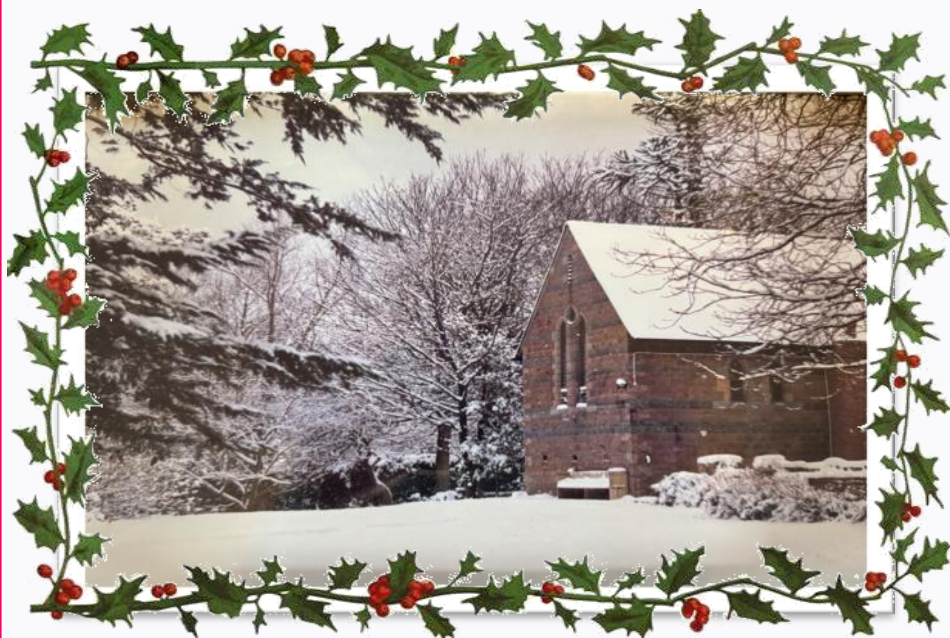


*The Parish Magazine
of St Stephen's Church
Guernsey*



*December 2025
and
January 2026*

Hello my friends, I would like to be the first to wish you Seasonal Felicitations!



Of course there are many ways of greeting people at this time of year but 'Happy Holidays' is not one of them! None of you will be surprised to learn that I have strong opinions on the matter; (you all know me well enough by now!) but I'll come back to that later.

The other day my young nephew was telling me that he was very excited because 'Santa' was coming soon. I said to him "darling we are not an American, Father Christmas is coming soon." Why is it, I wonder, that people on this side of the Atlantic think that they have to copy the Americans as if everything that comes from there must be better.? Surely we should keep our own identity and be proud of it!

Apart from that calling him 'Santa' is, in my opinion, a bit silly. Santa is short for Santa Claus which is a translation of Saint Nicholas so you are in effect calling him 'Saint' which, however you look at it is definitely not a name, it's a title!

The infiltration of 'Americanisms' in to our language is getting worse. Going back to my earlier point; I have been appalled to read and hear more and more people referring to the Christmas season as 'The Holidays' which, as well as being an American expression, takes us further and further away from the true meaning of the festival. I am sure you will all agree with me, so here is our challenge; let's all work hard to keep our identity and work even harder to keep and champion our faith!

I hope that you all have a wonderful, peaceful and magic Christmas and that it is everything you want it to be and that you have lots of fun! Have you written to Father Christmas yet? Don't leave it too late! And, by the way, he doesn't live at the North Pole, he lives in Lapland!

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

Lots of love

Nikki



All contributions for the February magazine
will be gratefully received!!.
Copy deadline will be Friday January 23rd 2026
Send to nikkiattwooll@gmail.com

My Third Winter

I honestly cannot believe that this will be my third winter in Guernsey – where has the time gone? I guess that old adage is true, *'time flies when you're having fun.'* And I must say that our time in Guernsey has been a great joy to us, so a special thank you to all of you who have welcomed us so warmly.



Wintertime usually means Christmas and New Year parties, but it can also be a period of sadness for some. We think of those facing this season having lost a loved one, we think of those who are alone, or those who have family that are far away. For people in these circumstances, the festivities at this time of year may become difficult to bear. As we hold this in our hearts, we also hold the reason for our celebration - that Jesus came down from heaven and took on human form for us; to reach out to the lost, the lonely, the grieving and the poor in spirit; and to be our guide to lead us closer to God's heart.

