

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



March 2026

Hello my dear friends.

I really can't ignore it; nor do I think that you would expect or want me too. Furthermore my usual banging on about how lucky we are in our safe and beautiful island seems both crass and insensitive at this time. The world is a very frightening place today. Of course it has been for some time but things have escalated very quickly in the last few days; driven by people who start wars that they have no intention of dying in, and who don't care about how many people die in their name.



Yes we do still live on a beautiful and peaceful island and we should continue to thank God for it (I do every night) but there are bigger things to direct our prayers towards at the moment. I pray that sense will prevail, that leaders that are war mongers will be replaced and that people will TALK but, most of all I pray for the men, women, children and babies that are being slaughtered every day by a war that is not of their making.

Please join me in my prayers.

On a personal note; I would like to finish by saying a huge thank you to all of you for your support and love during the time leading up to and including the death of my beloved Pops. It has been a rotten time for me and my family but having you in my corner has helped so very much.

I have said it before and I'll say it again you really are a wonderful lot!

Lots of love

Nikki



**All contributions for the April magazine
will be gratefully received!!.**
Copy deadline will be Friday March 27th 2026
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Mad as a March Hare...

The sun is shining down outside, it looks so inviting... I go and stand at the door and breath deeply... Ah, Spring is in the air... well it would be if the wind wasn't so cold and blowy!!

I must confess that I write this knowing that in a few days time I will be back in South Africa, where it will (hopefully) be a lot warmer. This is my first time going back and I have been asked by many if I am looking forward to it.

If I am completely honest, I am a mixture of emotions. I am looking forward to seeing family and friends and catching up with my vitamin D intake. However, I am also sad to be leaving Guernsey, especially because Aileen and Erin will still be here. Aileen will join me briefly for a week (as we celebrate with our son, James, graduating from university) before I fly home to Guernsey and she stays on to see family and friends. It is always difficult to juggle two professional calendars, *c'est la vie*.

We continue a time of preparation in March at St Stephen's as we move through the Season of Lent. The Trustees bought everyone a copy of the booklet, **Draw Near – Life-giving habits for Lent**. I did task everyone with reading each day as their Lenten discipline and I pray that people have found value in doing so. This has been something we can all work on, in our own time, and which hopefully draws us closer to the heart of God as His community. We pray you all have a blessed Lent.

Speaking of blessings, the daffodils have been spectacular this year – don't you think? Aileen remarked the other day on what a joy it is to drive up to Church and see the yellow heads bobbing through the fence. They are just so wonderful aren't they? I am, as always, amazed to see them wherever we go on the island, and such varieties too. Perhaps it is because they fill us with the knowledge that Spring can't be too far away – they are a flower of hope and hope is such a desperately need quality in our world today.

I found myself reflecting on the life of the disciples, and their desperation after the death of Jesus. What did they do on that Saturday – being the Sabbath they would not be able to do very much, which means they had a lot of time to sit and think. Shamed by their own response, and that of their colleagues, what was going through their minds as they sat around in Jerusalem? Did any of them experience the warmth of the sun, or feel the gentle breeze that tugged at their robes? Or were they so overwhelmed by it all that they felt they had lost hope? With so many people today struggling and finding life so hard (especially with news of war and famine) – we need to ask whether we offer them hope? Can we be the sunshine for someone we meet today...?

Much as I want to delve deeper – I need to go off to pack my suitcase. I hope that you enjoy our magazine this month. Special thanks to Nikki who has been through a tough time and yet has managed to put this all together. Please know that, even though I might be far away for a few weeks, I carry you all in my heart.

God bless
Love Fr Joe

Healing in the Desert - Belden Lane

My latest, most difficult path of descent, or journey into fierce landscapes, in these closing years of my life has had to do with the death of my son. Three years ago, John died of acute myeloid leukemia, one of the deadliest forms of cancer. He was 41, leaving behind his wife and a four-year-old daughter. After months and months of chemo, we had been assured that he was cancer-free. He'd rung the bell at the hospital, returned home, gone back to work, but two months later, the cancer returned and he was dead within a week.

