

*The Parish Magazine
of St Stephens Church
Guernsey*



April 2026

Hello my friends and Happy Easter to you all! I do hope that you have a wonderful weekend.



Perhaps, for once, we can forget what is going on in the world and concentrate on the joy of resurrection and new birth as well as the joy of being together as a church family.

By the time you read this Father Joe should be back with us and soon Aileen will be too; I am sure that you have all missed them as much as I have and are looking forward to our family being complete again.

Spring has finally arrived and soon it will be summer which always puts a smile on our faces! I am sure that there will be a lot going on thanks to Linda and the social events committee so do join in as many of these events as you can; it is so lovely when we are all together.

Once again I wish you a happy and blessed Easter and I send my love to you all.

Nikki



All contributions for the May magazine
will be gratefully received!!.
Copy deadline will be **Friday April 24th 2026**
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Sunshine and Happiness



I wrote in the last magazine that I was preparing to return to South Africa for the first time since coming to Guernsey in August of 2023. What is so scary is that, as I write this now, I have just returned from that trip (gosh that was quick!).

I only packed two pairs of trousers and three pairs of shorts, (it would be late summer when I was there). I had to buy another pair of trousers as the weather was quite similar to Guernsey in that it was overcast for much of my time away. At least the temperature was about 10-15 degrees warmer! I did manage a few days of sunshine though and basked in the warmth of the African sun with delight.

The purpose of our journey was primarily to celebrate the graduation of our son James from university. What an amazing experience we had. Aileen and I flew to Port Elizabeth (or Gqeberha as it is now known) and drove up to Grahamstown (Makhanda) which is about 75 miles away. The Eastern Cape is looking so beautiful at the moment as they have had a lot of recent rainfall, and everything is green and lush. Apparently, it was looking like a desert a few months ago, but it has been transformed by the blessing of rain.

We celebrate Easter with that same transformation happening in our spiritual life. Having prepared ourselves through acts of penitence during Lent, we journeyed through the deeply moving events of Holy Week and then discovered that new life has emerged from the tomb. What a truly emotional spiritual roller-coaster we have been on. And all this fills us with hope and happiness (its raining as I type this) as the resurrection unfolds in all its mystery. Alleluia, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

My concern with the commercial aspects of Christian festivals still remains (some shops sell hot-cross buns all year round) but the message of Easter will triumph in the end. And it is a triumphant story. We live in a world that has lost its way to the powerful and greedy; where we see big nations attacking smaller ones, where people are awarded massive bonuses while millions starve to death, where homes are destroyed through senseless bombardments to make a statement. All these are growing pains that we need to go through to return to the Truth we have lost. Money, fame and power are all transitory. St Paul tells us that three things last forever... faith, hope and love (for others, not self). That is what lies at the very heart of the Easter story – Love triumphs over evil.

From Easter Sunday we hear each week of how the early Christians experienced the events that followed the resurrection. The Apostles went out and spread the news of Victory – the devil has been defeated through the humility and obedience of the Christ. No longer do we need to live in fear for we have a different future, grounded in love and shown so powerfully on a hillside outside of Jerusalem. We are a Kingdom people.

My prayer for all of us is that we may continue to explore what that means. It doesn't mean that it will all be sunshine and happiness. It does mean that, whatever happens, Jesus walks alongside us, helping and guiding us through. God bless you as you discover what that might mean for you and those you love. Love Fr Joe

**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

St Stephen's Church
Toddler Group

**Tiny
'Pillars'**

Every Last Saturday of the Month
♥ 10 - 11.30am ♥
Stories Play Snacks

**MY FAVORITE
CHILDHOOD MEMORY
IS HAVING ENERGY**



St Stephen's Church
GUERNSEY BACH CHOIR AND
ORCHESTRA

SATURDAY 25TH APRIL 2026 8.00PM



Conductor ALAN GOUGH MBE



CONCERT

Motets by Palestrina, Tallis and Tchaikovsky

Orchestral Suite No 4 in D

J S Bach

Sinfonia 'Al Santo Sepolchro'

Vivaldi

Sinfonia in D Op18 No 4

J C Bach

Movts. From Symphony No 94 "Surprise"

Haydn

Veni Sancte Spiritus K 47

W A Mozart

ENTRY BY PROGRAMME £10



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

Monday Sunday is on Sunday March 15th



NERD CORNER



Last nerd corner finished with me contemplating rewiring the connection for the heating control panel. The electrician in the shop said that my original unit was wired up the opposite way around to the new one and I fancied myself a challenge. My penultimate (thats a long word for Holy Week) paragraph said and I quote:-

'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? '