One of the greatest joys in the Church calendar is Midnight Mass. A holy night when everything changed for humanity as God became human in the birth of the baby Jesus in Bethlehem. There is so much that goes against the accepted scientific norms we have become accustomed to but therein lies the beauty and the magic of the night. The sacred mystery of God Incarnate goes beyond anything we can think of or imagine. So many people expect God to act in powerful and earth-shattering ways, and they lose sight of God in the gentle and familiar. Thus, when God doesn't act or react as they want Him to, then they become disillusioned or doubt His existence.

The great joy is that God remains God, whether we choose to accept Him or not. His love for us does not depend on our acknowledgement nor our awareness, it is a constant in a world of ever-changing things. John 3:16 reminds us that God takes the initiative to show us that He wants us to be united with Him in paradise. **"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."** This is the story of Christmas in a nutshell.

It is also normal around this time for people to come up with resolutions for the year ahead (usually these include options such as becoming healthier). There is such a high demand on our stress levels and our time, particularly when it comes to availability and online presence, that we too often overlook our own mental wellbeing and maintaining our spiritual health as well. Resolutions add to our pressure to achieve, and though some may be good, many leave us feeling frustrated. As to how most of these resolutions usually come to nothing, this year I have resolved to not make any – strangely I feel much happier already!

And so, as we walk together through Advent preparing ourselves for our gift of the Christ-Child, and as we hold "God with us" as our Epiphany into the New Year, may we be mindful of the needs of our community at St Stephen's and share our joy in our worship with others.

Aileen, James, Erin and I hope that by the time you read this, James will be safely with us in Guernsey for 6 weeks, and we, as a family within our dear St Stephen's family, wish you all Merry Christmas and every joy and blessing in the New Year. Love Fr Joe.

ST. STEPHEN'S PLAYER'S PRESENTS

CINDERELLA

(THE FAIRY GODMOTHER OF ALL PANTOMIMES)

Tickets on sale **now** at
www.ticketsource.co.uk/ststephensplayers
Adults £16.50 Children and Concessions £11.00
(includes booking fee).

Performances:

Saturday 29th November to 6th December 2025
at St. Stephen's Community Centre.

Evening performances at 7 p.m. Matinee's Saturday 29th
November 2 p.m. Sunday 30th November 11 a.m.
and 3 p.m. Saturday 6th December 2 p.m.



CHRISTMAS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER,

please if shopping on line use

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putting St. Stephen's Church as your good cause,
so that we can benefit from what you spend.

***IT DOES NOT COST YOU ANYTHING EXTRA
ON YOUR SHOPPING***

Speak to Steph or Peter Kaines if not sure how it works.

"YOU KNOW WELL ENOUGH
THAT OUR LORD DOES NOT
LOOK SO MUCH ON THE
GREATNESS OF OUR ACTIONS,
NOR EVEN AT THEIR
DIFFICULTY, BUT AT THE LOVE
WITH WHICH WE DO THEM."

– ST. THERESE LISIEUX

GUERNSEY CUSTOMS, FOLKLORE, LEGENDS AND MYTHS

The Clameur de Haro.

William the Conqueror's son was William 2nd and William 1st was buried at Caen cathedral, and laid out in glory and splendour. During the ceremony, someone started kicking the door down. It was an old farmer who said William had stolen the land the cathedral was built on from him. He called out "Haro! Come to my aid my Duke!" calling on the first Duke of Normandy. He was thrown out, and the ceremony resumed, but suddenly there was a great commotion- the town of Caen was on fire! Everyone got buckets of water and put the fire out. However, William 2nd looked on this fire as an Act of God and spoke to the old farmer, who wanted compensation, and this was written into the Norman constitution. to raise the Clameur you must shout out to the first Duke of Normandy- all work must stop. You must write to the bailiff outlining the problem, if it is valid, he goes and gets witnesses, you go to the place and get on your knees and recite the lord's prayer in French. For example, in the 1960s/70s the White Hart pub was being rebuilt using a crane which passed over Bernie's paper shop in the Pollet, opposite the pub. He successfully raised the Clameur and stopped the work.

Chris Hudson



Teach me

Teach me to be obedient
to the rules of the game.

Teach me to distinguish between
sentiment and sentimentality

admiring the one and despising the other.

Teach me to neither proffer nor to receive cheap praise.

If I am called upon to suffer, let me be like a well bred beast
that goes away to suffer in silence.

