

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



September 2026

My dear friends

After a glorious summer (albeit for very worrying reasons) we are now leaving bright yellow and blue and are moving gently in to the soft golden hues of Autumn; a time of reflection and thanksgiving. A time also perhaps of gathering the family together at home and making sure that they know how much they are loved and appreciated and a time reflect on the beauty of the world.



Of course I am sure that there is still more wonderful weather to come before the summer has finished with us so I shall make the most of it and I hope that you will too. I also hope that you have a wonderful month and, as always, I send you all my love.

Nikki

P.S. if one person says to me (as they do every year) “Aw but we don’t get much of a summer eh” then I am afraid I shall have to slap legs!

General Synod Elections – Could God Be Calling You?

Later this year, the Guernsey Deanery will elect one lay representative to serve on the **General Synod of the Church of England** for the next five years.

General Synod helps shape the life, mission and future of the Church of England and this is an important opportunity for Guernsey to have its voice represented nationally.

If you are a member of your church's electoral roll, are a communicant member of the Church of England, over 18 and sense God may be calling you to this role, we would encourage you to prayerfully consider standing for election.

Nominations close at **12 noon on Monday 7 September 2026**. Full details, including eligibility criteria and nomination forms, are available from the Acting Dean, Jon Honour e: jon@trinitygsy.org

Please pray that God will raise up the right person to serve the Deanery in this important ministry.

**All contributions for the October magazine
will be gratefully received!!**

**Copy deadline will be Friday September 25th 2026
Send to nikkiattwooll@gmail.com**

Anniversary Joys



As I sit to write this, I am reminded by my phone that I arrived in Guernsey three years ago (21st August 2023). As often happens in situations like this, we tend to look back and reflect on the journey so far.

The overwhelming sense that I am filled with is one of joy – what an incredible privilege it is for us as a family to be living here in Guernsey (albeit that James is still in South Africa for a few months yet). The delights of the island are so many and so diverse; from exquisite beaches to wonderful food and fascinating museums. Perhaps the greatest experience is the people themselves – so open and friendly. I am conscious that we have a new Dean who is coming to Guernsey shortly and will be licensed and installed at the end of September – my prayer is that Fr Matthew and his family will also find this a precious place to live.

August has been a busy month – my Mum visited for the first time and fell under the spell of the islands (she has a very deep affection for Sark, which we all visited for the first time). My brother and his family brought Mum over and it was such a joy to be together. August has also seen us host our first Breast Cancer Now Tea Party, raising funds for a fantastic charity which works towards helping those with cancer. Breast cancer affects not only woman, but men as well, and St Stephen's will do anything that we can to help. Over fifty people popped in and had a cuppa and bought cake, it was wonderful to see the response.

Looking forward into September, our annual Boules evening is just around the corner – always a fun time as we get together as the family of St Stephen's to have an entertaining evening of games. And then the first of two walks (on 13th and 26th September) leads into an exciting William Morris Art exhibition in St Stephen's. This is a gathering of local artists who have been inspired by the work of William Morris (especially the exquisite stained-glass windows found in St Stephen's) and will showcase their take on the theme of Radical Beauty. We hope that many people will be drawn into St Stephen's and recognise what an amazing treasure we have here. The exhibition will run from the 18th of September until the 17th of October.

September also sees the return of the annual Guernsey Choral Festival, and we look forward to hearing the sounds of beautiful singing in the Church. St Stephen's Church is one of the best concert spaces on the island with such amazing acoustics, little wonder that choirs love performing here!

A friend in a recent meeting described how busy we are at St Stephen's, which is so awesome. It is great for the local church to be active in the life of the people around it, and also to provide a sacred space where people can come sit in the presence of the Lord and just be still. We pray that all who enter, and all who come past, may find themselves drawn closer to the heart of the Almighty. Long may St Stephen's continue to be a beacon of hope and light to all in Guernsey.

Sending you my love and prayers for a wonder – filled September. God bless.
Love Fr Joe

(P.S. Also, happy wedding anniversary to my beloved wife, who brings such joy into my world).

FROM OUR DEACON'S DESK

Sunday, 23rd August 2026



Recently, the colour magazine of our national newspaper turned itself into a 'Quiz Issue' and challenged its readers to take the "Ultimate Personality Test" - a chance to find out if you are a genius or a workaholic, a Luddite or a problem drinker, could you pass 'O' level Maths or get into Eton, are you impossible to live with and are you really a Foodie? 29 tests in all which promised that you could learn everything you need to know about yourself! And we are a bit obsessed, aren't we, in wanting to find out about ourselves, how we tick, how others perceive us.