I appreciate that this sounds like a very flippant comment and not appropriate when dealing with something as dangerous as electricity, but the actual truth of the matter is that in reality I am super-super cautious when going anything like this. In-fact it's the only time I EVER read instructions, and not just once I read/check/read/check and check again until I feel fully confident I know what I'm about to undertake. I am neurotic about turning off every bit of electricity in the house and, if I had my way, would turn the neighbours electricity off too. I would even plead with Guernsey Electricity to generate a power cut (*Felicity stop it now you are getting silly*)

So over a period of days in preparation for the 'project rewiring' I carried out the usual read/check/re-read/re-check. Then something caught my eye, the wiring diagram stamped within the unit was the other way around, meaning it didn't mean rewiring after all, so what do I follow?. It was time to 'phone a friend' 'Pete Heeeelp'

I explained the situation to Super-Pete and took the unit and the instructions down to his command bunker. Pete had kept the original wiring diagrams from when he had installed the original one (good on him) and he confirmed 'Yes' I was correct the unit wouldn't need rewiring at all! (For the interested nerdlettes amongst you the difference is which way around you are looking at it from the walls perspective or from yours)

"So" I said to Super-Pete 'So all I have to do is clip it on and away we go?' 'Yes' said Pete 'Its as simple as that?' I said (super cautious as always) 'Yes' he said....

And there's more to follow

Till Next time Nerdlettes



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.

Saturday April 25th - Bach Choir and Orchestra.

Friday May 15th - Guernsey Chamber Choir.

Saturday May 23rd - Guernsey Puffers.

**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 14th April
12pm Friendship Lunch**

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-quernsey.org/459/Booking-Form>
Alternatively, contact Jenny Lambert on 01481 711701 or via email:
ststephenscommunitycentre@gmail.com



Saint of the Month

St Anselm

“Lord, I do not seek to understand so that I may believe, but I believe so that I may understand; and what is more, I believe that unless I do believe I shall not understand.”

Born in Aosta in Italy around 1033, Anselm showed little regard for the Church as a young boy. However, at the age of 15, he felt that he would like to become a monk. His father felt differently and told him to explore the world first (or words similar) and so he did.

Then twelve years later, he returned to his earlier desire to be a monk and entered the monastery of Bec in Normandy. Three short

years later he was elected prior and 15 years afterward he became the abbot by unanimous consent. As a monk, St. Anselm was admired for his skill in teaching and the virtue of patience. Through his leadership, the monastery of Bec became an influential centre of learning and theology.

At the age of 60, St. Anselm was appointed as the Archbishop of Canterbury in the year 1093 by Rufus, the son and successor of William the Conqueror. The see had been kept vacant since the death of Lanfranc in 1089, during which period the king had confiscated its revenues and pillaged its lands. Anselm demanded the return of the lands and a recognition of Urban II as the true Pope before he would accept the position. Possibly because he was really ill at the time and feared death, Rufus agreed. After he recovered however, Rufus demanded money for the title (which Anselm refused to pay). It was a time of great stress between the Church and the State – Anselm went into exile three times rather than acknowledge the authority of the English king in spiritual matters.

Anselm used the influence of his office to bring about the suppression of the salve trade, which persisted in England at the time (it would only be eradicated completely in the 19th century). However, his greatest legacy lies in his teachings, Anselm is now famous as the originator of the ontological argument for the existence of God and of the satisfaction theory of atonement. His work, *Cur Deus Homo* ("Why God was a Man") was written from 1095 to 1098 once Anselm was Archbishop of Canterbury, and remains one of his greatest works.

He died on Holy Wednesday, 21 April 1109. His remains were translated to Canterbury Cathedral (now St Thomas's Chapel). During the church's reconstruction after the disastrous fire of the 1170s, his remains were relocated, although it is now uncertain where. His feast day is the 21st April.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR APRIL

Good Friday April 3	10.00am – 11.30am Reproaches 2.00pm – 3.00pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday April 4	10.00am – 11.30am Coffee, Cake & Chat 2.30pm Crafty Easter Egg Hunt in Community Centre 8.00pm – 9.30pm Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter
Easter Day Sunday April 5	Easter Day 9.30am Mass with Children's Church 11.00am Sung Mass 2.30pm – 4.00pm Creative Children's Church
Monday to Friday	08.00am Morning Prayer
Tuesday April 7	11.00am Weekday Mass
Wednesday 8	4.00pm – 5.30pm Rainbows
Saturday April 11	10.00am – 11.30am Coffee, Cake & Chat
Sunday April 12	The Second Sunday of Lent 9.30am Mass with Children's Church 11.00am Sung Mass
Monday to Friday	08.00am Morning Prayer
Tuesday April 14	11.00am Weekday Mass
Wednesday April 16	4.00pm – 5.30pm Rainbows
Saturday April 18	10.00am – 11.30am Coffee, Cake & Chat 7.30pm – 9.30pm Guernsey Concert Band Concert
Sunday April 19	The Third Sunday of Easter 9.30am Mass with Children's Church 11.00am Sung Mass and rangers
Monday to Friday	08.00am Morning Prayer
Tuesday April 21	11.00am Weekday Mass
Wednesday 22	4.00pm – 5.30pm Rainbows
Friday April 24	6.00pm – 10.00pm Gu Bach Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal
Saturday April 25	10.00am – 11.30am Coffee, Cake & Chat 10.00am – 11.30am Toddler Group 7.30pm – 9.30pm Gu Bach Choir & Orchestra Concert
Sunday April 26	The Fourth Sunday of Easter 9.30am Mass with Children's Church 11.00am Sung Mass 12.15pm Bake Sale. an12
Monday to Friday	08.00am Morning Prayer
Tuesday April 28	11.00am Weekday Mass
Wednesday 29	4.00pm – 5.30pm Rainbows