Teach me to win if I may: if I may not win then above all

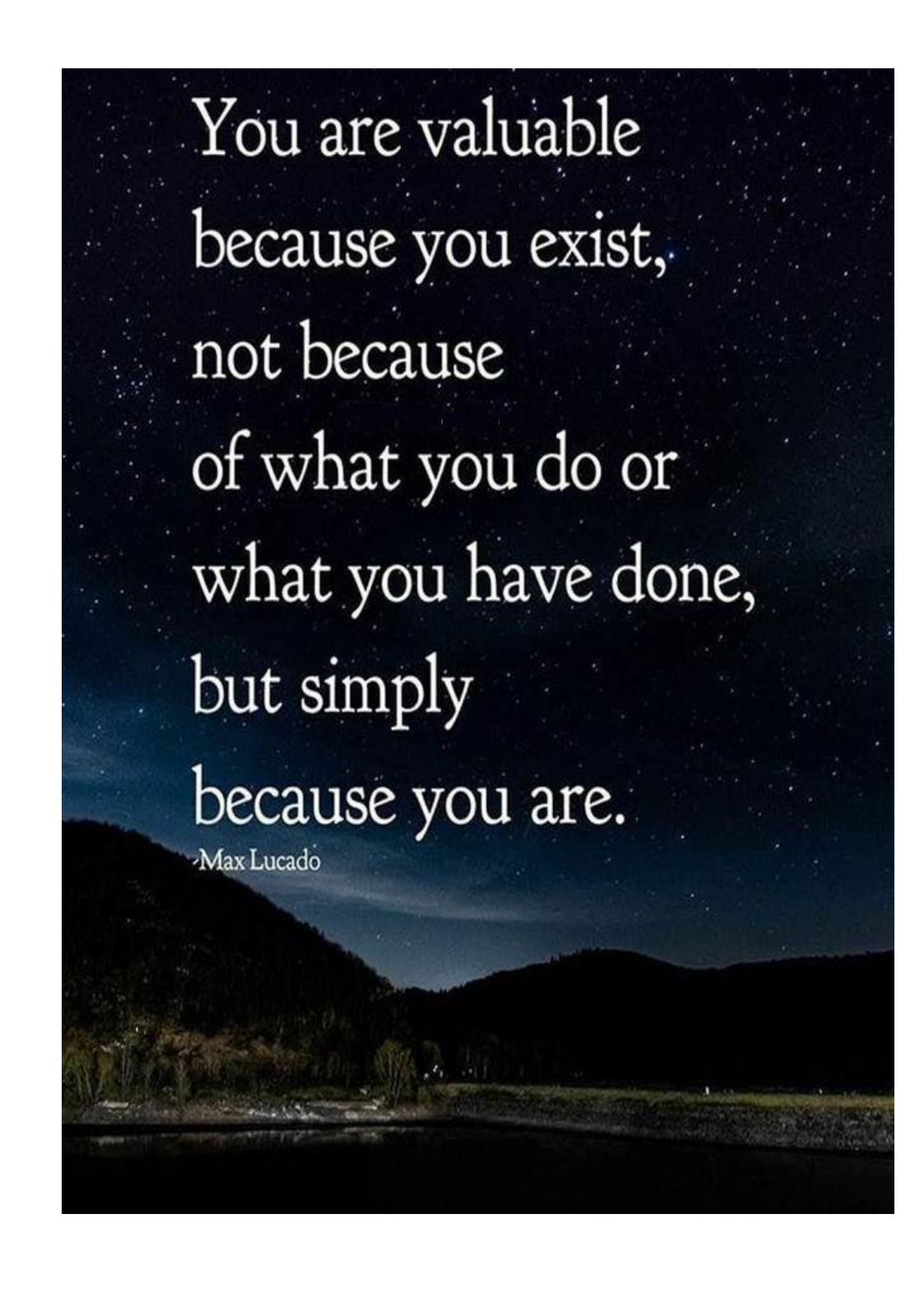
Teach me to be a good loser.

Teach me neither to cry for the moon nor over spilt milk.