It seems from our gospel reading this morning that Jesus was no exception when he asks his disciples, "What are people saying about who the Son of Man is?" And the disciples have no problem in answering because people, unsurprisingly, have been discussing just that. "Some people think he is John the Baptist, some say Elijah, some Jeremiah or one of the other prophets. Then Jesus pressed them by asking "And how about you? Who do you say I am?" It is Simon Peter who answers and he says, "You're the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the Living God."

If we knew nothing else about Peter, this acknowledgement of who Jesus is, would be sufficient to place him in the front rank of Christian apostles. He has made the great discovery of who Jesus is - the Son of the Living God. And he has acknowledged it. Jesus responded to this and said, "God bless you, Simon, son of Jonah! You didn't get that answer out of books or from teachers. My Father in heaven, God himself, let you in on this secret of who I really am. And now I'm going to tell you who you are, really are. You are Peter, a rock. This is the rock on which I will put together my church, a church so expansive with energy that not even the gates of hell will be able to keep it out."

This Peter, always first in the list of the Apostles because he was always regarded as the chief among them. Peter the impetuous, quick-tempered, impulsive, emotional, adventurous Galilean - a typical Galilean we are told. There at the Transfiguration, there in the Garden of Gethsemane. Peter who always asks the difficult questions - like, How Much must I forgive? What is the reward for those who follow Jesus? What is the meaning of the approaching end? It is he who asks questions of the Risen Christ. And he is utterly human, flawed like you and me, the one who will deny his Lord in a moment of crisis. And Jesus says to him, "I am going to tell you who you are, really are." So, what is the real Peter like, who is the Peter that Jesus can see?

If he were alive today, and a disciple, Peter may well be invited to take a personality test. The Enneagram, developed over 1500 years ago by both Sufi and Christian mystics is very popular in the higher echelons of the church today, including our diocese.

In spirituality circles, the Myers Briggs is used as a valuable aid to spiritual growth, and it is this method that I have used to look at Peter. From what we know of him in the Gospels, I discovered that he is probably an INFP type and this is what his profile suggests:

Their energy is directed towards deeply held values that cherish humanity, and they have insightful perceptions of possibilities in the lives of those around them. They feel a vocation to make the world a better place. They are congenial and adaptable and quietly exude affection and empathy as they listen to and validate others' feelings, needs, hopes and dreams. They are demanding of themselves, idealists and perfectionists, they pursue their self-determined goals with all-consuming devotion, whatever the self-sacrifice involved. Their inner convictions are as passionate as they are outwardly invisible. However, that can change abruptly if a cherished value is violated or a personal cause dismissed, these peaceable individuals may react with volcanic fervour and ferocity. For them God is love, the source of perfect compassion, endless mystery, author of a wonderfully diverse Creation, which is forever unfolding yet ultimately enfolded in grace. They are drawn to forge an authentic personal connection with the One before whom they can truly be themselves, to experience deep communion in a relationship with endless potential for growth. They may intuitively sense God's presence and love. They get along well with others but only reveal their inmost hearts to their trusted circle of intimates, to whom they are intensely loyal and devoted. They can be effective group catalysts and mediators, avoiding personal conflict where possible. They feel criticism intensely. They are future orientated and have a global perspective.

All this and more are what Jesus saw in Peter, and it is easy to understand why he became the foundation stone of the Christian church. And today, Jesus says again, to you and me, "Who do you say I am?" and when we recognise him in our hearts then he can say to us, "I'm going to tell you who you are, really are." And each one of us is a Child of God, so loved, so cared about, so worth dying for.

It seems appropriate, at this time, to finish with words which have been attributed to Nelson Mandela but who, it seems, were actually said by Marianne Williamson. She says this: "Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves: who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, alerted, fabulous?" Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small doesn't serve the world. There's nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.

It is the glory of God that Jesus saw in Peter. It is what made Peter the man he was. It is what Jesus sees in each one of us because this is really who we are.



St Stephen's Family Ministry

September 2026

St Stephen's Church welcomes children to join with their families in all our services and we love to see new faces as well as old! Weekly themed paper activities are available for children during the services or to enjoy at any time during the week as the Church is open daily from 8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

*All children of
all ages*

Children's Play Area in Church

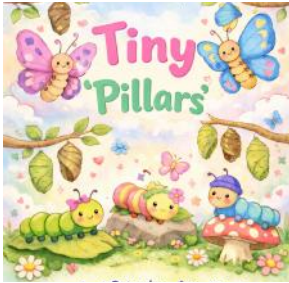
We have recently refurbished and enlarged our children's play area in Church to encourage children of all ages to be present with us at any time. Families are welcome to use the area for their children for indoor play and reading during the week.



