

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



September 2025

My dear friends, what an exciting time we have been having!



So many social events to attend during the summer and yet another one coming up on September 5th. I refer, of course, to our boules and fish and chips evening in which my team is determined to keep up our proud tradition of coming last!

Seriously though isn't it lovely to feel the buzz coming back to our dear church? Many, many thanks to Father Joe and Aileen who are responsible for most of the buzz and I don't forget all of you who have to be willing to be 'buzzed' in the first place, so well done us!

I hope that, like me, you have all had a wonderful summer; I have been walking, gardening and swimming. In fact I made a rash decision to carry on swimming throughout the year which was either very brave or very stupid; you decide! Time will tell if I stick to it mmmm.....

With any luck, September will continue to give us glorious weather so let's make the most of it until we are all 'safely gathered in' and we can start to enjoy the many pleasures of Autumn which, I am sure, will provide us with several more social occasions to keep us busy and buzzing!

Gotta go now, I am off for a swim. Take care all of you, I send all my love as always.

Nikki



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

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The More Things Change

I have just received a new computer (as my old one would not update to Windows 11) and am trying to type this while getting used to a new keyboard and layout. As I reflected on this, my mind went off on a tangent (nothing changes there) and I was thinking about how far we have come in our technological world.



Our first computer we bought just after we were married (so thirty years ago this month) and when I think back now, it was so basic and so limited, although it was great for its time. Over the years there have been many upgrades and the computers have become super-fast with loads of memory. However, I find myself also reflecting on how impatient we have become in the meantime. It was frustrating waiting for the dial-up, but we waited... Nowadays we become impatient when we have a few seconds lag between entering the instruction and the computer doing it. And we won't even mention Wi-Fi speeds...

My mind began following this path down the rabbit hole and then turned, as it so often does, into our spiritual journey. Despite the many and varied technological advances that we have made, I pondered if we have lost too much in the process? The idea and concept of the sacred mystery of God has taken a back seat in our efforts to know "how everything works". It would appear as if we have filled our lives with busyness and noise and lost the art of sitting in silent awe and wonder.

The Psalmist captures this thought so well, **"So would I gaze upon You in Your holy place, that I might behold Your power and Your glory."** (Psalm 63:3). When last did we stop and be still as we allowed the presence of the Almighty to gently show us His grace and love? One aspect of our stress and anxiety lies in our removal of the Sabbath day of rest from our lives, particularly since the pandemic. The Sabbath was not only a day of rest, but was also a day of family and community; and how desperately do we need to rediscover those aspects of our lives.

We too often lose sight of God and think we can go it on our own, but life has a funny way of reminding us that we are mere mortals. Despite the massive advances made in technology, we have seen how easily this can all crash when systems go down or there is something as simple as a power failure. Recent articles in the press suggest people in England (and beyond) may well be returning to Church as a result of these failures to satisfy. Having chased all that this world has to offer and repeatedly coming up feeling empty, people are rediscovering the joy of the presence of the Divine. This brings great hope to the hearts of us all and we pray that Guernsey may well experience the same. **"Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth."** (Psalm 124: 8).

The more things change, the more they remain the same. There is a fundamental basic human need for acceptance and love that no amount of technology can change, nor any noise or busyness. It all comes down to our understanding that we are a very small part of a universal creation set in place by the One who loves us more than life itself. And it is with that thought in my mind that I remember to save these ramblings... technology!

As I begin my third year in Guernsey, I am constantly filled with a sense of such joy and peace at being here. Thank you to every one of you who have made us feel so welcome and who have encouraged us in our stay here – we appreciate your love so much. God bless you and hold you close to His heart always.

Love Fr Joe

Please join us on
Tuesday 16th September 2025 at 12.00
at the Community Centre for our

Friendship Lunch

MENU

Beef or Veggie

Cottage Pie

served with vegetables & crusty bread

Chocolate & Raspberry Roulade with cream

£10.00

RSVP by Sunday 14th September 2025

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HANDY HOUSEHOLD HINTS

To clean a carpet stain:

Dissolve a laundry pod in hot water then soak a clean cloth in it. Use the cloth to rub the stain.



Brass On A Summer Eve



**Join Guernsey Concert
Brass
for a selection of
popular and classic
music**

**St. Stephens Church
Saturday 20th September 7.30pm
Entry by donation
Parking available at Ladies College**



NERD CORNER



Sometimes us nerds live in our own isolated little bubbles and think we are the only ones with strange little quirks. So you can imagine the joy when you realise that one of your quirky hang-ups is the same as a non-nerdilian. The other week I could take it no longer there had been a particular irritation that had been blighting the otherwise peace and calm in the utopia of 'Nerdsville' (Pop. 2) and I just had to unload to some of my non-nerdilian friends.

