

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



September 2024



When I was typing the appeal for articles below; I had a sharp intake of breath when I typed the word October! Where has the summer gone? Indeed where has the year gone?! It is scary how quickly time passes when you're not looking and it reminds me to try and savour every moment. A wise friend of mine used to say "don't look back and say I was happy then; but stop and say I am happy now." Wise words !

Time does mostly seem to go by too quickly but sometimes it confuses you; When we had the celebration to mark Father Joe's one year anniversary; I found myself thinking that on the one hand I couldn't believe that a whole year had gone by but on the other feeling like he had been here forever! Mind you I suspect that is mostly due to him and his ability to fit in and become part of us so quickly. We are very lucky to have him and his wonderful family with us so let's savour every moment. See what I did there? Anyone would think that I plan these things out before I start writing!

As usual much love to you all
Nikki

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

Copy deadline will be Friday 20th September 2024

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Happy Anniversary



And it is a very happy anniversary... I have been in Guernsey for a year! Perhaps it comes with anniversaries like this that one reflects on one's journey to this point. I was thinking in my quiet time the other day about the various priests that I have known over the years. There have been a number who have left an indelible mark on my spirituality, and I thank God for their love and guidance.

That then sparked my memories about the various saints that I have come across in my readings over the years. Julian of Norwich will always remain one of my favourites, largely because I was introduced to her by a dear friend when we were at university together. I thought that it might be a good idea for us to explore some of the saints that the Church remembers – this month I have chosen St Bernard of Clairvaux (feast day is 20th August). Please see the brief article on him in the magazine. If you would like us to mention your favourite saint, please send Nikki a message.

One of the greatest mistakes that we make when it comes to thinking about the saints is that they were perfect all the time. The only person who is perfect is our Lord and Saviour, Jesus. All of the rest of us are normal people who strive to live as Christ would have us. St Bernard is no different, he could be quite rude to people when they held differing views to him and he could be impatient (nothing too saintly there, is there). What makes these people stand out from the rest is usually their deep love for the Lord and their giving of themselves to others. Mother Theresa was wracked by deep doubts in her faith journey but she never wavered in her love for the people God had called her to serve.

We celebrate one of my favourite feasts at the end of September, St Michael and All Angels (29th of September). This reminded me of a comment made by someone many years ago that they would become an angel when they died. This is incorrect. We join the Communion of the Saints and take our place in God's Kingdom alongside the angels, but we don't become an angel. The Bible teaches us that the angels are separate to humanity (they are a company and not a race), and that they were around before humanity came into being (although they are also created beings as are humans). Perhaps I need to write an article about this, *what do you think, Ed?*

Each one of us have our own unique and special giftedness from God that does not disappear when we die, but is given for a purpose. To put it in a slightly different way: we are, each and every one of us, a piece of the jigsaw puzzle that God is building. We have our own unique shape and we have our space in His puzzle. We have been given our time on earth to discover how we are part of His plan and to learn to trust Him as we go about our daily lives (which can be quite puzzling at times – teeheehee – I couldn't wait to put that in before the Editor did).

Dearest friends, may we use each and every day as an opportunity to discover more and more about what it means to be a child of God. That is not always an easy task, but we need to remember that, lying deep within each one of us, is the blueprint to being a saint. Much of what distinguishes the saints from the rest of society is the choices they have made, which are often difficult and not popular, but which always put God and others first in their lives. Let us strive to become more like them...

Enjoy the magazine.

God bless you as you make a difference to someone's life today.

Love Fr Joe

St Stephen's Church Family Picnic

Sunday 8th September
12.30 - 2.30pm

*Bring the whole family, your friends
and your own picnic*

We will enjoy our picnic together in the GARDEN
if the weather permits, or in the CHURCH if its raining

CRAFTS & GAMES

SCAVENGER HUNT

ICE CREAM STATION

Glitter Face Painting

Biscuit Decoration

Teas, Coffees & Soft Drinks

All are welcome!



Boules and Fish and Chips



This will be held in the garden on

Friday September 13th at 5.30 p.m.

