

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



May 2024



Hello again dear friends and Happy May to you all!

Let's just hope that the weather catches up with the calendar soon and that we can all spend a lot of time outside to enjoy "the rough winds that do shake the darling buds of May!"

What a joy it was to be part of the welcoming party for Aileen on the 26th. I am sure that, apart from James being away at university, Father Joe feels that his family is now complete and we are so happy for him. However he is not the only one; it certainly feels to me that Aileen's arrival completes our church family too in so many ways and we are lucky to have her with us.

The church AGM on the 28th went well and we got a lot of things sorted out in a comparatively painless way! All jokes aside it is amazing what can be achieved when we all work together for a common cause.

May will be a full month church calendar wise and I am really looking forward to the many special services that are on the horizon; with Father Joe's leadership I am sure that it will be an extremely fulfilling time for us all.

Take good care of yourselves and enjoy a lovely month.

Love Nikki



All contributions for the June magazine will be gratefully received.

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Spring has arrived on the island – and so has Aileen my wife! Yay!! After needing to go back to South Africa in January to sort out her work, Aileen is now here to stay. Thank you to everyone who turned up at the airport to welcome her – how special.

We are rapidly moving through the months of the year, May is just around the corner. As we get older it seems that life is just becoming a blur, but hopefully a happy blur for us. I cannot believe that I have been at St Stephen's for 8 months already. It has been such a joyous time and we are so enjoying life in Guernsey. Within the next few weeks we will celebrate some of the major feasts in the life of our Christian walk: Ascension, Pentecost, Trinity and Corpus Christi. All of these are reminders of significant events in the life of the Early Church, and signposts in our own faith journey to keep us heading towards Heaven. The Disciples watched Jesus bless them and then disappear into the clouds – can we even begin to imagine the joyous celebration as Jesus entered home? The angels must have been all in a flutter! And The Father, standing there with arms open wide, a massive smile on His face...

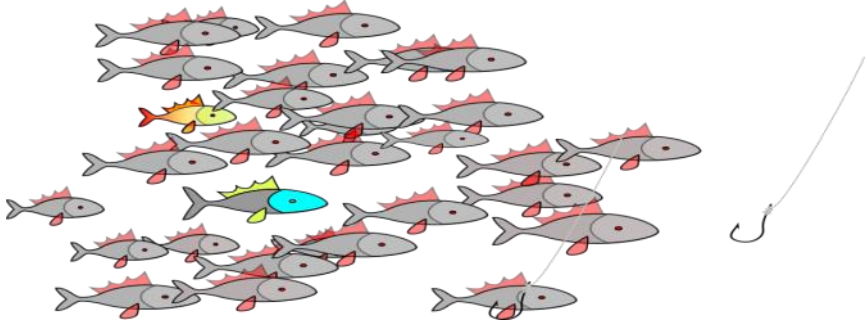
Humour is one of the many factors that we have lost in our tradition. I often comment on the "lost verse" of scripture – "Jesus laughed." People were drawn to Him in His earthly life because He was (and still is) a charismatic person, full of love and joy. My sadness for so many today is that they have this image of God as being the stern parent, seated on the throne, waiting to punish us. This is incorrect on so many levels. *"Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God."* (1 John 4:7). God's love for us is mentioned over 4300 times in the Bible (according to biblestudytools.com). If people could only see God as being the loving being God is, they would yearn to have a living relationship with God. That is why the Holy Spirit was sent by God at Pentecost.

Ultimately God wants a relationship with us, because that is what God is about – the Trinity is all about the relationship between Father and Son in the Holy Spirit. One of the greatest gifts we have been given is the invitation to be part of that relationship. John 3:16 (probably one of the most famous verses in Scripture) reassures us of this. We need sustenance to keep us going on our journey of discovering the wonders of that relationship, and so Jesus took the bread and the wine and commanded us to celebrate Holy Communion in remembrance of His act of love on Calvary. The annual remembrance of Corpus Christi is a foretaste of the heavenly banquet that awaits...