Tiny 'Pillars Toddler Group

*From birth to age 4
and older siblings
welcome too*

Tiny 'Pillars meet the last Saturday of each month from 10 to 11.30 a.m. during our Coffee, Cake & Chat morning. Each session is based on a popular children's story. There are toddler toys to play with, a craft activity, play dough and every session finishes with the telling of the story and a sing song with instruments. Refreshments are served too.



Creative Children's Church

*Family ministry
with a focus on
children 2 - 11 years
All are welcome*

On the first Sunday of the month, there is a Family Service from 2.30 to 4 p.m. This usually takes the form of a short service with a story or Godly Play, followed by craft activities and games. We always finish with a little cake to decorate and eat of course! Refreshments are served to all who join us, including those young at heart.



Please note that for SEPTEMBER, due to the start of the school year after the first Sunday, Creative Children's Church is on the SECOND SUNDAY 2.30 p.m.



St Stephen's

Friendship Lunch

TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2026

MENU

Beef Lasagne

OR

Beef Chilli con Carne

(gluten-free)

OR

Wild Mushroom & Aubergine Lasagne

(vegetarian & dairy-free)

all served with crispy bread & salad

...

Chocolate & Raspberry Roulade

(gluten-free)

OR

Mixed Berry Cheesecake

£10.00

RSVP by Sunday 6th September:

Jill Mabire / Linda Barnes / Aileen Thompson

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PARISH CALENDAR Sept 2026

Tuesday - Friday	8.00am Morning Prayer
Tuesday Sept 1	11.00am Weekday Mass
Wednesday Sept 2	6.30pm Boules Evening
Saturday Sept 5	10.00am – 11.30am Coffee, Cake & Chat
Sunday Sept 6	The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity 9.30am Mass 11.00am Sung Mass
Monday - Friday	8.00am Morning Prayer
Tuesday Sept 8	11.00am Weekday Mass 12.00pm Friendship Lunch
Wednesday Sept 9	4.00pm – 5.30pm Rainbows
Saturday Sept 12	10.00am – 11.30am Coffee, Cake & Chat
Sunday Sept 13	The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity 9.30am Mass : 11.00am Sung Mass 2.30pm - 4.00pm Creative Children's Church 2.30 – 4.00pm Autumn Walking Festival ~ 7 Lamps, a Few Bills & a Kidnap
Monday - Friday	8.00am Morning Prayer William Morris Exhibition Setting up
Tuesday Sept 15	11.00am Weekday Mass
Wednesday Sept 17	4.00pm – 5.30 pm Rainbows
Friday Sept 18	6.00pm – 9.30pm Opening of Radical Beauty
Sept 19 – Oct 17	William Morris Art Exhibition
Saturday Sept 19	10.00am – 11.30am Coffee, Cake & Chat 6.00pm – 9.30pm Choral Festival Choir Concert
Sunday Sept 20	The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity 9.30am Mass 11.00am Sung Mass
Monday - Friday	8.00am Morning Prayer
Tuesday Sept 22	11.00am Weekday Mass
Wednesday Sept 23	4.00pm – 5.30 pm Rainbows
Saturday Sept 26	10.00am – 11.30am Coffee, Cake & Chat 10.00am – 11.30am Tiny 'Pillars Toddler Group 2.30pm – 4.00pm Autumn Walking Festival ~ Just William
Sunday Sept 27	Harvest Sunday The Fifteenth Sunday after trinity 9.30am Mass 11.00am Sung Mass Bake Sale after both services
Monday - Friday	8.00am Morning Prayer
Tuesday Sept 29	11.00am Weekday Mass
Wednesday Sept 30	4.00pm – 5.30 pm Rainbows



**Ecumenical Pilgrimage
from Lihou Priory to Ste. Apolline's Chapel
La Grande Rue, St. Saviours
Saturday 12th September 2026**

Event Summary

Date : Saturday 12th September

Meet : Prosperity Memorial Car Park at Lihou Headland

Meeting Time : 2.00pm

Walk Starts : 2.15pm

Route : From car park across causeway to Lihou Priory.

Re-cross causeway to Guernsey then walk to Ste. Apolline's Chapel
via Le Trepied Dolmen.

Walk Finishes : 4.30pm (estimate) followed by refreshments at the
United Reform Church, La Grande Rue, St. Saviours

Dress : Sensible Outdoor Clothing.