We would like as many teams of 4 as possible from the congregation including maybe 2 from the choir, 1 from the Servers, 1 from the St Stephen's Players, 1 from the Sidesperson rota etc. The Guides and Scouts will also be invited to take part. Please bring your own drinks, and a set of boules if you have any. An order form will be available a couple of weeks before for your fish and chips order. If it is raining, the event will be held in the Community Centre and Fr Joe will organise a quiz.



NERD CORNER



Nerd Corner Part 4

Filling ink cartridges – So here we are we have reached the nitty gritty part of the plot. This article will cover how to fill the type of cartridges I use (ie without a printhead) and further episodes will cover other types with printheads and tips and problem solving. Now....there is one fundamental rule that must be obeyed, no argument, non-negotiable...

**YOU HAVE TO PUT THE RIGHT COLOUR IN THE RIGHT CARTRIDGE
(OR PART OF CARTRIDGE thereof)**

You might think this is blatantly obvious but based on some of the one star reviews I read when researching the first refilling kit I purchased I beg to differ. (you just can't help some people can you!)

As you can imagine this process has all the hallmarks for being incredibly messy, so be prepared. Don't do it on the family heirloom of a dining room table that has hitherto only been used when the King comes to dinner. I suggest that whatever surface you choose to use put something like a large plastic lid to work on, and standby with kitchen towel and the amazing aforementioned microfibre cloths. Gloves are advisable, I've experimented with various types and find waterproof thin gardening gloves the best. (perhaps more of that in a future episodes after all this is nerds-ville?!).

There are two ways of filling my cartridges you can tip them upside down and simply drip ink into the sponge that can be seen in the hole at the base of the cartridge, or you can drill a hole in the top and inject ink directly into the sponge through the top. If it is an 'XL' cartridge you can fill the empty chamber behind the sponge chamber and the ink will seep into the sponge. How much do you put in do you ask? Well, you have two choices, you can simply put a limited amount of ink into the cartridge or keep filling until the sponge is saturated and ink starts to pour out of the other end of the cartridge. If you are injecting through a hole in the top the hole has to be sealed with either a silicone plug or use gaffa tape to seal the hole and take it down the sides of the cartridge.

So that folks, in a nutshell is how I fill my cartridges Fun ay! There are so many other joyous subjects to cover in Nerd corner aren't you lucky?!



Dripping ink directly into sponge



Injecting into sponge in top of cartridge

Note well used inky microfibre Cloths!



As parents we are all very proud of our children. So I am going to share my pride with you all.

James Bourgaize, as most of you know, started at Swansea University 3 years ago; yes it really was 3 years ago! On the 26th July we attended his Graduation and I am so pleased to tell you all he got a first Honours degree in Aerospace Engineering. James and I want to thank everyone who kept him in their prayers and thoughts.

Next step for James is a Graduate Systems Engineering job in Bristol with a company called Fraser Nash consultancy. He will be living in Weston-Super-Mare with his girlfriend Cait who will be doing a masters in Classics and Ancient History at Bristol University.

Please once again keep them in your prayers, especially while they settle in to their new adventure.

Max



Really Reliable Recipe

A Simple Slow Cooker Recipe

From Fliss

2 Chicken breasts cut into chunks and dusted with flour

1 Jar of Salsa (I use Doritos mild Salsa)

About 1 tablespoon of gravy granules

Sweet Corn (tin or frozen)

Salt and pepper

(You may need to add some water)

Put it all in the slow cooker

4hrs high

6hrs low

(Of course this recipe can be doubled or trebled or quadrupled!)

Serve with your choice of Roast potatoes or Rice and vegetables

Simple but delicious!



Forthcoming Event

St Stephen's Church Dedication Festival Lunch
Sunday 6th October following the 11am Sung Mass.

Menu

Ham or Vegetarian Quiche with salad and jacket potato

Apple Pie & Ice-cream

Tea or Coffee

If you wish, please bring your own wine or soft drinks.

