and jailed. Her slave-girl, Felicity, was also young and pregnant at the time of their imprisonment. Both of these women were being prepared for baptism at the time of their arrest and were baptised in prison.

We have a record of their time spent in prison because Perpetua kept a diary, known as *The Passion of Saints Perpetua and Felicity*. It was completed after her death by an unknown redactor. It is one of the oldest and most notable early Christian texts and survives in both Greek and Latin form.

Perpetua's account opens with conflict between her and her father, who wishes her to recant her belief. Perpetua refused and was baptised. Perpetua suffered physically due to the heat inside the prison, the treatment of the rough prison guards, and mostly the cessation of her regular breastfeeding. After the guards were bribed, she was allowed to move to a better portion of the prison, where she was able to nurse her son, and the child was able to stay in prison with her for the time being, which eased her suffering.

Felicity's baby was born in prison. According to the diary, one of her gaolers asked of her, when he heard her cry out in childbirth, how, if she cried at a little pain, she would be able to endure being torn to death by wild animals? Felicity replied, "*Now I suffer what I suffer; then, another will be in me who will suffer for me as I suffer for Him.*"

In her diary, Perpetua claims to have received a number of visions, which she interpreted as meaning that she and her fellow Christians would have to suffer and battle against not only wild beasts but the devil as well. According to the narrative, Perpetua, Felicity and three other Christians who were arrested with them, were all executed at the military games in celebration of the Emperor Septimus Severus's birthday.

Their suffering began when they were taken out and thrown to a savage cow, who mauled them horrendously. Perpetua was in such a state of prayer that she was unaware of the attack, and asked when it was going to happen. It was only once she was shown the marks on her clothing and body that she understood what had happened. She and her companions were then killed by the sword. Following the death of their mothers, both children were adopted by Christian families.

St Perpetua and St Felicity are remembered on March 7th.

CHURCH CALENDAR MARCH 2025

Saturday March 8	10.00am – 11.30am Coffee, Cake & Chat
Sunday March 2	Quinquagesima- The Sunday next before Lent 9.30am Mass with Children’s Church 11.00am Sung Mass 2.30pm – 4.00pm Creative Children’s Church
Monday 3 - Friday 7	8.00am Morning Prayer
Tuesday March 4	Shrove Tuesday 11.00am Weekday Mass 5.00pm - 7.00pm Pancake Party at Trinity
Wednesday March 5	7.00pm Ash Wednesday Mass
Thursday March 6	2.00pm Lent Course 7.30pm Lent Course
Saturday March 8	10.00am – 11.30am Coffee, Cake & Chat
Sunday March 9	The First Sunday of Lent 9.30am Mass with Children’s Church 11.00am Sung Mass 12.30pm Church AGM
Monday 10 - Friday 14	8.00am Morning Prayer
Tuesday March 11	11.00am Weekday Mass 12.00pm Friendship Lunch
Thursday March 13	2.00pm Lent Course 7.30pm Lent Course
Saturday March 15	10.00am – 11.30am Coffee, Cake & Chat
Sunday March 16	The Second Sunday of Lent 9.30am Mass with Children’s Church 11.00am Sung Mass
Monday 17 - Friday 21	8.00am Morning Prayer
Tuesday March 18	11.00am Weekday Mass
Thursday March 20	2.00pm Lent Course 7.30pm Lent Course
Saturday March 22	10.00am – 11.30am Coffee, Cake & Chat
Sunday March 23	The Third Sunday of Lent 9.30am Mass with Children’s Church 11.00am Sung Mass
Monday 24 - Friday 28	8.00am Morning Prayer
Tuesday March 25	The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary - 11.00am Weekday Mass
Thursday March 27	2.00pm Lent Course 7.30pm Lent Course
Saturday March 29	10.00am – 11.30am Coffee, Cake & Chat
Sunday March 30	Mothering Sunday The Fourth Sunday of Lent 9.30am Mass with Children’s Church 11.00am Sung Mass Bake Sale after both services
Monday March 31 - Friday April 4	8.00am Morning Prayer




30th March 2025

MOTHERING SUNDAY

We are so blessed with our Church Year and all its seasons, saints and festivals to draw our focus at different times into the many aspects of our journey in faith. As we delight in nature with the various seasonal beauties, so we enjoy various expressions of our Church Seasons through colours, vestment styles, liturgical words, prayers, hymns, choral works – the list is endless of opportunities to share our deeply meaningful understandings of our relationship with our loving God who loves and cares about each one of us.