APRIL HYMNS

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SUNDAY 11am	Maundy Thursday	Easter Sunday Procession	2nd Sunday of Easter Procession	3rd Sunday of Easter	4th Sunday of Easter
HYMN	308	Hail Festal Day	109	124	457 2nd tune
PROPER	682	683	684	685	686
Responsorial Psalm	116 (v9-end)	118 (14-24)	16	116 (v1-7)	23
OFFERTORY	269	105* *2nd Tune	103	120/S.23	S.2
COMMUNION	S.3	104 Omit *	101 Omit*	118	282
POST COMMUNION	268 (Merbecke	110	117	121	369

Good Friday 3rd April, 10.00am Liturgy as set with Reproaches

Holy Saturday 4th April 8.00pm Liturgy as set

(Hymns 103 + 114 Setting: Missa de Angelis)



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	Sophie Leale Tel: 07839 176928 7ststephensguides@gmail.com	Friday 6.00pm - 7.30pm	Community Centre 10 - 14 years old
RANGERS	Sophie Leale Tel: 7thststephensrangers@gmail.com	Wednesday 7.40pm – 9.00pm	Community Centre 14-21 years old
1st VICTORIA SEA SCOUT GROUP Group Scout Leader Rosalyn Le Huray Tel: 07781 127263	Rosalyn Le Huray firstgysbeavers@outlook.com	Beavers Monday 5.30pm - 6.45pm	Community Centre 6 - 8 years old
	Leon Gallienne firstgyscubs@outlook.com	Cubs Monday 7.00pm - 8.30pm	Community Centre 8 - 10 years old
	Rosalyn Le Huray firstgyscubs@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
ST STEPHEN'S PLAYERS	Steph Dragun Tel: 255654	As arranged	Community Centre