**The causeway is slippery so wellingtons, walking shoes or boots are
recommended**

This is not a sponsored event. The aim is raise awareness of Guernsey's rich
Christian heritage and kindle interest in pilgrimage and prayer.

If you would like to join please contact Pierre Paul by email at
paulfamily@guernsey.net or telephone 236636.



NERD CORNER



A month or two ago I had occasion to replace a power socket in my kitchen (as you do). After carrying out the normal safety procedures and struggling to connect a few 'determined' wires, I was left with, what I thought would be the easy part, of screwing the socket back to the wall. However I was disillusioned - try as I might I could not get the screws to 'bite' into the metal housing. For half an hour, with head jammed under the kitchen unit, dripping with sweat and language deteriorating I tried every method possible but with no luck until - light dawned. The new socket was slightly thicker than the original, so maybe I needed longer screws? Down I went to B&Q and the only way I could get longer screws for the required diameter was to buy a box of 100. I returned home and within seconds the job was done.

Another of my DIY efforts was to repair a fence panel that forms the entrance to my garden. Its a single panel cut down from a longer one, so not a standard panel that could easily be replaced. It had rattled its way through storm Goretti and generally been getting on my nerves so decided to give it some attention. I approached it in a much calmer fashion than my previous attempts and made good progress. All I needed to make it a structurally robust Rolls Royce of a job was two bolts to clamp the end timber battens together.

They say you should 'measure twice and cut once' – However this is what happened. I waved the tape measure in the direction of the fence panel and committed my assessment to memory. (Let's not muddy the waters by writing anything down.) I rocked up to B&Q and returned home, tail wagging, with a bag of bolts that 'looked about right.' It will therefore come as no surprise to you to know that these bolts didn't fit, they were too short. I would like to think that a new improved version of me would emerge from this experience but based on the past 60+ years I'm not holding out much hope. (This is corroborated by the fact that the replacement bolts are now too long but let's not dwell!)

So now I am the proud owner of 98 screws and a bag of bolts – what to do?

Till next time nerdlettes!

Guided Walk “7 Lamps, few Bills & a Kidnap”

Sunday 13th September 2.30pm – 4pm
Meet at St Stephen's Church,
Les Gravées, St Peter Port

Bus Route 41, 42, 51, 52
Parking available at the Church

Step into the hidden history around St Stephen's Church on the western edge of St Peter Port, from prehistoric standing stones to the Victorian era, and enjoy a visit inside the church to discover the work of celebrated Victorian craftsmen before they became internationally famous.

Cost £10, Length under 1 mile

Contact: Rosalyne Le Huray

Gold Accredited Guide

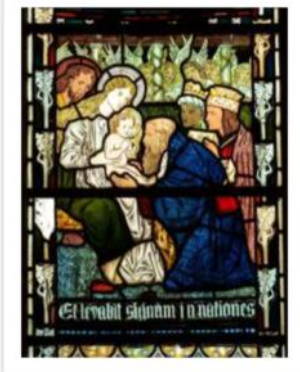
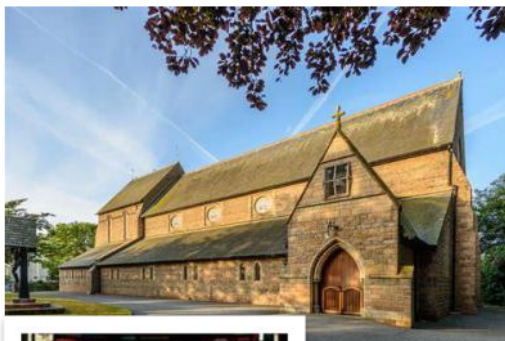
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Wheelchair accessible on request





Radical Beauty

Arts & Crafts revival

by

WILLIAM MORRIS
COLLECTIVE

September 19th - October 17th

St Stephen's Church

exhibition open to all 10am - 6pm

Guided Walk “Just William”

Saturday 26th September 2.30pm – 4pm
Meet at St Stephen's Church,
Les Gravées,
St Peter Port

Bus Route 41, 42, 51, 52
Parking available at the Church

Step inside St Stephen's Church and discover the stunning, internationally significant Pre-Raphaelite windows designed William Morris in 1864. Explore the stories and inspirations behind these remarkable memorials and uncover fascinating local family links to “The Lady with the Lamp”, an Academy Award-winning film, and the world of international trade and commerce.

Cost £10, Length under ½ mile.