PARISH CALENDAR December 2025

Monday-Friday	8.00am Morning Prayer
Monday Dec 1	11.00 Funeral (James Gosney)
Tuesday Dec 2	11.00am Weekday Mass
Wednesday Dec 3	4.00pm – 5.30 pm Rainbows
Friday Dec 5	8.30am 11.30am Family Tree Nursery Nativity
Saturday Dec 6	10.00am – 11.30am Coffee, Cake & Chat
Sunday Dec 7	The Second Sunday of Advent 9.30am Mass with Children's Church 11.00am Sung Mass 12.30pm – 2.00pm Creative Children's Church: Crafty Christmas
Monday-Friday	8.00am Morning Prayer
Monday Dec 8	7.00pm – 8.30pm Ladies College Carol Service
Tuesday Dec 9	11.00am Weekday Mass 12.00pm – 2.00pm Friendship Lunch
Wednesday Dec 10	4.00pm – 5.30 pm Rainbows
Saturday Dec 13	10.00am – 11.30am Coffee, Cake & Chat
Sunday Dec 14	The Third Sunday of Advent 9.30am Mass with Children's Church 11.00am Sung Mass 1.00pm – 6.00pm Only Fools & Donkeys
Monday-Friday	8.00am Morning Prayer
Monday Dec 15	9.00am -12.00pm ECJS Carol Service Rehearsal 6.00pm – 7.30pm ECJS Carol Service
Tuesday Dec 16	11.00am Weekday Mass 1.15pm – 2.15pm Little Learners Carol Service
Wednesday Dec 17	4.00pm – 5.30 pm Rainbows
Thursday Dec 18	12.00pm -4.30pm Vale Upper Juniors Carol Service 5.45pm – 7.45pm Chamber Choir Rehearsal
Saturday Dec 20	10.00am – 11.30am Coffee, Cake & Chat
Sunday Dec 21	The Fourth Sunday of Advent 9.30am Mass with Children's Church 11.00am Sung Mass 3.00pm – 4.00pm Nine Lessons & Carols Christmas Cheer in the Vicarage
Monday-Friday	8.00am Morning Prayer
Monday Dec 22	5.45pm – 9.15pm Chamber Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday Dec 23	11.00am Weekday Mass
Wednesday Dec 24	3.00pm Christingle Service 11.00pm Carols for Christmas 11.30pm Midnight Mass
Thursday Dec 25	9.00am Quiet Christmas Mass 10.30am Christmas Day Sung Mass
Friday Dec 26	10.30am St Stephen's Day
Saturday Dec 27	10.00am – 11.30am Coffee, Cake & Chat
Sunday Dec 28	The First Sunday of Christmas 9.30am Mass with Children's Church 11.00am Sung Mass
Monday-Friday	8.00am Morning Prayer
Tuesday Dec 30	11.00am Weekday Mass



You are valuable
because you exist,
not because
of what you do or
what you have done,
but simply
because you are.

Max Lucado

The Super Yellow Sports Car

Kev and Stuart had been friends since they both went to playschool together. They were now both 9 years old and their friendship was as strong as ever. Kev lived in a large detached house with a large garden and his parents both worked in the finance industry. Stuart lived with his grandparents in a ground floor flat on a nearby estate as unfortunately both his parents had been killed in a car accident when he was only 4. He was very well looked after even though there wasn't much money coming in, as both his grandparents had already retired. However they did their best for him and he was always happy.

The boys always played together and met up each day on their way to school and were both in the same class. After school they walked home together and their favourite place to visit on their way home was the local toy shop. Nearly every day leading up to Christmas they would look in the window and talk about which toy they would like. One day on their way home they stopped, as usual, to look in the toyshop window. There, in pride of place, was a super yellow sports car. Of course this became both their most wanted present and they talked endlessly about how wonderful it would be to wake up on Christmas morning and find it was theirs. One day they went into the shop for a closer look. The car was a convertible with working steering and battery powered lights. The seats were black leather and the bodywork shone under the toyshop lights. What young boy wouldn't want it?

Every day after that they would stop on their way home from school to admire the toy. Stuart knew deep down that there was no way his grandparents would be able to afford to buy it but that didn't stop him dreaming about it.

On the last day of the Christmas term the two boys were walking home and, as usual, they stopped to admire the yellow car. To their surprise it wasn't there. They both felt disappointed and talked about who might have bought it and what a great present it would be.

Christmas morning came and Kev rushed downstairs to open his presents. There were the usual things, sweets, games, pencils but there was also a large box wrapped in super glittery paper. Kev carefully opened the box and to his surprise, there was the super yellow sports car that he and Stuart had seen in the toyshop window.

Kev was really excited but suddenly he thought about his best friend Stuart. He knew how much they had both wanted the toy since they had first seen it but he also knew the Stuart's grandparents would have never been able to buy it. All at once he knew what he would do.

He very carefully rewrapped the toy and after breakfast he went round to see his best friend Stuart. He told him that Father Christmas have left a note on the box asking him to take it to his friend and to say that he was in his usual rush and had forgotten to leave it with him but he hadn't had time to go back. Stuart was puzzled but opened the box. There was the super yellow sports car. He couldn't believe his eyes. They filled with tears and he hugged Kev, telling him he was sorry it hadn't been for him.