Dearest friends, my prayer for each one of us is that we would continue our walk with Christ, trusting in His love to guide our hearts, and believing Him when He says that He loves us more than life itself. As we allow Jesus into our hearts, so we are transformed more and more into the people He sees us as. May the Christ-light shine out of us each day of our journey that others may see Him at work in and through us, and so be drawn into discovering His love for themselves. And may the laughter of heaven and the beauty of Spring give us a joyous smile each step of the way.

May God bless us and hold us close to His heart.
All my love
Fr Joe

Something Fishy...



The young man cautiously walked out of the woods, carrying a bucket with live fish. Suddenly out stepped the local Game Warden. “May I see your fishing license please sir?” he asked.

The man put down the bucket, looked at the Warden and slowly replied, “Um, no sir. I don’t need a fishing license. These are my pet fish.”

“Pet fish?” queried the Game Warden in a disbelieving tone. “Yes sir. You see, once a week I bring my pet fish down to the lake so that they can have a bit of exercise, you know – swim around a bit. Then, when I whistle, they swim right back into my net and I take them home.”

“Nonsense! You my friend are under arrest!” growled the Warden. The young man was quick to raise his hands. “It is the truth, I tell you. We do this all the time. I’ll show you.”

“Oh we do, now do we?” smirked the Warden. “Prove it then...” The man carefully took up his bucket, walked to the edge of the lake and gently lowered it into the water. Standing upright slowly, holding the empty bucket, he stared out across the lake. After a few moments, the Warden grumbled, “Well?”

“Well, what?”

“When are you going to call them back?” said the Warden in an exasperated tone.

“Call who back, sir?”

“The FISH!” thundered the Warden.

“What fish, sir?”

Really Reliable Recipes

EPIPHANY CAKE

From Val

Ingredients

2 rolls of puff pastry (or see recipe for rough puff pastry)
Ground almonds (4 dessert spoonfuls)
2 egg yolks
Caster sugar (100 g)
Melted butter (60 g)
Rum (1 teaspoon)

Method

Heat the oven to gas 6.

Butter a circle the size of a dinner plate on a baking sheet.

Roll out the pastry into two circles the size of a dinner plate.

Place one of the circles on the buttered baking sheet.

Mix the sugar and the egg yolks.

Add the almonds, butter and rum.

Blend together until the mixture is soft but NOT runny.

(Traditionally a "favour (le feve) should be added to decide who will be "king".

Put the mixture in the centre of the pastry circle on the baking sheet.

Leave a good margin (approx. 4 cm) round the edge.

Place the other circle on the top wetting thoroughly to **SEAL IT COMPLETELY** to the bottom pastry. This is your "crown" for the King.

Make a cross (for Christ) in the top for the steam to escape.

Mark with stripes made by a fork. Symbolising the long trek made by the three kings.

Place in the oven for 30-35 minutes (check it after 30 minutes).

An epiphany is a "manifestation" (Greek) and also is used to describe a moment when one understands something clearly - like putting in the last piece of a jig-saw and suddenly seeing the whole picture. To Christians the manifestation of Christ to the Magi Kings/Wise men) is the equivalent of his being shown to the Gentiles - so that they too could follow Him. See also "The Journey of the Magi" - IS Eliot.





THE ST STEPHEN'S REVELS are getting closer!!

This event will be held on Saturday, June 1st from 2.00 until 5.00 p.m
in the church garden, or if wet, in the community centre.
There will be entertainment, children's activities, stalls and refreshments.

PLEASE BE THERE!

Donations of cakes, homemade items and good quality books
will be most welcome in the week before the event.



MUSIC AT ST STEPHEN'S

The following concerts have been arranged at our Church:-

May 4th - Guernsey Bach Choir and Orchestra conducted by Alan Gough
MBE

June 1st - Colin Solway - visiting Brass Band concert

June 15th - Nicole Wyatt and students

October 5th - Helen Grand - "Come and sing concert"

October 26th - Nicola Hatton and Brass Band concert

We are so fortunate that these music groups enjoy performing at our Church particularly as the acoustics are so good. Please do support these concerts and bring along your friends as well. Further details will be in the future magazines

Wow, wow, wow!