What on earth, you might ask, has caused such distress that results in cross contamination between Nerds and the rest of the populous. Well my Nerdlettes, brace yourselves..... It's 'light switches'. *(Yes folks you read that correctly its not my use of chatgpt or predictive text gone wild.)* Its 'light switches'

Question - In your homes do you have more than one light switch that operates a light? And if so does it drive you savage if the light switches are the wrong way around? Lets get this out in the open. The Law in Nerdsville (Pop 2) is this...When you put the light ON you HAVE to press the BOTTOM half of the rocker switch and to turn it OFF you HAVE to press the TOP part. Yes? *(Phew I feel better for sharing that)*

For several weeks in my kitchen I couldn't get it right, whatever I did the light switches were the wrong way around and no amount of walking back and forth across the room to flip the switches up and down made it the right way around. What was going on? I was at my wits end, until it dawned on me that I actually have THREE light switches controlling the lights in the Kitchen. Someone (Perhaps the other four legged inhabitant of Nerdsville?) had obviously used this one which set everything out of sequence. I flipped the switch that had been hiding behind the curtain, and everything clicked back into place, harmony restored to the utopia of Nerdsville.

So I braved it and fessed up to two of my non-nerdvillian friends and was surprised at their reaction. "YES!!" they both said 'Of course the light switches have to be the right way around'. One of them went one step further and said she will walk across the room in the pitch dark to get to the other switch if it means keeping her switches in sync. Thats my girl!

Til next time Nerdlettes

A Conversation to Tickle your Tastebuds

Based on a true story:

The author describes what happened as being the result of a mad rush in the morning to get to work, together with the need to get a new prescription for his glasses, and his wife being away on a business trip. To give an insight into the events, the author (H) sends a text message to his wife (W) after making himself a slice of toast and placing a new chocolate spread on it.

What follows is their text conversation...

H: Hi Honey. I made toast with that new Nutella spread in the cupboard, but it is completely tasteless. Is this a thing? I can taste everything else... I think it's a rubbish spread and now I have lost one toast!

W: So sorry Sugar. I think that either the Nutella is old stock... or maybe you used the Mutella meant for the dogs?

H: Oh my word! I can't! Please kill me now, I have been scrubbing my mouth and I can't make that feeling go away!



The author claims he still has PTSD from this incident.
Maybe his bark was worse than the bite?

DID GOD CREATE EVIL?

At a certain college, there was a professor with a reputation for being tough on Christians. At the first class every semester, he asked if anyone was a Christian and proceeded to degrade and mock their statement of faith. One semester, he asked the question and a young man raised his hand when asked if anyone was a Christian. The professor asked, "Did God make everything, young man?"

"Yes he did, sir," the young man replied.

The professor responded, "If God made everything, then God made evil, and if we can only create from within ourselves, then God is evil."

The student didn't have a response and the professor was happy to have once again proved the Christian faith to be a myth.

Then another man raised his hand and asked, "May I ask you something, sir?"

"Yes you may," responded the professor.

The young man stood up and said, "Sir, is there such thing as cold?"

Of course there is, what kind of a question is that? Haven't you ever been cold?"

The young man replied, "Actually, sir, cold does not exist. What we consider to be cold, is really only the absence of heat. Absolute zero is when there is absolutely no heat, but cold does not really exist. We have only created that term to describe how we feel when heat is not there. "The young man continued, "Sir, is there such thing as dark?"

Once again, the professor responded "Of course there is."

And once again, the student replied "Actually, sir, darkness does not exist. Darkness is really only the absence of light. Darkness is only a term man developed to describe what happens when there is no light present. "Finally, the young man asked, "Sir, is there such thing as evil?"

The professor responded, "Of course. We have rapes, and murders and violence everywhere in the world, those things are evil."

The student replied, "Actually, sir, evil does not exist. Evil is simply the absence of God. Evil is a term man developed to describe the absence of God. God did not create evil. It isn't like truth, or love, which exist as virtues like heat and light. Evil is simply the state where God is not present, like cold without heat or darkness without light."

The professor had nothing to say.

ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH

Thank you for supporting our

Bake Sale Sundays



Every last
Sunday of
the month

Through the warmer months we are hoping to have our table outside in the garden and to include other items for sale such as herbs and vegetables, flowers, jams and preserves.

All donations are welcome.