£10 per adult, children free. Please let me know any dietary requirements as soon as possible, no later than Sunday 29th September. Jean Le Huray

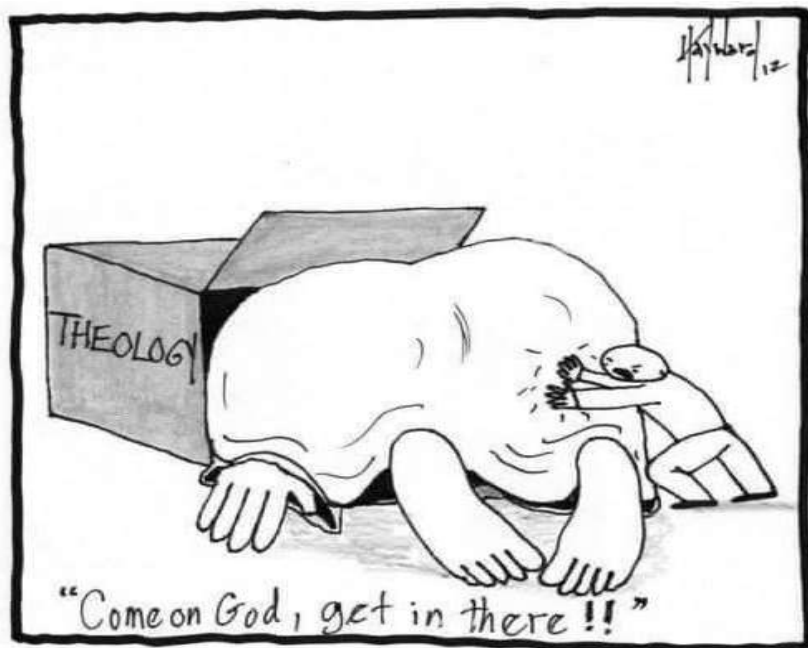
Tel 255207 or Mob 07781 404558

FRIENDSHIP

Friendship Lunch
Tuesday 10th September 2024 at 12midday
St Stephen's Community Centre

Menu
Cottage Pie & vegetables or Vegi Pie
Banana Split & Ice cream

£10 per person, please let me know any
dietary requirements as soon as possible,
Booking no later than Sunday 8th September
Jean Le Huray Tel 255207



What Price Popularity?

Who was United States Senator Edmund G. Ross of Kansas? I suppose you could call him a "Mr. Nobody." No law bears his name. Not a single list of Senate "greats" mentions his service. Yet when Ross entered the Senate in 1866, he was considered the man to watch. He seemed destined to surpass his colleagues, but he tossed it all away by one courageous act of conscience.

Let's set the stage - Conflict was dividing the US government in the wake of the Civil War. President Andrew Johnson was determined to follow Lincoln's policy of reconciliation toward the defeated South. Congress, however, wanted to rule the downtrodden Confederate states with an iron hand.

Congress decided to strike first. Shortly after Senator Ross was seated, the Senate introduced impeachment proceedings against the President. The radicals calculated that they needed thirty-six votes, and smiled as they concluded that the thirty-sixth was none other than Ross'. The new senator listened to the vigilante talk. But to the surprise of many, he declared that the president "deserved as fair a trial as any accused man has ever had on earth." The word immediately went out that his vote was "shaky." Ross received an avalanche of anti-Johnson telegrams from every section of the country. Radical senators badgered him to "come to his senses."

The fateful day of the vote arrived. The courtroom galleries were packed. Tickets for admission were at an enormous premium. As a deathlike stillness fell over the Senate chamber, the vote began. By the time they reached Ross, twenty-four "guilties" had been announced. Eleven more were certain. Only Ross' vote was needed to impeach the President.

Unable to conceal his emotion, the Chief Justice asked in a trembling voice, "Mr. Senator Ross, how vote you? Is the respondent Andrew Johnson guilty as charged?" Ross later explained, at that moment, "I looked into my open grave. Friendships, position, fortune, and everything that makes life desirable to an ambitious man were about to be swept away by the breath of my mouth, perhaps forever." Then, the answer came -- unhesitating, unmistakable: "Not guilty!" With that, the trial was over. And the response was as predicted.