Lane went to the desert, hoping to connect with John and in some way relieve the suffering he imagined John was experiencing at having his life cut short. "A year and a half into my grieving, I worried a lot about John. Putting myself in his place, I knew that I'd be arguing as hell...."

I undertook a six-day vision quest in the red rock canyons near Ghost Ranch with a few brothers from Illuman, hoping I could finally set John free from his anguish. But on the first night there, I fell apart sobbing against a canyon wall. I realized it wasn't John who was arguing and cursing his way through some kind of purgatory; it was me. I hadn't come to release John. John would have to come to release me....

By the time I got to the fourth and last night of fasting, I was expecting or at least hoping for some big encounter. That's what you expect to get at the end of a vision quest. But as I waited for the long night, nothing came. I gave up hope of anything dramatic, which is perfect, of course. As I sat there, my mind wandered back to the hospital room on the night of John's death. The end had come at three o'clock in the morning when he finally stopped breathing. I'd wanted to stay with him for the rest of the night. I hated the thought of strangers putting my son on a tray and wheeling him away into the morgue alone. I knew I should have stayed there until dawn, but ... we were all exhausted. We went home.

And then it struck me.... On the ridge I could still do this. I might be over a year late, but I could still be faithful, waiting alongside John's body, not turning away from his death. So that's what I did, staying awake through the rest of the night, keeping vigil with John. Within an hour or so, I noticed ... a full moon was rising over the ridge behind me, casting a soft slate gray light on the mesa's rim, going down the mesa as the moon rose behind me. It was cold and death-like but beautiful, like the paleness of my son's body drained of life as I was able to sit with him. It was also for me, at the time, the body of Christ, as it were. John, Jesus had come to assure me with [the mystic] Julian of Norwich, was fine. He was more than fine....

I was blown away that night. The desert had come for me again, been there for me, the place where God has come so often in my life. I struggle with John's loss to this day, but in the deepest place of my soul, I'm at peace knowing that this most recent path of descent in the desert has only carried me deeper once again into love. Amen.



POEM/PRAYER

written by a Mother's Union member.



*Let this day be the start of something new.
The world can be a better place today because of you.
You can be the pebble that starts the ripples flowing,
for when we share an act of love, we have no way of knowing
how many lives a selfless deed will touch,
or who will benefit along the way.
For kindness spreads her ever open arms,
and a stranger may become a friend this day.
For love can trample every barrier down
that man has built through ignorance and fear.
So let us make this world a better place,
and let it start with you, right now, right here.*

Mothing Sunday is on Sunday March 15th

Would you like to help The Mothers' Union by giving an ethical Gift of Belonging to help mothers raise their children with hope and dignity in God's family.

The quickest and easiest way to order your gift is on line at www.makeamothersday.org or by calling on 020 7222 5533

There is a range of choices, for instance your gift could support parenting sessions for families in crisis.

A gift could help give a young mother and her baby the safe, healthy start every family deserves. Lifting families out of danger.

Your gift could help give a mother practical skills to support herself such as small business training, life skills such as cooking and sewing.



Thank you.



What's On for Children St Stephen's Church

Every Sunday

9:30am
Children's Church

Godly Play
with child led activities

1st Sunday of the month

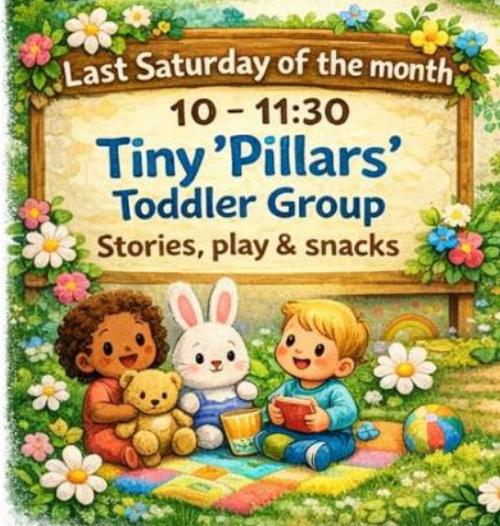
2:30 - 4pm
Creative Children's Church

Bible themed activities, games
and crafts for primary school
aged children with toddler
play corner

Last Saturday of the month

10 - 11:30
Tiny 'Pillars'
Toddler Group

Stories, play & snacks





NERD CORNER



So here we go! The continuing saga ... way back in October we started the great boiler drama, and we 'parked' one part of the story about the new heating control panel (that replaced the one that was disintegrating and dangling off my wall at a jaunty angle.)