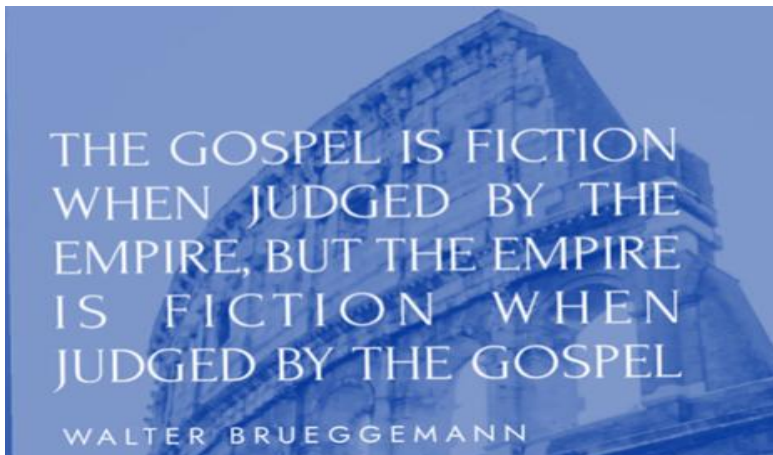


The Guild of Intercession

John Carré 19/4/1892; Charles Ernest George Cummings 9/4/1928; James Hayes 20/4/1935; Emily Paul 7/4/1938; Charles Wheat (Priest) 3/4/1939; Edith Holmes 18/4/1941; Elsie Louise Guille 19/4/1945; William Le Lacheur 19/4/1947; William Francis Adams 3/4/1949; Annie Hamon Gallienne 6/4/1949; Eva Patricia Mary Oates 22/4/1949; Thomas Frederick Sarchet Watson 26/4/1949; Angelina Warry 11/4/1950; Clara Ann Simon 14/4/1950; Farrar Wolferston Thomas 10/4/1951; William Marshall Fraser 28/4/1951; Mark Edwards 19/4/1952; Henry Charles Help 1/4/1953; Dorothy Gliddon 24/4/1953; Marjorie Joan Le Huray 3/4/1954; Emily Grace Cross 6/4/1954; Cyril Golding-Bird (Bishop) 9/4/1955; John Arthur Attwood 4/4/1956; Cecil Ernest Hamel 6/4/1956; Edmundson Nelson Greenhow (Priest) 8/4/1956; William Grimwood Taylor 20/4/1957; Elsie Amelia Grut 22/4/1957; Edna Freda Machon 25/4/1957; Arthur Nathaniel Foster 15/4/1958; Rose Macfarlane 19/4/1958; William Arthur Warry 29/4/1958; Julia Hitchens 30/4/1959; Thomas Edward Le Page 19/4/1960; Elsie May Lowe 5/4/1961; Mabel Blanche Hall 12/4/1961; James Price Lewis 17/4/1961; Walter John Ellis 19/4/1961; Clifford George Helman 20/4/1961; Albert Edward Hawkins 25/4/1961; Thomas A B King 3/4/1962; Walter Richard Hart 20/4/1962; Frederick Joseph Guille 25/4/1962; Harold William Sarchet 23/4/1963; Edmund Thomas Allett 14/4/1964; John Edward Bazille Corbin (Priest) 30/4/1964; Ellen Mary Inder 3/4/1965; Robert Hamilton 14/4/1968; Greta Annie Marquis 9/4/1969; William Charles Smith 20/4/1970; Herbert Forester King 27/4/1970; Alfred Edward Avery 2/4/1971; Hilda Evelyn Lainé 4/4/1972; Elsie Grace Rich 4/4/1972; Grace Adams 17/4/1972; Margaret Elizabeth Corbin 17/4/1974; Edith Amy Le Page 30/4/1974; Michael Ingham 2/4/1977; Gladys Irene Martel 21/4/1977; Joseph Edward Matthews 21/4/1978; Mary Duncan (Mollie) Randall 15/4/1979; Marjorie Rich 15/4/1983; Gwendoline Moore 23/4/1983; Madge Gahan 14/4/1985; Leslie Moon (Priest) 26/4/1985; Phyllis May Jehan 14/4/1987; Demas Charles Matthews 24/4/1990; Elsie Maria Till 11/4/1994; Daphne Aimée Cohu Ogier 24/4/1996; Phyllis Kate Burgess, 26/4/1996; Muriel Winifred Prialux Brockford 7/4/1997; William Billington 1/4/2001; Florence Mary Bateson 1/4/2001; Eric Lockett 5/4/2003; Christopher William Hunt 28/4/2004; Jeanne Margarettas Blondel 5/4/2006; George Arthur Winslade 17/4/2006; Oliver Charles Colt 9/4/2007; Mabel Doris Beatrice Derry 14/4/2007; Elsie Corbet 12/4/2008; Howard Thomas Durey 7/4/2009; Amelia Evie (Millie) Leale 17/4/2009; James William Martin 22/4/2009; Dorothy Victoria Evangeline May Smith 11/4/2010; Joy Edith Spoelstra 13/04/2011; Joan Ethel Le Moigne 11/3/2013; David Norman Allison 26/4/2013; Betty Ann Minnie Plumley 4/4/2015; Mary Edith Dowdney 27/4/2015; Gladys May Inder 26/4/2016; Sally Ann Browning 25/4/2017; Rodney Leslie Bateman 7/4/18. Year unknown: Sidney Walter Hunt, 1/4; / Michael Selwood, 1/4; Stanley Edward Brooks, 10/4. Liam Bourgaize 29/4/2023 David Alan Grut 16/4/24 Mary-Carol Gales 10/4/25

READINGS FOR APRIL 2026

Thursday 2 nd April	Maundy Thursday	Exodus Ch12 v1-14 1 Corinthians Ch11 v23-26 John Ch13 v1-17, 31b-35
Sunday 5 th April	Easter Day	Acts Ch10 v34-43 Colossians Ch3 v1-4 John Ch20 v1-18
Sunday 12 th April	The Second Sunday of Easter	Acts Ch2 v14a, 22-32 1 Peter Ch1 v3-9 John Ch20 v19-31
Sunday 19 th April	The Third Sunday of Easter	Acts Ch2 v14a, 36-41 1 Peter Ch1 v17-23 Luke Ch24 v13-35
Sunday 26 th April	The Fourth Sunday of Easter	Acts Ch2 v42-47 1 Peter Ch2 v19-25 John Ch10 v1-10



WAFFLE'S WISDOM

Your dog doesn't care how you look, what you weigh, how much money you have or how successful you are; he just loves you—
for who you are.

Moral of the story; -
BE MORE DOG!



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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	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
Tuesday	11.00am	<i>Said BCP Mass</i>