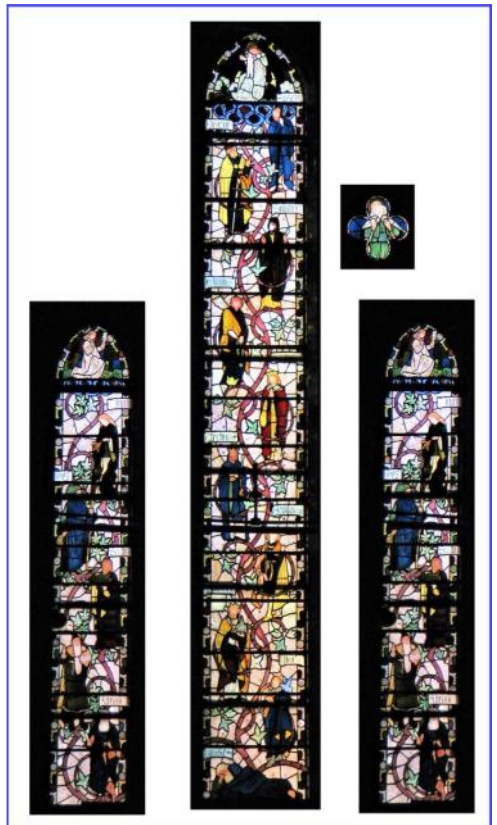
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Social Events Calendar

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday 2 SEPTEMBER	5.30 p.m.	Boules Evening
Sunday 13 SEPTEMBER	2.30 p.m.	'7 Lamps, a few Bills and a Kidnap' Walking Tour
Friday 18 SEPTEMBER	6.00 p.m.	Opening of the William Morris Art Exhibition "Radical Beauty"
Saturday 19 SEPTEMBER	6.00 p.m.	Guernsey Choral Festival
Saturday 26 SEPTEMBER	2.30 p.m.	'Just William' Walking Tour
Sunday 4 OCTOBER	12.30 p.m.	Dedication Lunch
Saturday 17 OCTOBER	3.00 p.m.	Line Dancing
Saturday 7 NOVEMBER	6.30 p.m.	Quiz Night
Saturday 21 NOVEMBER	3.00 p.m.	Wreath Making
Sunday 6 DECEMBER	7.00 p.m.	Glee Singers Concert
Sunday 13 DECEMBER	3.00 p.m.	Only Fools and Donkeys
Sunday 20 DECEMBER	4.00 p.m.	Christmas Cheer in the Vicarage after Nine Lessons & Carols at 3.00 p.m.
Saturday 26 DECEMBER	11.30 a.m.	St Stephen's Day celebration after Mass at 10.30 a.m

For more information, please contact:

Linda Barnes 07781 416 305

THANK YOU

for your kind support of
our garden tea on the
22nd August 2026.

Our community raised
over £500 for
BREAST CANCER NOW -
the research & support
charity.





Cake kindly donated by Louisa Dunn

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LOTS OF FUN!

SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER

2.30 – 4.00pm

ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH GARDEN / COMMUNITY CENTRE

Bring a friend –
there's room for **everyone!** ♥



Harvest Festival 2025



*We look forward to you joining us for
Harvest Sunday on 27th September*



Saint of the Month

ST THEODORE OF TARSUS

The eighth Archbishop of Canterbury (668-690), Theodore was born in 602 in the same city as St Paul, Tarsus in modern day Turkey. At the time, Tarsus was part of a Greek-speaking diocese of the Byzantine Empire, under attack from their neighbours, the Persians.

Having captured Antioch, Damascus and Jerusalem, the Persians attacked Tarsus and captured the city when Theodore was around 12 years old. Initially he was able to continue his studies, but eventually left and went to study in Constantinople. He immersed himself in the study of astronomy, medicine, Roman civil law, Greek rhetoric and philosophy amongst other studies.

At some point Theodore left and went to Rome, probably staying with other Orthodox monks in the monastery of St. Anastasius. Again, he studied both sacred and secular Latin texts.

Following the Council of Whitby (664), which enforced the decision to follow the Roman Catholic tradition in England, a new Archbishop was appointed by the Pope, but sadly he died before he was able to take up the position. At the age of sixty-six, Theodore was appointed as the new Archbishop. He came with a clear focus, representing the universal Church which transcends all local loyalties and national boundaries. He made it his task to give the various scattered groups of Christians a new sense of unity in their faith and practice.

Theodore called the Synod of Hertford (673) to institute reforms concerning the proper calculation of Easter, episcopal authority, itinerant monks, the regular convening of subsequent synods, marriage and prohibitions attached, and many other matters. One of his greatest accomplishments was to set up a school in Canterbury where pupils were given instruction in both Greek and Latin, resulting in, what the Venerable Bede described as a "golden age" of Anglo-Saxon scholarship.