The two Variety Nights put on by St. Stephen's Players last week were simply brilliant.

The Players wanted to remember one of our long standing members Sheila Garner (Nikki's mum). She was a performer, singer, director and loads in between.

The performances put on for our audiences were so good, we had youngsters, teenagers and those not so young taking part. We were treated to singers, musicians, dancing, poetry, comedy, brass band and the Hope Choir, all were amazing.

But the highlight were the St. Stephen's Church Choir who put on an amazing choral piece for us all.

Well done ladies, you may be few but you pack a punch.

Thank you to all involved. Steph.



SUNDAY SCHOOL HOWLERS



DID NOAH FISH?

A Sunday school teacher asked "Johnny do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?" "No" replied Johnny "How could he with just two worms."





Tuesday 14th May at 12midday

St Stephen's Community Centre

A LIBERATION FEAST

Menu:-

Braised Steak

Or Vegetarian Sausage Casserole

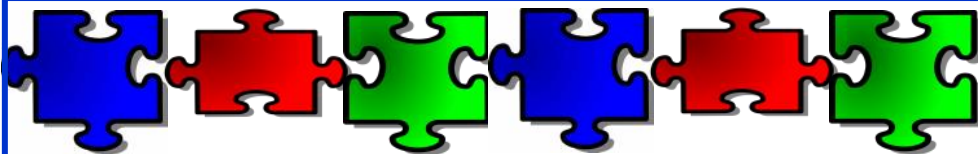
Dessert Apple Pie & Ice Cream

£10 per person.

Please let me know as soon as possible for any dietary requirements.

Please book no later than Sunday 12th May

Jean Le Huray Tel. 255207 Mob.07781 404558



ST STEPHEN'S PLAYERS JIGSAW EVENING

Saturday 18th May at 7 p.m.

at

Rue Mainguy Scout Headquarters.

Jigsaws supplied - Prize for quickest team to complete their puzzle.

£10 per person - teams of 6. Raffle at half time. Donations Bar

Bacon roll, Hot Dog or Vegetarian alternative.

FOR TICKETS GO TO

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-stephens-players>.

Call/email Bekki on 07781-123157. Email. bekki.dragun@cwgsy.net

Get your tickets now, before they all go.




IMMANENCE

I COME in the little things,
Saith the Lord:

Yea, on the glancing wings
Of eager birds, the softly pattering feet
Of furred and gentle beasts, I come to meet
Your hand and wayward heart, In brown
bright eyes
That peep from out the brake, I stand confessed.

I COME in the little things,
Saith the Lord:



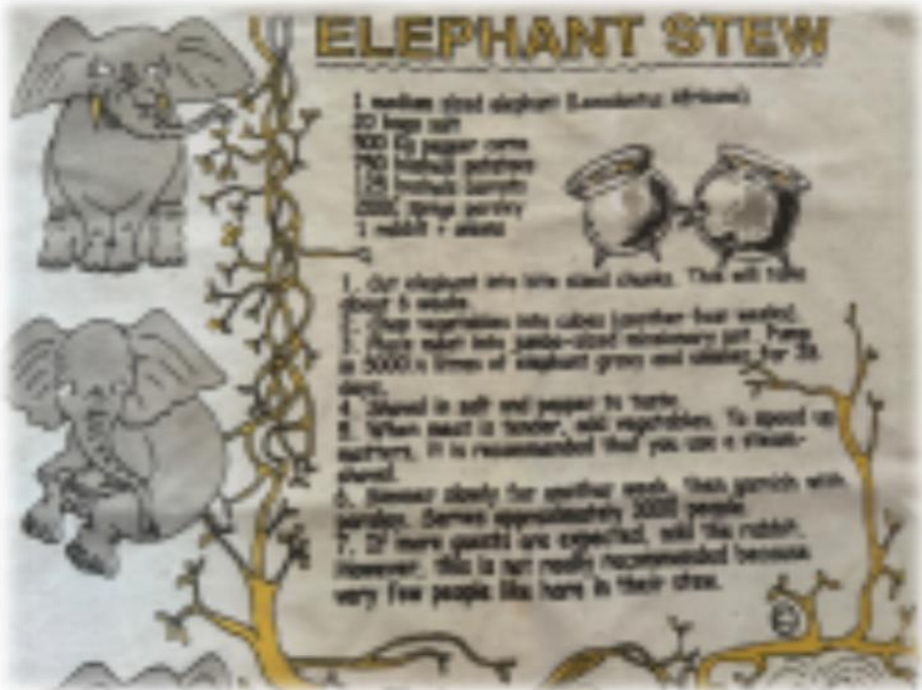
My stately wings
I do forsake,
Love's highway of humility to take:
Mockly I fit My stature to your need,
In beggar's part
About your gates I shall not cease to plead—
As man, to speak with man—
Till by such art
I shall achieve My Immemorial Plan,
Pass the low lintel of the human heart