Mothering Sunday is a particularly special day in our Church Year for me. Despite the various opinions about its classist roots - for domestic servants to be given a day off on the fourth Sunday of Lent to visit their families and their Mother Church where they had been baptised, as they were not given other days off on special occasions and needed to work at Christmas and Easter - it remains a day that has been set aside in our church calendar since the 16th Century. Whether one goes “a-mothering” to the church where one was baptised, or to the cathedral of one’s diocese, or to the parish church that is guiding and nurturing one, it is a day communities in the Christian Church have come together annually for 500 years, with delightful stories of young children picking wild flowers along the way to give to their mothers and families they had not seen for months and as a celebration of the start of Spring. From its inception, Mothering Sunday became a day to celebrate the Virgin Mary, the mother of Christ and the wild flowers and gifts would be placed in church to demonstrate devotion to Mary.

The day has evolved, and although its observance has waxed and waned over time, in the early 20th Century, there was a resurgence to revive its significance. The Mothering Sunday Movement was started in 1913 by a Vicar’s daughter in England, and in the 1920’s Mothering Sunday became an emphasis of the Mothers Union to bring together the understandings of Mothers’ Day started in the United States in 1908 on the second Sunday in May, and the long-held traditions of Mothering Sunday, into one celebration on the fourth Sunday in Lent in Britain and Ireland, to honour all who care for children and nurture the youth and young adults. Despite the subsequent commercialisation and opportunities for greeting cards and gifts to be shared, the drawing together in one’s spiritual home, Mother Church, to focus on the example of Mary the mother of Christ, and to celebrate motherhood, is a tradition we hold dear.



“Mothering” is defined as caring for others as a mother cares for and nurtures a child, and we have so many Biblical examples, historical illustrations and personal experiences of being “mothered” and “mothering” others. In the Old Testament, Pharaoh’s daughter, who recognised the responsibility to mother a child in need, received Moses into her care. Jesus, in his pain and facing death, entrusted his mother and his friend to each other, in their bereavement and desperate desolation, to mother each other and all Christ’s disciples. Throughout history, there are illustrations of motherhood such as Elizabeth I who never gave birth to her own biological children yet she “mothered” the Elizabethan settlement and established a secure Church of England, with its doctrine of compromise between Roman Catholicism and Protestantism being laid down in the 39 Articles of 1563. So our Mother Church as we know it to be, has its birth from Elizabeth I. Our own mothers are our first understanding, but only one of multiple experiences of motherhood provided by many women in our lives and within our journeys as children of God through grace.

For our family, Fr Joe and I have left our precious biological mothers in South Africa and our son James who, on Mothering Sunday, will be with friends who are nurturing him and caring for him, and we, together with our daughter Erin, will be celebrating with you all on Mothering Sunday giving thanks for our own mothers, and for each one of you in our church of St Stephen’s where we are being cared for and nurtured every day. As it is also Refreshment Sunday, which is traditionally an opportunity to break one’s Lenten fast on the fourth Sunday in Lent, we will eat Simnel Cake (another story for another day) and we look forward to doing so with you all, our family of St Stephen’s.

So, let us come together on Sunday the 30th of March, on Mothering Sunday, to celebrate motherhood in all its forms, to express our deep gratitude for our Mother Church, to thank God for Mary the mother of Christ, and to join the communion of saints – those present beside us in our daily journeys and those far away or who have gone before us - in prayers of adoration and thanksgiving for the “mothering” we receive and provide to each other in our journey of faith.

With my love, my thanksgiving and my prayers, Aileen

“...we were like young children among you. Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well...as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.”

1 Thessalonians 2: 7-12



Yay! Spring is on its way!

Spring is in the air at St Stephen's Community Centre offering a great venue for happy events and exciting new ventures! The centre is busy with weekly youth groups for primary age children and teenagers, as well as regular clubs, classes, and more. There is availability for weekend functions and activities during the day (Monday to Friday from 09:00am to 02:30pm) and some weekday evenings. Please contact the centre for more information and to book your event. Tel: 01481 711701 or email Jenny Lambert: ststephenscommunitycentre@gmail.com

Spring public events:

- Tuesday 4th March**
 12:00 - 14:00 : Friendship Lunch with an Irish nod to St Patrick
- Sunday 6th April**
 12:30 - 14:00 : St Stephen's Church AGAPE LUNCH