Saint of the Month

ST MICHAEL

The Archangel Michael is mentioned only four times in the Bible, either defending Israel against her enemies or fighting against the devil and his minions. He is celebrated in Jewish, Christian and Islamic circles as the great warrior of heaven. Michael is always depicted as holding a sword in his hand.

In the Revelation according to St John, before the creation of humankind, there was a war in heaven. This was fought amongst the angels themselves, God did not get involved (as always God allows His creatures to have free will).

We are told that there were two distinct groups; one led by the devil (or Satan or Lucifer or the dragon) who wanted to have some of the glory that belongs to God to be theirs, and Michael and his followers who believed that glory belongs to God alone. It was a mighty battle – there were feathers everywhere!

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” (Ephesians 6:12).

St Paul reminds us that we struggle in our fight to overcome evil and sin, but that we do not fight alone. Probably because of the association with battle, St Michael has also been called the “Angel of Death”. This, for Christians, is not a sinister role at all, but rather that he comes to take our souls into heaven when we die so that there is never a moment when we are not being protected by Michael.

The Book of Enoch lists him as one of seven archangels (the remaining names are Uriel, Raguel, Raphael, Sariel, Gabriel, and Remiel), who in the Book of Tobit **“stand ready and enter before the glory of the Lord”**. The seven archangels (or four, as Anglican traditions differ but always include Michael) were associated with the branches of the menorah, the sacred seven-branched lampstand in the Temple as the seven spirits before the throne of God, and this is reflected in the Book of Revelation 4:5. **“From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. In front of the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God.”**

These passages have led Christians to see Michael as the protector of the Church and he is the patron saint of soldiers. We draw comfort from knowing that Michael is on our side and that he is helping us in our daily fights against sin, the world and the devil.

Michaelmas, or the Feast of St Michael and All Angels, falls on the 29th of September.

PARISH CALENDAR September 2025

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| Monday - Friday | 8.00am Morning Prayer |
| Tuesday Sept 2 | 11.00am Weekday Mass |
| Friday Sept 5 | 6.00pm Boules Evening |
| Saturday Sept 6 | 10.00am – 11.30am Coffee, Cake & Chat |
| Sunday Sept 7 | The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity 9.30am Mass with Children's Church 11.00am Sung Mass 2.30pm – 4.00pm Creative Children's Church |
| Monday - Friday | 8.00am Morning Prayer |
| Tuesday Sept 9 | 11.00am Weekday Mass |
| Thursday Sept 11 | 5.45pm – 7.45pm Chamber Choir Rehearsal |
| Saturday Sept 13 | 10.00am – 11.30am Coffee, Cake & Chat |
| Sunday Sept 14 | The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity Holy Cross Day 9.30am Mass with Children's Church 11.00am Sung Mass |
| Monday - Friday | 8.00am Morning Prayer |
| Tuesday Sept 16 | 11.00am Weekday Mass 12.00pm Friendship Lunch |
| Wednesday Sept 17 | 4.00pm – 5.30 pm Rainbows |
| Thursday Sept 18 | 5.45pm – 7.45pm Chamber Choir Rehearsal |
| Saturday Sept 20 | 9.00am – 10.30am Guernsey Youth, Children & Families (GYCF) Network Breakfast 10.00am – 11.30am Coffee, Cake & Chat 7.30pm – 9.00pm Guernsey Concert Band Concert |
| Sunday Sept 21 | Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist 9.30am Mass with Children's Church 11.00am Sung Mass |
| Monday - Friday | 8.00am Morning Prayer |
| Tuesday Sept 23 | 11.00am Weekday Mass |
| Wednesday Sept 24 | 4.00pm – 5.30 pm Rainbows |
| Thursday Sept 25 | 5.45pm – 7.45pm Chamber Choir Rehearsal |
| Friday Sept 26 | 6.00pm Girl Guiding Birthday Celebrations |
| Saturday Sept 27 | 10.00am – 11.30am Coffee, Cake & Chat and St Stephen's Tiny 'Pillars Toddler Group |
| Sunday Sept 28 | The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity Harvest Sunday 9.30am Mass with Children's Church 11.00am Sung Mass Bake Sale after both services |
| Monday - Friday | 8.00am Morning Prayer |
| Tuesday Sept 30 | 11.00am Weekday Mass 7.00pm – 8.30pm Godly Play Group Session |

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
David James Adrian Amory

11th December 1944 – 24th March 2025

Eulogy written by his son, Peter, and shared by Peter at David's funeral on 8th of April 2025

David Amory was born towards the end of the Second World War, and David heralded a fresh start for his family. His father demobbed from the Navy and soon bought a smallholding in the Hampshire village of Medstead. David grew up with his sister Emmie, roaming the fields and orchard with a menagerie of chickens, ducks, geese and rabbits - as well as a dog and a cat. David had a lifelong love of the countryside and its creatures.