You see, the thing is this, my little trainee Nerds.. I 'settled' for a 'like for like' replacement I took the safe route, whereas what I really wanted was one you could control remotely using an app on your phone. In other words I was being 'sensible' - not a word I approve of in my house.

My Nerdlettes, if you learn nothing else from this page of garbage, just remember this, never be sensible... push the boundaries, reach for the stars (I feel a song coming on) It wasn't long before I discovered how useless this 'sensible' replacement was. I alter the heating timings depending on the time of year etc and this sensible replacement was a pain in the neck to alter and the writing on the LCD screen so small I had to have my nose pressed up against it to see what was going on.

Enough was enough, so one afternoon I unclipped the offending heating panel from the wall and went down to the 'heating control panel' shop. I walked in and handed said control panel to the man and said 'I want one like this but that I can control with my phone' I thought that was a very clear request and he seemed to understand my requirements. 'I'll just get the electrician to check I'm giving you the correct bits and that it will all work ok' he said.

There was some murmuring and I over heard bits of gobbledy-gook that meant nothing to me, but the bit I did understand was that this new panel was wired up the opposite way to the one I already had and that I would need to get it rewired. Aah so not a simple case of clipping the new on on then? Hmm

Now Nerdlettes, I'm not averse to a bit of rewiring I mean what better way is there to spend a rainy afternoon so why waste time and money on an electrician when I can give it a go?

Don't forget push the boundaries, reach for the stars? Sing away my Nerdlettes till next time when the saga continues....

In Loving Memory of Joyce Alice Renouf

*Eulogy written by Zee Lanoe and delivered by Zee
at Joyce's funeral on 12th December 2025*



This eulogy is a mixture of the family's and my memories of Joyce.

Joyce Alice Renouf was born on June 19th in 1943, during the occupation. She was the second child to Edward & Ivy Renouf, younger sister to the late Beryl and older sister to Sylvia and the late Brian, Alan and Tony.

The family lived in Rouge Rue before moving to the White House in the Rohais where Joyce grew up. Joyce had a very fiery temper when she was younger. She purchased a bottle of bright red nail varnish and her dad said, no daughter of mine is wearing that and threw it in the boiler, so she just went out and replaced it with a new one. Joyce loved going out. She would go out with friends very often and one night her dad told her, you are not going out tonight! Joyce took this very well and turned to say, I wasn't going out anyway!

Joyce's first job was at Gibauderie grocery store with her sisters Beryl and Sylvia. From 1965 she worked for my mum and Dad, Bunny and Mary Kemp, and only stopped when they both died in 1999. She also became a housekeeper for Sir Charles and Lady Frossard where she worked for 40 years during which time she also became very close to their daughters Marguerite and Jeanne. Jeanne used to visit her every time she came to Guernsey. She then came to work for me and then my sister Pippa too. I say she worked for us but actually she kept us going with her practical advice and emotional support. Everyone looked on her like a daughter and sister, and we know she also loved us all like her own family.

In later years Joyce cared for her mother. There were some very hard times, but she never gave up her care and devotion of her mother who passed away in 2012, and Joyce added to her family with a new puppy Mitzi. They were inseparable and went everywhere together, where Joyce went, Mitzi would be right beside her. Mitzi and our dog Madi played together when Joyce came to us. The family made a promise to Joyce that when she passed her beloved dog would lay with her in her coffin and they have kept that promise, and Mitzi's ashes are with her.