Weekly events:

Our regular clubs, classes and youth groups are as follows:

Club - Please contact the leader if you are interested to participate.	Day(s)	Time
The French Workshop : Juliana Chapellier : thefrenchworkshopgsy@gmail.com	Weekdays (term time)	15:15 - 17:15
Yoga : Michael Wegerer : yoga.gsy@gmail.com	Monday	19:00 - 20:00
Dancing in the Dark : Louise Croft : facebook.com/danceguernsey	Tuesday	18:00 - 19:00
Dance Fit : Caroline Mauger : www.zumba.com/en-US/p/caroline-mauger/1359453	Thursday	09:45 - 10:45
St Stephen's Players : Chris Dragun : facebook.com/ststephensplayersgsy	Tuesday & Thursday	19:30 - 21:30
Beavers : Rosalyne Le Huray : firstgsybeavers@outlook.com	Monday	17:30 - 18:45
Cubs : Leon Gallienne : firstgsycubs@outlook.com	Monday	19:00 - 20:30
Brownies : Ellie Luce : ststephens.girlguiding@gmail.com	Wednesday	17:30 - 18:30
Sea Scouts : Rosalyne Le Huray : firstgsyscouts@outlook.com	Wednesday	19:00 - 21:00
Rangers : Sophie Leale : 7thststephensrangers@gmail.com	Wednesday	19:00 - 20:30
Guides : Debbie Robilliard : 7thststephensguides@gmail.com	Friday	18:00 - 19:30

*If you are interested in booking the Community Centre,
 please contact Jenny Lambert:
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HANDY HOUSEHOLD HINTS

HOW TO REMOVE THE MOST Common Types of Stains



RED WINE

Cover with salt or baking soda, then blot.



COFFEE

Blot, then dab with a mix of warm water, dish soap, and white vinegar.



OIL/GREASE

Cover with baking soda, baby powder, or cornstarch to soak up the grease.



INK

Apply white toothpaste, then rub vigorously with fabric.



PAINT

Dab with paint thinner, rinse, treat with a stain remover, then launder.



BLOOD

Soak the stain in a mixture of vinegar and warm water, then dab.



GRASS

Mix baking soda with hydrogen peroxide and a few drops of dish soap. Soak for a few hours.



DEODORANT

Soak in white vinegar for up to an hour, scrub, then launder.



CHOCOLATE

Cover with laundry detergent for 10 minutes, then soak in cold water before laundering.

We look forward to you joining us for our

FRIENDSHIP LUNCH



MENU

Beef in Guinness Stew / Hearty Vegan Irish Stew
served with Irish Soda Bread

Apple Crumble with Irish Mist Cream

GLUTEN-FREE AND DIABETIC OPTIONS PROVIDED

Tuesday 11th March
12h00

RSVP: Jean Le Huray 01481 255207

AT MY LOWEST: GOD
IS MY HOPE
AT MY DARKEST: GOD
IS MY LIGHT
AT MY WEAKEST: GOD
IS MY STRENGTH
AT MY SADDEST: GOD
IS MY COMFORTER

ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH JOINS TRINITY FOR PANCAKES

trinity

Pancake Party



TUE
4
MAR

Tuesday, 04-Mar-2025

5:00pm - 7:00pm

Holy Trinity Church

SHROVE
TUESDAY

Park at St Stephen's and
walk together to Trinity

RSVP: Fr Joe
01481 720268

A PRAYER FOR OLD AGE

O Father of Mercies and God of all Comforts, our only help in time of need, I come unto you for help to meet the trials of advancing years. Look graciously upon me and, the more the outward man decays, strengthen me continually with Your Grace. In the inner man, giving me courage and patience to bear the infirmities, privations, sorrows and loneliness of old age.

Help me fight successfully its temptations to be exacting, unreasonable, irritable and complaining. Preserve my mental faculties unimpaired to the end.

Keep my heart and affections warm, so that I may never fail to sympathise with the joys and interests of others and to be deeply grateful for the love and forbearance of those around me.

So fit and prepare me against the hour of my death that I may be able to face it fearlessly, trusting in Your promise to be with me as I pass through the Dark Valley, thus, departing in peace, my soul may be received into Your Everlasting Kingdom, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour. AMEN

(Composed by an elderly person who has endured much pain and suffering.)