He was a man known for his wisdom and for his holiness, who treated all with respect, and so earned the respect and love of the whole country. Theodore died in 690 at the age of 88, having held the archbishopric for twenty-two years. He was buried in Canterbury at the church known today as St Augustine's Abbey (then St Peter's Church).

His feast day is celebrated on the 19th of September.

GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Billie & Leslie Norman Rooms

by Vale Church Rectory, L'Abbaye

Learn about how to cope with grief

Talk with someone who will listen

Drop in, have a cuppa and a chat

2nd Thursday of Sept - Dec

Thurs 10th Sept. 10-11a.m

Thurs 8th Oct. 10-11a.m

Thurs 12th Nov. 10-11a.m

Thurs 10th Dec. 10-11a.m

Tel: Beverley on 242192 for more information

WILDFIRES

Quick as the flicker of a snake's tongue
dry stalks of wheat are snatched and wrapped
in a bouquet of flames, but it doesn't stop there,
liquid as mercury the fire spreads
crackling through bracken, searing its way
across moorland, field and mountain heather,
chasing ponies, fieldmice, sheep and deer,



The largest and tiniest all together,
run for their lives to escape the danger
hooves go thundering through smouldering forests
desperate for safety their spirits rise,
in unison all to save themselves,
seeking somewhere safe to breathe



But after the fire, maybe weeks ahead
Nature stirs under the blackened earth,
from dormant seeds green shoots appear
and trees grow leaves and birds return,
wild animals of every fur and feather,
forgetting all that went before,
will greet the sun and wind and rain
lifting their heads to the changing weather,
and the gift of Autumn's heavy shower



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I come in the little things
Saithe the Lord.
Yea on the glancing wings
Of eager birds, the softly pattering feet
Of furred and gentle beasts. I come to meet
Your hard and wayward heart. In brown bright eyes
That peep from out the brake. I stand confest.

I come in the little things,
Saith the Lord.
My starry wings
I do forsake,
Love's highway of humility to take:
Meekly I fit my stature to your need.
In beggar's part
About your gates I shall not cease to plead -
As man, to speak with man -
Till by such art
I shall achieve my immemorial plan,
Pass the low lintel of the human heart.

Sent in by Jill

MEET THE TATES

Teamwork is essential in business, industry and life generally. To underscore this point, the following, seen in more than publication gives food for thought!

'Have you heard of the **Tate Family**?
They pervade every organisation.

There is **Dick Tate**, who wants to run everything,
while **Ro Tate** tries to change everything.
Agi Tate stirs up trouble whenever possible
and **Irri Tate** always lends him a hand.

Whenever new ideas are suggested,
Hesi Tate and **Vegi Tate** pour cold water on them.
Imi Tate tries to mimic everyone,
Devas Tate loves to be disruptive
and **Poten Tate** wants to be a big shot.



BUT it's
Facili Tate, **Cogi Tate** and **Medi Tate** who always save the day
and get everyone pulling together.'

Sent in by Jenny

A Prophetic Dream of Peace

Prophets in the Bible have a fascinating role as custodians of the best hopes, desires, and dreams of their society.... And when they see people behaving in harmful ways, they warn them by picturing the future to which that harmful behaviour will lead.

One of the most important prophetic compositions was the book of Isaiah. Most scholars today agree that at least three people contributed to the book over a long period of time, but their combined work has traditionally been attributed to one author. The first thirty-nine chapters of Isaiah were situated in the southern kingdom of Judah.... The prophet saw deep spiritual corruption and complacency among his people and warned them that this kind of behaviour would lead to decline and defeat.

That defeat came in 587 BC at the hand of the Babylonians. After the invasion, many survivors were taken as exiles to Babylon. Chapters 40–55, often called Second Isaiah, addressed those Judean exiles, inspiring hope that they would someday return to their homeland and rebuild it. That soon happened, beginning in 538 BCE under the leadership of Ezra and Nehemiah. That era of rebuilding was the setting for Third Isaiah, chapters 56–66.

For readers in later generations, ingredients from these three different settings blend into one rich recipe for hope, full of imagery that still energizes our imagination today....

They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more (2:4).

And

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them (11:6).

Isaiah's descriptions of that better day were so inspiring that Jesus and his early followers quoted Isaiah more than any other writer. But many other prophets added their own colours to this beautiful vision of hope. In Ezekiel's vision, people's hearts of stone will be replaced with hearts of flesh. For Malachi, the hearts of parents would turn to their children, and children to their parents. Joel describes the Spirit of God being poured out on all humanity—young and old, men and women, Jew and Gentile. Amos paints the vivid scene of justice rolling down like a river, filling all the lowest places....