Joyce was a member of the congregation at St Stephen's and had been since she was a very young child. Along with her family, she would even help with the catering for the Sunday School when they held picnics and Christmas parties and she used to look after my eldest son (who was her Godson) as a baby at the back of the church while I was singing in the choir.

Joyce never married and she spent all her spare time with her nieces and nephews. She was a very much-loved aunt, great aunt, great-great aunt, Godmother and a special close friend to Andy and me and helped me through some tough times with her listening and good advice. I always considered her as my 4th sister.

Joyce loved knitting and sewing. She knitted many matinee jackets and booties, and she made all her nieces and nephews many clothes, Winter jackets, dresses, trouser suits and much more. She has even made wedding dresses for her nieces and many many bridesmaids dresses for the family weddings. She always used to help me if I had a lot of work on. She used to thank my mum for teaching her to sew.

Joyce loved gardening and would often be seen gardening in her bikini! She also used to let Ben help her water the Vicarage garden. I have a photo of Ben as a toddler; watering can in hand with Joyce and he is wearing nothing but a pair of wellies. Obviously, her bad influence! She would grow veg and come harvest time she would give her nieces and nephews her produce for the harvest boxes, but her flowers were a different matter. She would tell her mum, no cutting down the flowers. Anything I know about gardening I got from Joyce.

At Christmas she would make the most amazing mini sausages rolls, tomato chutney and coleslaw. The family loved all of it. She loved Christmas and would buy something new every year and would decorate her tree with peacock baubles. She was obsessed with peacocks. She even told us she wanted to die at Christmas as she wanted the carol, "In the Bleak Midwinter" at her funeral. Well her wish has come true. *(Joyce entered into rest on 4th December 2025 in her 83rd year.)*

Joyce would spend a lot of time with her sister Sylvia and nieces Maria and Nicola. She would very often be found at Maria's having BBQ's and even went on holidays to the UK with Maria, Andrew and children.

The family home was sold in 2015 so Joyce moved to Monument Gardens, but due to having one of her legs amputated and ill health, she had to move to Le Grand Courtil where she was happy and content for 5 years and all the staff looked after her very well and did all they could to keep her there. She was sad to give up her driving licence, but this was not a bad thing as she was a terrible driver, she even crashed her mobility scooter and fell into a bush with her legs in the air.

Unfortunately, her health deteriorated again so she moved to Highfield Care Home for the last 6 weeks of her life. She wasn't happy about this and said she was going to take up squatters' rights at Le Grand Courtil but within a day at Highfield she loved it and was so settled which took the family by surprise. They looked after Joyce very well and we could not have asked for any better care in her last weeks.

Joyce always thought she wasn't clever, but she knew so much. How to stop your curtain rings from sticking on the rail, how to get stains out of anything etc etc. She once cured a leak in the roof of a Golf Convertible I had for a short time. She said I've got something for that. And with that she got this long piece of plastic out of her car boot (a bit like Mary Poppins bag) and threaded it all around the channel under the roof and no more leak. She was also a magician at finding anything that was lost.

Joyce, you did far more for so many people than you gave yourself credit for, so now rest in peace.



Photograph taken by Joyce's 3-year-old great-great nephew, Enzo

YOU ARE INVITED
TO JOIN US FOR
OUR

Friendship Lunch

St Stephen's Community Centre

Tuesday 10th March 12pm

MENU

Beef or Vegetable Lasagne

served with Italian salad & crusty bread

Sicilian Lemon Cheesecake

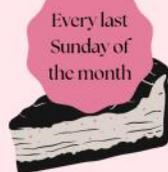
Special dietary requirements catered for

£10

RSVP: Jill Mabire or Aileen Thompson
by Sunday 8th March
Tel: 01481 720 268

ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH

Thank you for supporting our
Bake Sale Sundays



Every last
Sunday of
the month



Home made and home grown items, cakes, savoury bakes, jams and preserves are happily received for our Bake Sales on the last Sunday of every month after the 9.30 and 11.00 services at the back of church or in the garden weather permitting.