Later that day, Kev's grandparents arrived for Christmas dinner as they had every year that he could remember. Over Christmas dinner, Kev's grandmother asked him what his favourite present was. Kev thought for a bit and then said, "My favourite present was the look on Stuart's face when he opened the box with the super yellow sports car, and I can't wait to go round and play with it with him".





WREATH



MAKING





Festive Friendship Lunch

St Stephen's Community Centre
Tuesday, 9th December 2025, 12pm

MENU

Roast Beef Sirloin with bacon, chestnut & shallot stuffing
Celebration Crown of Turkey & Duck^{or} with apricot & sausage stuffing
Portobello Mushroom Wellington^{or} (*or gluten free alternative*)
all served with roast vegetables & gravy



Festive Fruit Vacherin (*nut meringue & fruit dessert*)



£10.00

RSVP: 7th December 2025

Jill or Aileen or

Tel: 01481 720 268



I was at a wedding reception this weekend. The DJ asked all the married men to, "Stand next to the one person who has made your life worth living." The bartender was almost flattened.

aunty acid

When I Was a Young Lad in Town

I went to school in Town, and walking through nowadays there are many changes. There is certainly more traffic, but thankfully drivers are much more polite and friendly to pedestrians than they used to be. Obviously there are some changes compared to when I was a boy, for example, the traffic lights at the bottom of St Julian's Avenue have gone, and the North Beach is filled in. Also the Police Station has moved but fortunately, I never went there as a boy. Many buildings have been modernised, and the standard of upkeep on most properties is good. Sadly some of the green spaces have gone now, which is a shame, and some of the fields I used to play in. The petrol station on the Rohais has gone, and the car showroom on the corner opposite the pedestrian crossing at the foot of Candie Gardens. I also remember the smoky smell of alcohol that used to waft out of what was then the Coal Hole (under the Prince of Wales.) I think some of my teachers went there in their lunch breaks. Also, Town used to fill with alcohol fumes from the Brewery occasionally when the wind was in the wrong direction. Guernsey Telecoms is no longer in Upland Road, and the Gaumont and Odeon cinemas have been torn down. I used to enjoy those now and then, on a Saturday when not at school. Some things don't change though, and those are the things that still remind me of Town when I was young. It still feels like "home".

Chris Hudson





NERD CORNER



'Peeeeete Heeeeelp' This was the cliffhanger I left you with last month.
(As a swift recap – the broken boiler is repaired but not heating the hot water, and the emersion that was, is now broken.)

'Peeeeete Heeeeelp!!' At the sound of a damsel in distress Pete leapt into his shed and emerged as 'Super-Pete' complete with cape, mask, undershorts over his joggers, and with his trusty tool box jumped into the Pete-mobile and sped up the road.

'I've been doing some research', he said 'and I think I know what has happened, but I need to get into the airing cupboard to look at the hot water tank' O dear, I thought. *(Now listen folks I don't know if your airing cupboard is similar to the one in Nerdsville (Pop.2) but in addition to the obligatory sheets and blankets there are laundry baskets, swimming robes, cycle jackets, and all sorts of out of season gear festooned from the walls, completely blocking access)* but Super Pete was not perturbed without concern for his personal safety or mental well-being he plunged in. I was a bit concerned that he might end up in Narnia or maybe some other Utopia where his wife didn't have such needy friends. But I could still see the soles of his feet protruding from the festoon-age so felt heartened. A few minutes later he emerged unscathed. 'I think I know what the problem is' he said 'Tell me, when you were using the emersion was the water hot?' 'A bit' I replied *(It....was....SCALDING!)* 'Aah that makes sense' he then proceeded to explain the problem. *(Now, Nerdlettes I'm sorry to say I was not at my brightest and it took several rounds of explanation for the penny to drop but drop it did eventually.)* Apparently there is a thermostat from the boiler (I think that's the right word) and because the water went over the maximum set temperature it tripped, which is why even when the boiler was repaired, it wouldn't heat the water. 'The problem is' said Super-Pete, 'I can't get it to reset, I think it's broken and will need replacing.' *(O for goodness sake something else I thought)* Pete supplied me with a list of things I had to purchase and temporarily over-road the trip from the boiler thermostat so that at least I had hot water until all the replacements could be done.