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR MAY 2024

Sunday May 5	The Sixth Sunday of Easter 9.30am Said Mass 11.00am Sung Mass 2.30pm – 4.00pm Family Service
Monday - Friday	08.00am Morning Prayer
Tuesday May 7	11.00am Weekday Mass
Wednesday May 8	12pm – 4.00pm Sixth Form Valedictory Service Rehearsal
Thursday May 9	7.00pm Ascension Day Mass
Friday May 10	10.30am -11.30am Sixth Form Valedictory Service
Saturday May 11	10.00am – 11.30am Coffee Morning
Sunday May 12	The Seventh Sunday of Easter 9.30am Said Mass 11.00am Sung Mass
Monday May 13	08.00am Morning Prayer
May 14 - May 15	Fr. Joe in UK on a course
Tuesday May 14	11.00am Weekday Mass Canceled Fr. Joe away
Thursday May 16	5.45 – 7.30pm Chamber Choir Rehearsal
Thursday May 16 – Friday May 17	08.00am Morning Prayer
Saturday May 18	10.00am – 11.30am Coffee Morning
Sunday May 19	The Day of Pentecost (Whit-Sunday) 9.30am Said Mass 11.00am Sung Mass with Procession
Monday May 20 – Tuesday May 21	08.00am Morning Prayer
Tuesday May 21	11.00am Weekday Mass
Wednesday May 22	Fr. Joe away to meet the Bishop
Thursday May 23 – Friday May 24	08.00am Morning Prayer
Thursday May 23	5.45 – 7.30pm Chamber Choir Rehearsal
Saturday May 25	10.00am – 11.30am Coffee Morning
Sunday May 26	Trinity Sunday 9.30am Said Mass 11.00am Sung Mass with Procession
Monday -Friday	08.00am Morning Prayer
Tuesday May 28	11.00am Weekday Mass
Thursday May 30	7.00pm Sung Mass

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD....

Saturday June 1	2.00pm -5.00pm St Stephen's Revels 7.30pm Band Concert
Tuesday June 4	Dean's Visitation for Churchwardens
Thursday June 6	5.45 – 7.30pm Chamber Choir Rehearsal
Thursday June 13	5.45 – 7.30pm Chamber Choir Rehearsal
Saturday June 15	4.00pm – 5.15pm Concert (Nicole Wyatt)
Thursday June 27	5.45 – 7.30pm Chamber Choir Rehearsal
Thursday June 27	12.00pm - 4.00pm Ladies' College Leavers Service rehearsal 7.30pm 8.30pm Ladies' College Leavers Service
Thursday July 4	5.45 – 7.30pm Chamber Choir Rehearsal
Thursday July 11	5.45 – 7.30pm Chamber Choir Rehearsal
Thursday July 18	5.45 – 7.30pm Chamber Choir Rehearsal