In his mid-teens, David embarked on his naval career. It's what the Amory men did. His father, uncles, and older brother Roy had all served in the Royal Navy, so David carried on the family tradition by enlisting at HMS Ganges at the age of 16.

HMS Ganges' passing out ceremony involved ascending the imposing ship's mast and passing over the top yardarm at 142 feet off the ground.

On a family visit to HMS Ganges before it decommissioned, David explained that back in 1960, health and safety consisted of top tips like, "Don't fall off."

Whilst David said climbing the mast was the scariest thing he'd done, that climb - and the decision to set off on a career in the Fleet Air Arm - launched him on an amazing collection of adventures and opportunities.

David travelled the world with the Navy, undertaking year-long tours on both HMS *Centaur* and HMS *Ark Royal*. He visited a vast array of countries, including Africa, America, India, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malta, and Gibraltar, keeping in touch with his parents and siblings with welcome letters and postcards from all corners of the world.

The Navy helped shape David, broadening his horizons, training him as a qualified aircraft engineer - and, less well known, it started his fledgling music career when he was part of the Ship's Company and Band of HMS *Ark Royal*, which released a single in 1977 following the airing of the *Sailor* documentary series in 1976. It was that version we played during his funeral service.

"Worse things happen at sea" was one of David's favourite sayings, embodying his unfazed and calm response to every challenge or bump in the road. It reminded us that he had been places and done things - and that he could rise above the everyday. It's this relaxed and unwavering style, combined with a great sense of humour that his son's Philly and Peter, do their best to emulate.

David's time in the Navy also led him to meet Barbara. While stationed at Lee-on-Solent, developing complete tool kits for Navy aircraft, he noted that RAF Oldham had a Christmas Ball on December 11th - his birthday. He asked some friends in Alton if they knew anyone he could take. A blind date was arranged, and Barbara was the lucky lady. That was the start of 53 wonderful years together. David came to Guernsey that Christmas, and they married at St Stephen's Church the following October.

A few years later, David's first son, Peter, was born here in Guernsey while David was stationed at Jacksonville Airbase in Florida. Two years later, in 1977, his second son, Philip, arrived on the scene while the family was living in Thetford, when David was stationed at RAF Honington.

Following David's final tour on HMS *Ark Royal* and its subsequent decommissioning, David took up a commission at Yeovilton Airbase, looking after 899's Flying Fist Squadron of Jump Jet Harriers. The family settled in Curry Rivel, Somerset, where family life seemed to revolve around building Lego, weekend camping trips, and regular visits to Guernsey.

In 1984, David concluded his naval career after 24 years, and the family made the move to Guernsey, drawn by the opportunities life here offered the family.

Once in Guernsey, David put his aircraft engineering skills to use working for Anglo Normandy, keeping Aurigny's fleet of Islanders and Trilanders in the air, before making the leap to join the Civil Service.

Although neither of David's sons carried on the family tradition of joining the Royal Navy, they both now work in the Civil Service.

Following David's passing, Peter was touched by the number of people who spoke to him about their time working with his father.

There were a number of common themes that came up when people spoke to Peter about working with his father. Most mention his sense of humour, his easy-going nature, and - of course - his size. At 6 foot 5, he was the sort of person you noticed when he entered a room, with his big smile and warm welcome.

In fact, it was because of that towering presence - and the sight of him striding down the high street - that he earned the nickname "**The Legend.**" It was his son Phil who started using it, and it stuck. He became known to many simply as *The Legend*. And he lived up to it - not just in stature, but in character.

After retirement, David and Barbara found a new rhythm to their life of leisure. They travelled extensively with extended trips to Australia and Canada to visit their sons whilst they were living and working abroad, enjoyed cruises, and took regular trips to Scotland - a place close to both their hearts.

They became involved in charitable activities, such as the St John's Library Service. David also took the lead in running the annual commemoration and memorial service for HMS *Charybdis* and HMS *Limbourne*.

Retirement also allowed David to dedicate more time to one of his family's true passions - Lego. David was a huge fan from the day he bought Peter his first Lego set in 1979 - an Esso fuel tanker, as compensation for a hospital stay. Long before Lego ever marketed "Adults Welcome", David was there, building up an impressive collection.