The great day arrived for the replacements and Kay (my friend and Pete's wife) arrived to witness the spectacle. A hose was draped from the water tank down the bannisters and into the downstairs toilet to empty the water tank so all the bits could be replaced without flooding the first floor. After all the drama I was amazed at how quickly and smoothly it all went, with only one trip to pick up yet another bit that needed to be replaced. *(Don't ask me - some sort of thermostat for something else, I mean how many thermostats does this water tank want for heaven's sake!)* and that was it, all sorted. And then in good old British tradition we sat down to tea and cake. Super-Pete had been amazing, and I can't tell you how grateful I am to him. So there we have it,... now to the next part of the story.
Till next time Nerdlettes..

St Stephen's Church

Christmas Services

CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday 24th December

ADVENT SERVICES

9:30am Said Mass &
Children's Church

11:00am Sung Mass

Advent I - 30th November: HOPE

Advent II - 7th December: PEACE

Advent III - 14th December: JOY

Advent IV - 21st December: LOVE

3:00pm

Christingle Service

11:00pm

Carols

11:30pm

Midnight Mass

ST STEPHEN'S DAY

Friday 26th December

10:30am

St Stephen's Day Mass

EPIPHANY

Sunday 4th January

9:30am Said Mass &
Children's Church

11:00am Sung Mass

6:30pm Choral Evensong
with

Town Church Choir
at St Stephen's

CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 21st December

3:00pm Nine Lessons and Carols
followed by Christmas Cheer
in the Vicarage

CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday 25th December

9:00am

Quiet Christmas Mass

10:30am

Christmas Day Mass



We warmly invite you to join us in worship and celebration this Holy season.

ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH CHILDREN'S CRAFTY CHRISTMAS

Come and join us for
a sandwich lunch
and some craft
activities



Sunday 7th December
12.30 to 2pm
at St Stephen's Church

ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH

Nativity as told by the animals

**Sunday
14 December,
2.30 to 4.30pm**

**St Stephen's
Community Centre**

There will be different
craft stations.

Each station focuses on
an animal who saw
the Christmas story unfold
and tells their part.



Christmas Church Mouse Trail

Sunday 14th December to Friday 9th January

Daily 9am – 5pm

Please check the church website in case the mice are busy with
Carol Services and Sunday Morning Services.

www.st-stephens-guernsey.org (Tab What's On → Calendar)

St Stephen's Church, Les Gravées, St Peter Port

Bus Route 41, 42, 51, 52 or **What3Words** ///recipient.parsing.gymnastics

Etienne would like to invite everyone
young & young at heart to a fun
interactive "Christmas Church Mouse
Trail" to see and learn about Christmas
Carols & Festivities

Etienne & his friends look forward to seeing you.

Etienne, Sazette, Louis, Sid & Harry and Gus



Once you have finished the trail, and if you would like to,
you can complete a quiz sheet and bring it on Christmas Eve
to our **Christingle Service at 3pm
on 24th December.**

You will hear the Christmas Story
being told and meet Etienne and
his family & friends who will have
a small, sweet treat for you.



www.facebook.com/StStephensGuernsey



TO READ OR NOT TO READ?



Are you a curl up in a comfy chair with a good book-a holiday reader having the extra time to escape into another world- or a read in bed before you fall asleep?

Anyway – it's for certain – Books Are Good For You!

In our church porch we have set up a little free community library with books free to take – share and then maybe return or have you any suitable books to add to the library for others to enjoy?

Are they “religious” books I hear you ask?

Well - you may find one among our offerings (The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry is a brilliant book but not fully in that category) but no – just a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction.

Why not check out our Christmas selection with books arranged specially by our own magazine editor in chief!

And if a whole book is a step too far-we even have magazines!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Our festive season is in full swing with the much awaited production of CINDERELLA — the Fairy Godmother of ALL Pantomimes! Make sure not to miss this annual event and book your tickets online:
www.ticketsource.co.uk/ststephensplayers

We wish our St Stephen's community every joy and blessing for Christmas and the New Year!



St Stephen's Players'

Saturday

Sunday

Monday to Friday

Saturday

CINDERELLA

29 November

30 November

1 to 5 December

6 December

2pm and 7pm

11am and 3pm

7pm

2pm and 7pm

Festive Friendship Lunch

Tuesday

9 December

12.00pm

Nativity as told by the animals

Sunday

14 December

2.30 pm



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 : Rosalyn 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 : Rosalyn 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

**A priest, a pastor
and a rabbit entered
a clinic to donate
blood.**

**The nurse asked the
rabbit: "what's your
blood type?"**

**"I'm probably a type
O", said the rabbit.**

WHAT WILL WE DO IN HEAVEN?

"The Pilgrims then asked, "What will we do in the holy City?" The Shining Ones answered, "You will there receive the comforts of all your toil, and have joy for all your sorrow! You will reap what you have sown—even the fruit of all your prayers, and tears, and sufferings for the King along the way! In that place you will wear crowns of gold, and enjoy the perpetual sight and vision of the Holy One, for there you shall see Him as He is!