A high public official from Kansas wired Ross to say: "Kansas repudiates you as she does all perjurers and skunks." The "open grave" vision had become a reality. Ross' political career was in ruins. Extreme ostracism, and even physical attack awaited his family upon their return home.

One gloomy day Ross turned to his faithful wife and said, "Millions cursing me today will bless me tomorrow...though not but God can know the struggle it has cost me." It was a prophetic declaration. Twenty years later Congress and the Supreme Court verified the wisdom of his position, by changing the laws related to impeachment. Ross was appointed Territorial Governor of New Mexico. Then, just prior to his death, he was awarded a special pension by Congress. The press and country took this opportunity to honour his courage which, they finally concluded, had saved the country from crisis and division.

Jon Johnston, Courage - You Can Stand Strong in the Face of Fear, 1990, SP Publications, pp. 56-58.

ST STEPHEN'S PARISH CALENDAR September 2024

Sunday Sept 1	The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity 9.30am Mass 11.00am Sung Mass
Monday –Friday	08.00am Morning Prayer
Tuesday Sept 3	11.00am Weekday Mass
Saturday Sept 7	10.00am – 11.30am Coffee morning
Sunday Sept 8	The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity 9.30am Mass 11.00am Sung Mass 12.30am Family Picnic
Monday –Friday	08.00am Morning Prayer
Tuesday Sept 10	11.00am Weekday Mass
Thursday Sept 12	5.45pm Chamber Choir Rehearsal
Friday Sept 13	Boules and fish and chip supper
Saturday Sept 14	10.00am – 11.30am Coffee morning
Sunday Sept 15	The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity 9.30am Mass with Children's Church 11.00am Sung Mass
Monday –Friday	08.00am Morning Prayer
Tuesday Sept 17	11.00am Weekday Mass
Thursday Sept 19	5.45pm Chamber Choir Rehearsal
Saturday Sept 21	10.00am – 11.30am Coffee morning
Sunday Sept 22	The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity 9.30am Mass with Children's Church 11.00am Sung Mass 12.30pm Baptism
Monday –Friday	08.00am Morning Prayer
Tuesday Sept 24	11.00am Weekday Mass
Thursday Sept 26	5.45pm Chamber Choir Rehearsal
Saturday Sept 28	10.00am – 11.30am Coffee morning
Sunday Sept 29	The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity Harvest Sunday 9.30am Mass with Children's Church 11.00am Sung Mass
Monday –Friday	08.00am Morning Prayer

Saint of the Month

ST BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX



Bernard was born in Burgundy to noble parents, the third of seven children. He had an interest in literature and rhetoric at school, but most especially he had a special devotion to the Virgin Mary (he later wrote several works about the Queen of Heaven). This may have been as a result of his mother dying while he was still young.

Largely because his education was done by priests, he often thought of becoming one. After his mother died, Bernard decided to become a monk and so in 1113 he and thirty other young noblemen of Burgundy sought admission into Cîteaux Abbey, near Dijon. This space saw a reformation of the Rule of St Benedict, creating a new order, known, after the first abbey, as the Order of Cistercians. Three years later, Bernard was sent with 12 other monks to found a new monastery in the Vallée d'Absinthe, in the Diocese of Langres. This Bernard named Claire Vallée, or

Clairvaux.

Bernard emphasized the value of personal, experiential friendship with Christ and placed new emphasis on the Virgin Mary. This was in opposition to the rational approach to divine understanding used by the scholastics of his day. Although he was sometimes short-tempered and impetuous, his love for Christ and the people of God always shone through. He denounced the persecution of the Jews at a time when many thought it was a good thing to take revenge for the crucifixion of our Lord. He spoke out about the various schisms that were troubling the Church at the time and wrote his *Apology* to defend the Cistercian Way.

Bernard was described as a fiery preacher, he was a notable theologian and became a great leader of the new Cistercian Order. He was also the author of a number of hymns. One aspect of his ministry was to encourage soldiers to take part in the Crusades, which he did with fervour. In the year 1128 at the Council of Troyes, Bernard outlined the Rule of the Knights Templar, which soon became an ideal of Christian nobility.