25 January 22 February 29 March 26 April 31 May 28 June
26 July 30 August 27 September 25 October 29 November



MARCH 2026

Social Events Update

Over the past year, St Stephen's Church has welcomed many music concerts, especially in collaboration with the Guernsey Choral Society, we hosted The Queen's Six and Tenebrae, and all have been a great joy for us.

Our monthly Friendship Lunches continue to be very successful. We have been supported by Cook and we thank them for their involvement. Likewise, our weekly Coffee, Cake and Chat mornings have been well attended. Thank you to everyone for the amazing cake selection. We have a Bake Sale on the last Sunday of each month which has also been very well supported.

In June, our Mad Hatter's Tea Party was planned for in the garden but due to adverse weather, was in our Community Centre. The inclement weather certainly did not dampen the event, and a lot of fun was had by all. We also hosted a Quiz Night, under the guidance of Simon Streek, which was a wonderful success with the plan for it to be repeated this year. Our annual Boules Evening was lots of fun in the autumnal sunshine, followed by fish and chips. We had a lovely summer family picnic as well.

One of the highlights of the year was the Girl Guide birthday celebrations. The Guides, Brownies, Rainbows and Rangers all celebrated meaningful anniversaries of their founding at St Stephen's. We thank them for their involvement in our Autumn Mouse Trail and for being a part of our Harvest Sunday service. Thank you to Jean and Rosalyne Le Huray for their delightful Mouse Trails during the year over Easter, Autumn and Christmas. We have enjoyed the return of Etienne and the Church mice family, especially their telling of the history of various groups in our St Stephen's family and the traditions of our Church.

In October, we enjoyed our Dedication Lunch and 160th Church Birthday celebrations. We hosted a new event in November, an Advent & Christmas wreath making workshop. This was very well attended and saw many beautiful wreaths being made. We will enjoy this again this year and it is planned for 28th November.

Our most recent event was our Bingo Afternoon Tea at the end of February. Our Community Centre was jolly with seven full tables of Bingo enthusiasts and supporters, and we enjoyed a lovely afternoon of fun, lots of prizes and delicious cakes and savoury treats. A big thank you to all who provided eats and to our amazing prize sponsors for their kind generosity.

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

4

Crafty Easter & Egg Hunt
2.30pm

18

Guernsey Brass Concert
7.30pm

25

Bach Choir & Orchestra
7.30pm

MAY

23

Guernsey Puffers Concert
7.00pm

Visit: <http://st-stephens-guernsey.org>
to find "What's On"

FRIENDS OF ST STEPHEN'S

Thank you for your kind generosity and support of our St Stephen's Church community events:

- Les Rocquettes Hotel
- COOK
- Les Cotils Hotel
- The Swallows at Les Cotils
- CRÊPE MAISON
(supporter of Humanitarian Aid Guernsey)
- Le Friquet Garden Centre
- Guernsey Gardens
- Aladdin's Cave

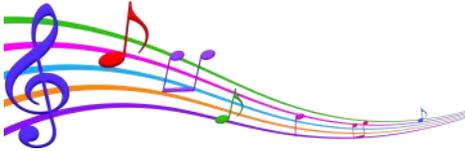
FOR MORE INFO

Social Events Committee Chair:

Linda Barnes

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Music for Springtime

There will be several concerts at St Stephens' Church in the next few months. These concerts are always very enjoyable especially as the acoustics are so good in the church.

The dates for these concerts are :-

Saturday April 18th - Guernsey Brass Concert

Saturday April 25th - Bach Choir and Orchestra

Saturday May 23rd - Guernsey Puffers Concert

Saturday July 11th - Guernsey Brass

with the schools music service

Do hope as many people as possible will come to enjoy an evening of great music at these events.

For more details log on to the Church website:

<http://st-stephens-guernsey.org> and check the "What's On" calendar.



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 week-day evenings.