"You shall also serve Him—whom you desired to serve while in the world, though with much difficulty because of the infirmity of your flesh. There you shall continually worship Him with praise, and shouting and thanksgiving! There your eyes shall be delighted with seeing Him—and your ears with hearing the pleasant voice of the Mighty One!

"There you shall enjoy your friends again, who have gone there before you—and you shall joyfully receive everyone who follows you into that holy place. "There also, you shall be clothed with glory and majesty—fit to accompany the King of glory."

Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan

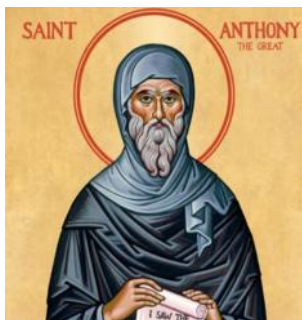


WAFFLE'S WISDOM

If people don't like you, it's OK.
You only need to be concerned if
dogs don't like you.
Then it's time for some
self reflection.

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Saint of the Month

ST ANTHONY

It is interesting that someone who once hoped to be a martyr would instead live to be 105 years old. St Anthony was born in Coma, Egypt, to affluent parents who died when he was only 20 years old. Not long after their death, Anthony heard a Gospel reading at church that he felt spoke directly to him: *“If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven.”* (Matthew 19:21)

Anthony took this Scripture passage quite literally. After providing for his younger sister, he gave up all his material belongings and began to live a life in solitude, devoting himself to prayer and contemplation of the Bible.

Anthony began his spiritual journey not too far from his home, in an empty tomb where he remained apart from the world for 15 years. During this time, St. Athanasius (whose Life of St Anthony is the source for much of what we know of the saint) tells us that he battled with demons, which often came to him in the form of wild beasts. Not only did they torment him spiritually, but physically as well, occasionally leaving him nearly dead.

At about the age of 35, Anthony felt God calling him to even greater solitude, and so he moved far away into the desert, occupying an abandoned fortress for the next 20 years. During that time, it is said that he never saw the face of another human being.

When Anthony finally emerged, many were drawn to his attitude of holiness and expressed a desire to join him in his solitude. He organised a “monastery” of sorts, composed of individual cells scattered around his retreat, and for their guidance he drew up a basic common rule by which they could regulate their life of self-discipline. Anthony became the first of the “desert fathers” in his ministry to them, and so became known as the founder of the religious life.

At the age of 88, Anthony became a vigorous opponent of the heretical teaching of Arianism and spoke out against it at every opportunity. Still meeting periodically with the pilgrims who came to seek his advice, he died in solitude in the year 356, at the age of 105. Especially after his death, St Anthony was venerated, and his influence was massive. Early Celtic monks were greatly influenced by Anthony, and many went on voyages to seek the solitude Anthony spoke of and to follow his example in drawing closer to the heart of God through stillness.




The Feast Day of St Anthony (or Antony) is celebrated on 17th January.

PARISH CALENDAR

January 2026

Thursday-Friday	8.00am Morning Prayer
Saturday Jan 3	10.00am – 11.30am Coffee, Cake & Chat
Sunday Jan 4	Epiphany The Second Sunday of Christmas 9.30am Said Mass with Children's Church 11.00am Sung Mass 2.30pm – 4.00pm Creative Children's Church 6.30pm Choral Evensong (Town Church Choir)
Monday - Friday	8.00am Morning Prayer
Tuesday Jan 6	Epiphany 11.00am Weekday Mass
Saturday Jan 10	10.00am – 11.30am Coffee, Cake & Chat
Sunday Jan 11	The Baptism of Christ The First Sunday of Epiphany 9.30am Said Mass 11.00am Sung Mass
Monday - Friday	8.00am Morning Prayer
Tuesday Jan 13	11.00am Weekday Mass
Saturday Jan 17	10.00am – 11.30am Coffee, Cake & Chat
Sunday Jan 18	The Second Sunday of Epiphany 9.30am Said Mass with Children's Church 11.00am Sung Mass
Monday - Friday	08.00am Morning Prayer
Tuesday Jan 20	11.00am Weekday Mass
Thursday Jan 22	5.45pm – 7.45pm Chamber Choir Rehearsal
Saturday Jan 24	10.00am – 11.30am Coffee, Cake & Chat
Sunday Jan 25	Conversion of Paul 9.30am Said Mass with Children's Church 11.00am Sung Mass Bake Sale after both services
Monday - Friday	08.00am Morning Prayer
Tuesday Jan 27	11.00am Weekday Mass
Saturday Jan 31	10.00am – 11.30am Coffee, Cake & Chat