Bernard died on 20 August 1153 at the age of sixty-three, after forty years of monastic life. He was buried at Clairvaux Abbey. His remains were transferred to Troyes Cathedral after the Abbey was destroyed in 1792 by the French revolutionary government. Bernard was canonized just 21 years after his death by Pope Alexander III. In 1830 Pope Pius VIII declared him a Doctor of the Church.



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.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

Parish Register (August 2024)

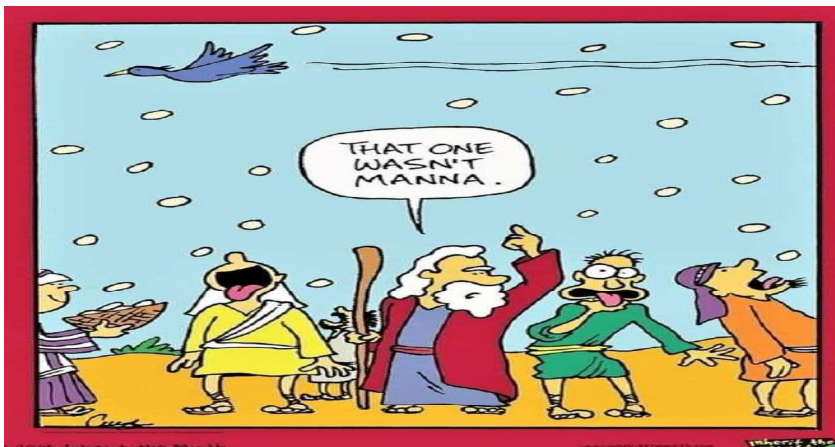
**A REGISTER
of Persons
BAPTIZED.**

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*of the Parish of St. Andrew, City
of London, in the County of Middlesex*
1695
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of London, in the County of Middlesex*

Baptisms: None
Weddings: None
Funerals: None

READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday 1 st Sept	Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity	Deuteronomy Ch4 v1-2,6-9 James Ch1 v17-27 Mark Ch7 v1-8,14-15, 21-23
Sunday 8 th Sept	Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity	Isaiah Ch35 v4-7a James Ch2 v1-17 Mark Ch7 v24-37
Sunday 15 th Sept	Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity	Isaiah Ch50 v4-9a James Ch3 v1-12 Mark Ch8 v27-38
Sunday 22 nd Sept	Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	Wisdom Ch1 v16-Ch2 v1, 12-22 James Ch3 v13-Ch4 v3, 7-8a Mark Ch9 v30-37
Sunday 29 th Sept	Harvest Thanksgiving	Joel Ch2 v21-27 1 Timothy Ch2 v1-7 Matthew Ch6 v25-33



SEPTEMBER HYMNS

SUNDAY	1 st	8 th	15 th	22 nd	29 th
11.00am	Trinity 14	Trinity 15	Trinity 16	Trinity 17	Trinity 18 HARVEST
HYMN	456	334	234	189 Tune 486	259
PROPER	708	709	710	711	712
Responsorial Psalm	15	146	116 v1-8	54	126
OFFERTORY	333	378	439 1 st Tune	332	261
COMMUNION	341	S.5	328	431	260
POST COMMUNION	398 Tune 395	466	S.12	377	262

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 Group Scout Leader Rosalyne Le Huray Tel: 07781 127263	Delphine Renaud firstgtsybea- vers@outlook.com	Beavers Monday 5.30pm - 6.45pm	Community Centre 6 - 8 years old
	Leon Gallienne firstgsyscubs@outlook.com	Cubs Monday 7.00pm - 8.30pm	Community Centre 8 - 10 years old
	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'
SERVERS Guild of the Servants of the Sanctuary	Tony Kaines Tel: 254858	As arranged	Info: www.GSSonline. org.uk
SOCIAL EVENTS COM- MITTEE	Tony Goss Tel: 728433	As arranged	St Stephen's 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	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
Tuesday	11.00am	<i>Said Mass</i>