In the centuries between the time of the prophets and the birth of Jesus, these prophetic dreams never completely died. But they were never completely fulfilled, either.... It remained alive in people like Elizabeth and Zechariah, Mary and Joseph, and Anna and Simeon, and even among humble shepherds who lived at the margins of society.

To be alive in the adventure of Jesus is to have a desire, a dream, a hope for the future. It is to translate that hope for the future into action in the present and to keep acting in light of it.

Brian D. McLaren, *We Make the Road by Walking: A Year-long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation, and Activation* (Jericho Books, 2014), 64–66.

A SIMPLE LIFE
by Margaret Shoemark (an MU member)

A simple life is all I ask that God will give this day,
Just enough to meet my need and some to give away.
Compared to many in this world I know that I have plenty.
I'm grateful for the things I have, I have not need for more,
I pray my heart will always be an ever open door
To welcome friend and strangers that I meet along life's way.
And as I do, I'm sure that I will meet with Christ each day.
For I am certain beyond doubt that I am rich indeed,
For Jesus gives me joy and peace and everything I need.

LOOKING AFTER OUR FAMILY HOME



Have you ever wondered how it is that the porch at St Stephen's always looks so smart and welcoming?

Or, that there are always fresh flowers each side of the altar (except during Advent and Lent)?

Or, that the vestry is always clean and tidy, and there is always hand soap and toilet rolls in the loo?

Well, there is a very small and dedicated team of people who, each week carry out these jobs. Each of these helpers do a month on a rota, and the jobs can be done anytime during the week and take probably about an hour.

We have only four people on the cleaning and on the flower rota at present, so the turns come round quite frequently. We would therefore very much like a few more volunteers to help keep our church looking clean and fresh. If you feel you can spare an hour a week for one month of the year on either rota, we would be most grateful.

Please speak to Ann or Tony Goss if you feel you can help and they will explain what the job entails.
(Mobile No. 07781 426013)



Harvest Season and Back-to-School

After a hot and sunny summer, we are readying ourselves for the changing seasons and the start of the school year in September.

St Stephen's Community Centre is looking forward to welcoming the buzz and excitement that the return of our regular weekly groups will bring.

The centre is a great venue for events and exciting new ventures with availability for weekend functions and activities during the day (Monday to Friday from 09:00am to 02:30pm) and some weekday evenings.

Upcoming events:

September

Tuesday 8th 12:00 p.m.

Friendship Lunch

October

Sunday 4th 12:30 p.m.

St Stephen's Dedication Lunch

Tuesday 13th 12:00 p.m.

Friendship Lunch

Saturday 17th 3.00 p.m.

Line Dancing

November

Saturday 7th 6.30 p.m.

Quiz Evening

Tuesday 10th 12:00 p.m.

Friendship Lunch

Saturday 21st 3.00 p.m.

Wreath Making

December

November to December

St Stephen's Players PANTOMIME

Tuesday 15th 12:00 p.m.

Friendship Lunch

Monthly Event: St Stephen's Friendship Lunch: £10.00 per person

Every second Tuesday of the month at 12.00 p.m.

Contact: Jill Mabire or Linda Barnes or Aileen Thompson

07781 416305

01481 720268

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 :	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	Monday & Thursday	09:45 - 10:45
St Stephen's Players : Chris Dragan : facebook.com/ststephensplayersgsy	Tuesday & Thursday	19:30 - 21:30
Beavers : Rosalyne Le Huray : firstgsybeavers@outlook.com	Monday	17:30 - 18:45
Cubs : Leon Gallienne :	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@encevo.com / www.encevo.com	Thursday & Saturday	18:30 - 19:30 09:00 - 10:00

For enquiries and to secure bookings, please complete an electronic booking form via this link: <https://st-stephens-guernsey.org/459/Booking-Form>

Alternatively, contact Jenny Lambert directly on 01481 711701 or via email: ststephenscommunitycentre@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER HYMNS



SUNDAY 11.00am	6th Trinity 14	13th Trinity 15	20th Trinity 16	27th Trinity 17 Harvest
HYMN	449	393	377	259
PROPER	709	710	711	712
RESPONSORIAL PSALM	119 (33-40)	103 (8-13)	145 (1-8)	65
OFFERTORY	296	353	401	262
COMMUNION	307	S.31	S.5	260
POST COMMUNION	475	461	456	265