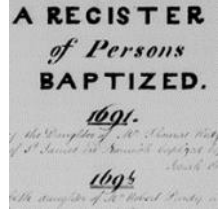


The Guild of Intercession The Departed

May Elizabeth Le Page 30/3/1929; Rosalie Alexandria Woodward 20/3/1932; Bernard Cecil Slade Le Bargy 17/3/1938; Amelia Katharine Cox 9/3/1940; George Edward Romeril 20/3/1941; Arthur William Brookfield 2/3/1942; Helen Douglas Guthrie Utermark (Deaconess) 26/3/1944; Fanny Louise Matthews 25/3/1945; Emily Ann Lihou 7/3/1948; Augustus Robert Hallett 1/3/1950; John de Caen Soffe 8/3/1950; Zelia Mahy 13/3/1950; Elsie Ellen Robilliard 4/3/1951; Esther Jane Kent 13/3/1951; John Michael Hooper 17/3/1951; George Alfred Le Gallez 27/3/1951; Baldwin Walter Peel 31/3/1951; Sybil Hampden Hodges 12/3/1952; Margaret Walsh Parsons 31/3/1952; Walter Robert Taylor 7/3/1953; George Nicolas Pike 27/3/1953; Floretta Marion Brookes 30/3/1953; Hilary Charles Marrett 4/3/1954; William John Ogier 7/3/1955; Mildred Frances Kemp 6/3/1956; Walter Whitford 15/3/1956; Nelson Symons 13/3/1957; Ellen Lizzie Blackshaw 16/3/1957; Edgar George Le Page 26/3/1957; Winnie Domaille Fitzgerald 26/3/1958; Frederick Edward Collard (Priest) 2/3/1959; Basil Augustus Robilliard 4/3/1959; John Clifford Huddle 4/3/1959; Bertha Amelia June Crocker 5/3/1959; Beatrice Marian Robilliard 21/3/1959; Hugh Herbert West 10/3/1960; Harry Herbert Blanchford 10/3/1960; Clifford George Helman 20/3/1961; Richard William Summers 8/3/1962; Alfred Thomas Hopkins 12/3/1962; William Hugh Masters 26/3/1962; Alice May Gillson 30/3/1962; Gary Peter Franklin 4/3/1963; Owen Stanley Harris 4/3/1963; Richard Verrant Moorman 11/3/1963; William Kennedy Bott 1/3/1965; Dorothy Feak 19/3/1966; Spencer Walter Gerhold (Priest) 8/3/1969; Elizabeth May-Lister Cooper 11/3/1969; Elizabeth Robin 30/3/1969; Charles William Foster 12/3/1970; Harry Edwin Robilliard 4/3/1972; Dorothy Amy Palmer King 6/3/1973; Ethel Newman 27/3/1974; Ethel May De La Mare 4/3/1976; Kate Felix 9/3/1976; John Le Page 13/3/1977; Eric Alfred William Andrews 26/3/1977; Hilda May Rabey 1/3/1978; Phyllis May Le Cornu 21/3/1979; Elsie Macgregor Andrews 3/3/1980; Henry Martin Lihou 9/3/1981; Margaret Sophia Ravins 28/3/1981; Edward Daniel Rowe 28/3/1987; John Francis Edwin Pye 21/3/1991; Evelyn Alice Le Moigne 28/3/1992; Donald William Piprell 22/3/1994; Valerie Louise Bowles 9/3/1995; Dorothy Alexandra Sarchet 11/3/1997; Elsie Frances Henley Ross 12/3/1997; Reginald John Le Page 4/3/2000; Florence Mildred Kaines 24/3/2000; Elizabeth Annie Coleman 31/3/2001; Marjorie Croucher 5/3/2002; Joan Marjorie Higgins 20/3/2004; Robert Henry Swift 8/3/2006; Sean-Paul Bougourd 19/3/2006; Christine Alice Galliot 17/3/2007; Bertie Edward (Ted) Curtis 27/3/2007; Frances Marsh 4/3/2008; Howard Marshall Hasson 1/3/2009; Olive May Inder 25/3/2009; Henry William Albert Spencer 5/3/2010; Eric Albert Bishop 6/3/2010; Ethel Margaret Herschel 25/3/2010; Stanley Robert Vaudin 16/3/2012; Margaret Josephine Anne Butt 28/3/2012; Michael Walter Yabsley 31/3/2012; Doris Milicent Hodge 6/3/2013; Anthony Barker Bleasdale 23/3/2013; Joyce Brennan-Roper 12/3/2015; Beatrice Mary Bisson 13/3/2016; Enid Eunice Buckingham 24/3/2016; Priscilla Bygott-Webb 25/1/2016; Doris Guille Higgins 30/3/2016; Ann Maureen Denning 18/3/2017; Doreen Elizabeth Hancock 22/3/2017; Edgar George Blampied 28/3/2017; Carole Ann Exall 25/03/2019. Clare Le Billon 29/03/22 Sheila Daphne Garner 17/03/23 Christopher Backland 07/03/20 Year unknown Frederick Stone, 17/3. Stephen Spencer 03/03/24