With thanks to Ian Martel



The Guild of Intercession

Lionel Wilfred de Sausmarez 2/5/1901; Marc Anthony Bazille Corbin 11/5/1908; Frank Overrand Romeril 23/5/1912; Rachel Lihou Carre 5/5/1915; Thomas Pepperdine Holmes 19/5/1922; Mary Augusta de Sausmarez 28/5/1922; Florence Ada Sharman 7/5/1925; Henry Gratton Kane (Priest) 31/5/1927; Harriet Watts Gallienne 6/5/1928; John Henry Moore (Priest) 7/5/1929; John Wilson Ravins 16/5/1932; Peter Thomas Mignot (Priest) 30/5/1935; John Matthews 17/5/1938; Georgina Croucher 13/5/1941; John William Elliott 22/5/1942; Jocelyn Duar Loaring 31/5/1944; Sophia Elizabeth Hutchinson 4/5/1949; John Henry Machon 17/5/1949; Selina Jane Burgess 17/5/1950; Emma Jane Warry 19/5/1950; Albert Lewis Davis 27/5/1950; Elsie Louisa Robert 7/5/1952; Amy Elsie Gordon 11/5/1953; Eva Mary Tanner 27/5/1954; Annette Lucina Thornhill 20/5/1955; Florence Ada Anstey 26/5/1955; Dorothy La Trobe Bateman 12/5/1956; Alexander George Sarchet 23/5/1956; Grace Ann Mitchell 16/5/1957; Seymour Victor Gunning Parker 28/5/1957; Clara Annie Elizabeth Drummond 30/5/1957; Alfred Edward Kelly 3/5/1958; Fanny Seymour 3/5/1958; Eli Jesse Warren 15/5/1958; Ida Moore 21/5/1958; Harold Roland Woodbury 30/5/1958; George William Rowe 16/5/1959; Peter Claude Eynon Bowen 25/5/1959; Paul Chang Fong To (Priest) 27/5/1959; Annette Le Prevost 5/5/1960; Wilfred Anderson Dowdney 17/5/1960; Lacey James Hamon 24/5/1960; Owen Henry Marquand 26/5/1961; Olive Ellen Alice Bailey 10/5/1962; Wilfred Charles Wellington 22/5/1962; Elisa Hamon 16/5/1963; Edward Francis Wood (Priest) 2/5/1964; Alan Hubert Walters 13/5/1964; David Clifford Knight 25/5/1964; Arthur Henry Davey 26/5/1964; Louise Victoria Bridle 31/5/1966; Lucy Kemp 13/5/1967; Roderick Noel Raleigh-King 24/5/1967; Olive de Sausmarez 1/5/1971; Frank Gahan 25/5/1971; Anthony James Malzard 2/5/1975; Rosa Mary Mauger 28/5/1977; Reginald Charles Moore (Priest) 29/5/1977; Elsie Moore 7/5/1981; Phyllis Dorothy Fawson 1/5/1982; Elizabeth Maud Robin 28/5/1983; Winifred Ada Tardif 9/5/1984; Thomas Henry Robert 14/5/1985; Lloyd Rex Stuart 27/5/1986; Cyril Kenneth Alfred Kemp (Priest) 3/5/1987; Hilda Joyce Besnard 8/5/1987; Eva Lilian Giles 28/5/1987; Thomas John Saltwell 6/5/1989; Reginald Thomas Warley 11/5/1989; Nancy Hingston Hichens 14/5/1989; Raymond William August Gargan 24/5/1991; George Frederick Albert Horrell 21/5/1994; Robert John Marquis 8/5/1995; Vera Deborah Udle 18/5/1996; Mary Evelyn Robertson Bruce 30/5/1998; Alan Read Sarchet 31/5/1998; Bernard Miller Cochrane 4/5/2003; Margaret Christine Balfour 20/5/2004; Cyril Henry Udle 2/5/2006; Bryan Kevin Le Poidevin 2/5/2006; Kay Elizabeth Sloan 25/5/2006; Carol Diamond Dodd 16/5/2008; Krystal Jane Emma Williams 8/5/2009; Kathleen Joan Meyer 16/5/2010; Enid Marjorie Waterman 21/5/2010; Trudy Martha Ellis 4/05/2011; Dorothy (Dot) Mary Hamon 10/05/2011; Jane (Jean) Robert 12/05/2011; Edward Alfred Roland 22/5/2013; Keith Roderick Parkyn 30/5/2018. Annie Peatfield 3/05/2020 Tony Renouf 31/05/20

Year unknown: Nicholas Deighton, 1/5; Eliza Maude Allett, 30/5.