DECEMBER 2025

SUNDAY 11am	7 th Advent 2 	14 th Advent 3 	21 st Advent 4 	28 th Christmas 1
HYMN	12	5	6	Procession C27
PROPER	658	659	660	667
Responsorial Psalm	72 v1-7	146 (v4-)	80 (v1-8)	148
OFFERTORY	10	7	11	C6
COMMUNION	8	1	2	C28
POST COMMUNION	15	C21	186	C29

Midnight Mass 11.30pm

Processions Hymn 34 and Carol 7v 1,2 & 5: Proper <662 : Offertory 29 : Communion 42/32 : Post Communion 30

Christmas Day 10.30a.m.

Hymn: C5/C6 : Responsorial Psalm 98: Proper 663 : Offertory C26 : Communion C16 : Post Communion C9

St Stephen's Day 10.30 a.m.

Hymn C37 : Responsorial Psalm 119 (v161-168): Proper 664: Offertory C34: Communion C35: Post Communion C36 :



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The Departed December

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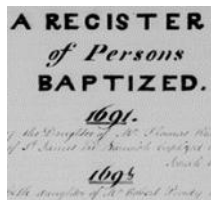
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Parish Register (November 2025)

Baptisms: None

Weddings: None

Funerals: Andy Le Maitre



READINGS FOR DECEMBER 2025

Sunday 7 th Dec.	Second Sunday of Advent	Isaiah Ch11 v1-10 Romans Ch15 v4-13 Matthew Ch3 v1-12
Sunday 14 th Dec.	Third Sunday of Advent	Isaiah Ch35 v1-10 James Ch5 v7-10 Matthew Ch11 v2-11
Sunday 21 st Dec.	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Isaiah Ch7 v10-16 Romans Ch1 v1-7 Matthew Ch1 v18-25
Wednesday 24 th Dec.	Christmas Eve	Isaiah Ch9 v2-7 Titus Ch2 v11-14 Luke Ch2 v1-14
Thursday 25 th Dec.	Christmas Day	Isaiah Ch52 v7-10 Hebrews Ch1 v1-4 John Ch1 v1-14
Friday 26 th Dec.	St Stephen, Deacon & Martyr	Acts Ch7 v51-60 Galatians Ch2 v16b-20 Matthew Ch10 v17-22
Sunday 28 th Dec.	The First Sunday of Christmas	Isaiah Ch63 v7-9 Hebrews Ch2 v10-18 Matthew Ch2 v13-23

READINGS FOR JANUARY 2026

Sunday 4 th Jan	Second Sunday of Christmas Epiphany	Isaiah Ch60 v1-6 Ephesians Ch3 v1-12 Matthew Ch2 v1-12
Sunday 11 th Jan	Epiphany 1	Isaiah Ch42 v1-9 Acts Ch10 v 34-43 Matthew Ch3 v 13-end
Sunday 18 th Jan	Epiphany 2	Isaiah Ch49 v 1-7 1 Corinthians Ch1 v1-9 John Ch1 v29-42
Sunday 25 th Jan	Epiphany 3 Conversion of St Paul	Jeremiah Ch 1 v 4-10 Acts Ch 9 v 1-22 Matthew Ch19 v27-end



HYMNS

SUNDAY 11am	4th Epiphany	11th Epiphany 1 BAPTISM OF CHRIST	18th Epiphany 2	25th Epiphany 3 CONVERSION OF ST PAUL
HYMN	Procession 50	52	349	359
PROPER	668	669	670	671
RESPONSORIAL PSALM	72 (10-15)	29	40 (1-12)	67
OFFERTORY	49	56	55	378
COMMUNION	51	57	343	376
POST COMMUNION	47	48	476	486



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 7ststephenguides@gmail.com	Friday 6.00pm – 7.30pm	Community Centre 10 – 14 years old
RANGERS	Sophie Leale Tel: 714850 & 07911 132440 7thststephengangers@gmail.com	Wednesday 7.40pm – 9.00pm	Community Centre 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 firstgscubs@outlook.com	Cubs Monday 7.00pm – 8.30pm	Community Centre 8 – 10 years old
	Rosalynne Le Huray firstgsscouts@outlook.com	Sea Scouts Wednesday 7.00pm – 9.00pm	Community Centre 10 – 14 years old
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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 Mass</i>