May They Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory

**Parish Register
(February 2025)**



Baptisms: Willow Jade Kemp
Weddings: None
Funerals: None

READINGS FOR MARCH 2025

Sunday 2 nd March	The Sunday next before Lent Quinquagesima	Exodus Ch34 v29-35 2 Corinthians Ch3 v12- Ch4 v2 Luke Ch9 v28-36
Wednesday 5 th March	Ash Wednesday	Joel 2.1-2, 12-17 2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10 Matthew 6.1-6,16-21
Sunday 9 th March	The First Sunday of Lent	Deuteronomy Ch26 v1-11 Romans Ch10 v8b-13 Luke Ch4 v1-13
Sunday 16 th March	The Second Sunday of Lent	Genesis Ch15 v1-12, 17-18 Philippians Ch3 v17- Ch4 v1 Luke Ch13 v31-35
Sunday 23 rd March	The Third Sunday of Lent	Isaiah Ch55 v1-9 1 Corinthians Ch10 v1-13 Luke Ch13 v1-9
Sunday 30 th March	The Fourth Sunday of Lent and Mothering Sunday	Exodus Ch2 v1-10 2 Corinthians Ch1 v3-7 John Ch19 v25b-27

MARCH HYMNS 2025

SUNDAY 11am	2 nd Sunday before Lent	9 th Lent 1	16 th Lent 2	23 rd Lent 3	30 th Lent 4 Mothering Sunday
HYMN	322	67	476	73	77
PROPER	674	676	677	678	679
Responsorial Psalm	99	91 v1-11	27	63 v1-9	34 v11-20
OFFERTORY	271	495	72	353	285 (2 nd Tune)
COMMUNION	494	70	63	376	387
POST COMMUNION	178	64	379	234	186



Guilds, Clubs & Activities at St Stephen's

CREATIVE CHILDREN'S CHURCH (MESSY CHURCH)	Andrea Bateman andrea.bateman@yahoo.co.uk	1st Sunday of the Month	Church Vestry
RAINBOWS	Rachel Le Prevost ststephens.girlguiding@gmail.com	Wednesday 4.00pm - 5.00pm	Community Centre 5 – 7 years old
BROWNIES	Ellie Luce ststephens.girlguiding@gmail.com	Wednesday 5.00pm - 6.30pm	Community Centre 7 - 10 years old
GUIDES	Debbie Robilliard Tel: 714850 + 07911 132440 7ststephensguides@gmail.com	Friday 6.00pm - 7.30pm	Community Centre 10 - 14 years old
RANGERS	Sophie Leale Tel: 714850 + 07911 132440 7thststephensrangers@gmail.com	Wednesday 7.40pm – 9.00pm	Community Centre 14-21 years old
1st VICTORIA SEA SCOUT GROUP Group Scout Leader Rosalyne Le Huray Tel: 07781 127263	Rosalyne Le Huray firstgsybeavers@outlook.com	Beavers Monday 5.30pm - 6.45pm	Community Centre 6 - 8 years old
	Leon Gallienne firstgsycubs@outlook.com	Cubs Monday 7.00pm - 8.30pm	Community Centre 8 - 10 years old
	Rosalyne Le Huray firstgsyscouts@outlook.com	Sea Scouts Wednesday 7.00pm - 9.00pm	Community Centre 10 - 14 years old
ST STEPHEN'S GUILD	Marg Kaines Tel: 254858	As arranged	Church 'housekeeping'
SERVERS Guild of the Servants of the Sanctuary	Tony Kaines Tel: 254858	As arranged	Info: www.GSSonline.org.uk
SOCIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE	Tony Goss Tel: 728433	As arranged	St Stephen's Vestry
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SUNDAY MASSES

9.30am	Said Mass
11.00am	Sung Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Friday 8.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
Tuesday 11.00am	<i>Said Mass</i>