The Guild of Intercession

John Le Page 3/9/1925; John Francis Smith 24/9/1926; Edward Kinnersley Corbin 20/9/1930; Mabel Emily Hamilton 13/9/1935; Bryan Wyatt 12/9/1944; James William Felix (Priest/Vicar) 5/9/1948; Ada Madell 6/9/1949; Mabel Florence Frere 13/9/1950; Alice Margaret Reilly 29/9/1950; Maria Jane Johns 16/9/1951; Fanny Holmes 19/9/1951; Francis Lane Carter 12/9/1952; Marie Woodward 28/9/1952; Mary Summers 16/9/1953; Rex Douglas Bourgaize 20/9/1954; John Quartier Renouf 27/9/1954; Arthur Slade Brookfield 2/9/1955; Alfred James Mauger 6/9/1955; Albert Edward Harris 5/9/1956; Henry Douglas Hamilton 5/9/1957; Francis William Adams 24/9/1957; Elizabeth Maud Lacey 27/9/1958; Elizabeth Alger Brooks 25/9/1959; Edith Bingham Tupper 27/9/1960; Clifford Edgar Palmer 8/9/1961; Marguerite Le Page 15/9/1961; Grace Mildred Board 3/9/1962; Judith Lovet 2/9/1965; Mary Grace West 30/9/1966; George Kemp 22/9/1967; Alice Lilian Smith 14/9/1970; Jack Hart 30/9/1980; Peter James Dowdney 6/9/1984; Francis Alfred Dowinton 11/9/1984; Alfred Le Huray 12/9/1986; Ronald Eric Smith 16/9/1986; Nicholas Marc Eldid Harrison 7/9/1987; Peter John Chambers 22/9/1987; Jill Mary Inder 1/9/1988; Kathleen Jean Cochrane 21/9/1988; Philippe René Asplet 14/9/1989; Nancy Olive Helen Le Page 8/9/1990; Lucy May Spillane 27/9/1991; Olive Mary Chapple 21/9/1992; Beryl Ivy Renouf 24/9/1993; Arnold Cecil Gill Le Gallez 17/9/1995; Amy Emily Tabel 22/9/1996; Mary Grace Kemp 29/9/1999; Michael David George Miles 30/9/2001; Edward George Kaines 26/9/2002; Anne Janette Friend 22/9/2003; Steven Bernard Woodward 4/9/2007; Phyllis Gwendoline Couch 12/9/2007; Owen William Cochrane 14/9/2008; Raymond Adamson Farrow 19/9/2008; John Le Page Spoelstra 21/9/2008; Malcolm Ernest Dodd 16/9/2009; William Mather Bell 25/9/2009; Phyllis Blanche Goulding 4/9/2010; Patrick William Foley 4/9/2011; Jennifer Ann Stone 7/9/2011; Christina Brenda Maud Redman 23/9/2012; Ann Naftel 26/9/2012; Pamela Rosemary Vaudin 24/9/2016. Grant Richard Dowinton 24/9/2025

May They Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory

READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sunday 6 th Sept	Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity Proper 18	Ezekiel Ch33 v7-11 Romans Ch13 v8-14 Matthew Ch18 v15-20
Sunday 13 th Sept	Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity Proper 19	Genesis Ch50 v15-21 Romans Ch14 v1-12 Matthew Ch18 v21-35
Sunday 20 th Sept	Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity Proper 20	Jonah Ch 3 v10 to end of Ch4 Philippians Ch 1 v 21-30 Matthew Ch 20 v1-16
Sunday 27 th Sept Harvest	Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity Proper 21	Deuteronomy Ch 8 v7-18 2 Corinthians Ch 9 v 6-15 Luke Ch 12 16-30



WAFFLE'S WISDOM

Why does my mummy keep telling me to
stop following her when she goes to the
bathroom?

She always follows me when I go
to the bathroom!



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	Church Vestry 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	Church Vestry 14-21 years old
1st VICTORIA SEA SCOUT GROUP Group Scout Leader Rosalynne Le Huray Tel: 07781 127263	Rosalynne 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
	Rosalynne 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
CHURCH FLOWERS	Ann Goss Tel: 728433	As arranged	Church
SOCIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE	Linda Barnes 07781 416305 norton@cwgsy.net	As arranged	Church Vestry
ST STEPHEN'S PLAYERS	Steph Dragun Tel: 255654	As arranged	Community Centre

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SUNDAY MASSES

9.30am

Said Mass

11.00am

Sung Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Friday

8.00am

Morning Prayer

Tuesday

11.00am

Said Mass