Spring Events:

Tuesday 10th March 12pm
Friendship Lunch

Saturday 4th April 2.30pm
Crafty Easter & Egg Hunt

Weekly events at the St Stephen's Community Centre

Please contact the leader if you are interested to participate:

Clubs, Activities and Uniform Groups	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 : Tamara Beach : 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
Zumba : Emily Young : emily@eneevo.com / www.eneevo.com	Saturday	09:00 – 10:00

For enquiries and bookings for the Community Centre, please complete an electronic booking form via this link: <https://st-stephens-guernsey.org/459/Booking-Form>
Alternatively, contact Jenny Lambert on 01481 711701 or via email:
ststephenscommunitycentre@gmail.com



Saint of the Month

ST CUTHBERT

“This very ancient and anonymous life of St. Cuthbert was written by the desire of Bishop Edfrid and the Monks of Lindisfarne between A.D. 698, when Edfrid became Bishop, and 705, the year of Aldfrid’s death, who is spoken of as the reigning sovereign.”

So begins *The Life of St Cuthbert*, written by an unknown hand as a memory to the late Bishop of Lindisfarne. This tiny island, off the coast of Northumbria, was home to a group of monks who sought to dedicate their lives to prayer and study of the Holy Scriptures. Both during his life and following his death, Cuthbert was a very popular bishop in medieval England.

Born near Dunbar in modern Scotland, he was raised in Melrose. Not much is known of his childhood, nor of his early adult years (where apparently, he served for a time in the military). One night, while out in the fields near Melrose, Cuthbert had a vision of St Aidan (founder of the monastic house on Lindisfarne) being carried up into heaven. When he learned that Aidan had in fact died that night, Cuthbert decided to offer himself to God as a monk.

Cuthbert joined the newly founded monastery at Melrose in 651AD, where ten years later, he became the prior. It was not long after this appointment that he was asked to become prior of the monastery on Lindisfarne. His gentleness of character and unmistakable love for the Lord made him a welcome visitor wherever he travelled. He spent much time among the people, ministering to their spiritual needs, carrying out missionary journeys, and preaching. Cuthbert retired in 676, moved by the desire for a more contemplative life and went to Inner Farne island, where he lived as a hermit. He would walk into the sea at night and recite the Psalms. In the morning, when he emerged from the sea, otters used to come and rub him dry.

Clearly his piety and warmth deeply affected the people he met, as a few years later, the king of Northumbria commanded he come out of retirement. Cuthbert dodged becoming the Bishop of Hexham by sending another monk in his place. Cuthbert was however, consecrated at York by Archbishop Theodore, as the next Bishop of Lindisfarne on 26 March 685. But after Christmas 686, he returned to his cell on Inner Farne Island, where he died on 20 March 687, after a painful illness and was buried at Lindisfarne the same day.

Following Viking raids, his remains were moved to Durham, causing the foundation of the city and Durham Cathedral. Cuthbert’s shrine at Durham Cathedral was a major pilgrimage site throughout the Middle Ages and remains a popular tourist attraction today as does St Cuthbert’s Way, one of Scotland’s Great Trails, a popular long-distance walking route.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR MARCH

Sunday March 1	The Second Sunday of Lent 9.30am Mass with Children's Church 11.00am Sung Mass 12.30pm Church AGM 2.30pm – 4.00pm Creative Children's Church
Monday March 2 - Friday March 6	08.00am Morning Prayer
Tuesday March 3	11.00am Weekday Mass
Wednesday March 4	4.00pm Rainbows
Saturday March 7	10.00am – 11.30am Coffee, Cake & Chat
Sunday March 8	The Third Sunday of Lent 9.30am Mass with Children's Church 11.00am Sung Mass
Tuesday March 10	12.00pm Friendship Lunch
Wednesday March 11	4.00pm Rainbows
Saturday March 14	10.00am – 11.30am Coffee, Cake & Chat
Sunday March 15	Mothering Sunday The Fourth Sunday of Lent 9.30am Mass with Children's Church 11.00am Sung Mass
Wednesday March 18	4.00pm Rainbows
Saturday March 21	10.00am – 11.30am Coffee, Cake & Chat
Sunday March 22	The Fifth Sunday of Lent 9.30am Mass with Children's Church 11.00am Sung Mass
Tuesday March 24	09.00am - 9.30am ECJS Easter Service Rehearsal 11.00am – 12.00pm ECJS Easter Service
Wednesday March 25	The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary 4.00pm Rainbows
Saturday March 28	10.00am – 11.30am Coffee, Cake & Chat 10.00am - 11.30am Tiny Pillars Toddler Group
Sunday March 29	Palm Sunday 9.30am Mass with Children's Church 11.00am Sung Mass Bake Sale after both services