May They Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory

Parish Register (April 2024)

**A REGISTER
of Persons
BAPTIZED.**

1691.
the daughter of Mr. Thomas King
of St. James in Somerset baptiz'd
March 10
1693
the daughter of Mr. Robert King

Baptisms: None
Weddings: None
Funerals: None

READINGS FOR MAY 2024

Sunday 5 th May	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Acts Ch10 v44-48 1 John Ch5 v1-6 John Ch15 v9-17
Thursday 9 th May	Ascension Day	Daniel Ch7 v9-14 Acts Ch1 v1-11 Luke Ch24 v44-53
Sunday 12 th May	Seventh Sunday of Easter Sunday after Ascension	Acts Ch1 v15-17, 21-26 1 John Ch5 v9-13 John Ch17 v6-19
Sunday 19 th May	Pentecost	Acts Ch2 v1-21 Romans Ch8 v22-27 John Ch15 v26-27 Ch16 v4b-15
Sunday 26 May	Trinity Sunday	Isaiah Ch6 v1-8 Romans Ch8 v12-17 John Ch3 v1-17





HYMNS

SUNDAY 11am	5th Easter 6 Rogation	12th Sunday after Ascension	19th Whit Sunday	26th Trinity Sunday
HYMN	265	134	Procession 139 1 st tune	Procession 148
PROPER	688	690	691	692
Responsorial Psalm	98	1	104	29
OFFERTORY	397	352	137	351
COMMUNION	S.3	305	138	278
POST COMMUNION	408	130 1 st tune Omit*	S.28	146

Guilds, Clubs & Activities at St Stephen's

SUNDAY CLUB MESSY CHURCH	Andrea Bateman andrea.bateman@ yahoo.co.uk	1st Sunday of the Month	Church Vestry
RAINBOWS	Tamara Beach and Rachel Le Prevost 7thststephensrainbows @gmail.com	Wednesday 4.00pm – 5.00pm	Community Centre 5 – 7 years old
BROWNIES	Ellie Luce & Tamara Beach Tamara.beach@hotmail.com	Wednesday 5.00pm - 6.30pm	Community Centre 7 – 10 years old
GUIDES	Debbie Robilliard Tamara Beach and Sophie Leale Tel: 714850 + 07911 132440 beans975@gmail.com	Friday 6.00pm – 7.30pm	Community Centre 10 – 14 years old
RANGERS	Debbie Robilliard and Sophie Leale Tel: 714850 + 07911 132440 beans975@gmail.com	Wednesday 7.40pm – 9.00pm	Community Centre 14-21 years old
1st VICTORIA SEA SCOUT GROUP	Delphine Renaud firstgtsybea- vers@outlook.com	Beavers Monday 5.30pm - 6.45pm	Community Centre 6 – 8 years old
Group Scout Leader	Leon Gallienne firstgsyscubs@outlook.com	Cubs Monday 7.00pm – 8.30pm	Community Centre 8 – 10 years old
Rosalyne Le Huray Tel: 07781	c/o Rosalyne Le Huray firstgsyscouts@outlook.com	Sea Scouts Wednesday 7.00pm – 9.00pm	Community Centre 10 – 14 years old
ST STEPHEN'S GUILD	Marg Kaines Tel: 254858	As arranged	Church 'housekeeping'
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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 with Sermon

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Friday 8.00am *Morning Prayer*
Tuesday 11.00am *Said Mass*