March Hymns

	1 st	8 th	15 th	22 nd	29 th
SUNDAY 11am	Lent 2	Lent 3	Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	Lent 5 Passion Sunday	Palm Sunday Procession
HYMN	434	73 2 nd Tune	475	79	509
PROPER	677	678	679	680	681
Responsorial Psalm	121	95	23	130	31 (v9-18)
OFFERTORY	72	374	185 2 nd Tune	383 2 nd Tune	86
COMMUNION	63	357	387	83	82
POST COMMUNION	84	379	186	95	511



Guilds, Clubs & Activities at St Stephen's

CREATIVE CHILDREN'S CHURCH (MESSY CHURCH)	Andrea Bateman andrea.bateman @yahoo.co.uk	First Sunday of the Month 2.30pm – 4.00pm	Family Service and Godly Play St Stephen's Church
TINY 'PILLARS TODDLER GROUP	Andrea Bateman andrea.bateman @yahoo.co.uk	Last Saturday of the Month 10am – 11.30am	St Stephen's Church (at the same time as Coffee, Cake & Chat)
RAINBOWS	Tamara Beach ststephens.girlguiding @gmail.com	Wednesday 4.00pm – 5.00pm	St Stephen's Church 5 – 7 years old
BROWNIES	Tamara Beach 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	Rosalyne Le Huray firstgtsybeavers @outlook.com	Beavers Monday 5.30pm - 6.45pm	Community Centre 6 - 8 years old
Group Scout Leader	Leon Gallienne firstgtsycubs@outlook.com	Cubs Monday 7.00pm – 8.30pm	Community Centre 8 - 10 years old
Rosalyne Le Huray Tel: 07781 127263	Rosalyne Le Huray firstgtsyscouts@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
CHURCH FLOWERS	Ann Goss Tel: 728433	As arranged	Church
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May they rest in peace and rise in glory

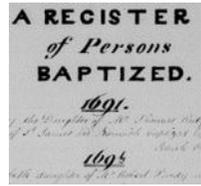
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**Parish Register
(February 2026)**

Baptisms: Lily Rose Le Page
 Jade Rose Edwards
 Esmae Zaya-Jade Edwards
 Greyson River Zyon Edwards

Weddings: None

Funerals: Brian Stanley Garner



MARCH READINGS 2026

Sunday 1 st March	The Second Sunday of Lent	Genesis Ch12 v1-4a Romans Ch4 v1-5,13-17 John Ch3 v1-17
Sunday 8 th March	The Third Sunday of Lent	Exodus Ch17 v 1-7 Romans Ch5 v1-11 John Ch4 v5-42
Sunday 15 th March	The Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday	Exodus Ch2 v1-10 2 Corinthians Ch1 v3-7 Luke Ch2 v33-35
Sunday 22 nd March	The Fifth Sunday of Lent Passion Sunday	Ezekiel Ch37 v1-14 Romans Ch8 v6-11 John Ch11 v1-45
Sunday 29 th March	Palm Sunday	Matthew 21. 1-11 (Palm Gospel) Isaiah Ch50 v 4-9a Philippians Ch2 v5-11 Matthew Ch27 v11-54 (Passion Reading)



WAFFLE'S WISDOM

**You need four things in life;
 To have a dog
 For a dog to have you
 To love a dog
 For a dog to love you**



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SUNDAY MASSES

9.30am Said Mass and Children's Church
11.00am Sung Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Friday 8.00am *Morning Prayer (until 6th March and to resume on 7th April)*
Tuesday 11.00am *Said Mass (on 3rd March only and to resume on 7th April)*