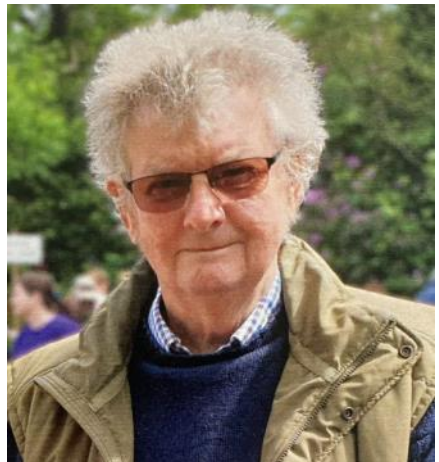
Another of David's great loves was motor racing, particularly Formula 1. It's a passion that both his sons inherited. Sunday family gatherings were a staple during the F1 season, with Barbara having to adjust the Sunday roasts around the racing start times. More often than not, David would be snoozing through the racing, resulting in Peter and Phil bringing him up to speed with the racing action at intervals.

David leaves behind a legacy of service, humour, curiosity, and care. He was a towering figure - literally and figuratively - with a warm heart, a quick wit, and a deep love for Barbie, his family, his friends, and the small joys of life: a quiet walk in nature, a perfectly built Lego set, or a Sunday spent watching (or sleeping through) the Grand Prix.

We will miss his laugh, his stories, his unflappable calm, and his steady presence in our lives. But we carry his spirit with us - in the way we live, the way we love, and the way we face life's challenges with a smile and a shrug: "Worse things happen at sea."

David would now want us to gather, to swap stories, to laugh, and to raise a glass together. Or as he would have said himself:

"Time for the bun fight over the road."





ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH

TODDLER GROUP

LAST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

10 - 11.30 AM

All welcome!

Coffee, Cake & Chat for mums, dads, grandparents, carers

31 May 28 June 26 July 30 August
27 September 25 October 29 November



St Stephen's Social Events

Thank you for supporting our events and
for your participation and fellowship.

For more information about upcoming
events, please contact Linda Barnes:
07781 416 305 norton@cwgsy.net

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5th Friday 6pm: Boules Evening
16th Tuesday 12pm: Friendship Lunch
20th Saturday 7.30pm: Guernsey Concert Brass
26th Friday 6pm: Girl Guiding Birthday Party
26th Sept - 19th Oct: Church Mouse Trail

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3rd Friday 6pm: 'Spem in Alium' Concert
5th Sunday 12.30pm: Dedication Lunch
14th Tuesday 12pm: Friendship Lunch
18th Saturday 7pm: Amadeus Choir Concert

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11th Tuesday 12pm: Friendship Lunch
15th Saturday 6pm: Bingo
29th Saturday: Christmas Wreath Workshop
(time and details to follow)

AN ANCIENT PRAYER

Give me a good digestion LORD
And also something to digest
Give me a healthy body, Lord with sense to keep it at it's best.
Give me a healthy mind, O Lord
To keep the good and pure in sight, which seeing wrong is not appalled
But finds a way to set it right.

Give me a mind that is not bored,
That does not whimper whine or sigh.
Don't let me worry overmuch
About that fussy thing called "I"
Give me a sense of humour, Lord
Give me the grace to see a joke.
To get some happiness from life
And pass it on to other folk.

(From Jill)





Back to school, harvest season and big birthday celebrations!

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

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

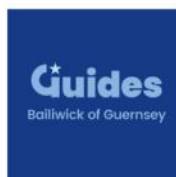
We join the community in celebrating the milestone birthdays of our girl guiding groups: the Rangers are 5, the Rainbows are 35, the Brownies are 75 and the Guides are 80 – the longest continuously serving girl guiding group in Guernsey! Congratulations to these groups and their leaders! We wish them everything of the best in the many more years ahead and we will all continue to support and encourage them.



4-7 Years



7-10 Years



10-14 Years



14-18 Years

A special invitation from Debbie Robilliard:

The St Stephen's Girl Guiding units are celebrating some milestone birthdays this year, so we thought we would have a little community party. We would like to invite you all to an evening of celebration on Friday the 26th of September from 6pm in the St Stephen's Church garden.

We are holding a garden party with tea and cake, children's games, crafts and skills, and a camp fire evening with songs and entertainment from the girls.

We will also have a very special appearance of the St Stephen's Church mice and friends, showcasing the history of guiding on a special trail around the church. It would be great if you could join us.

September Events:

- **Tuesday 16th September** 12 – 2pm **Friendship Lunch**
- **Friday 26th September** From 6pm **Girl Guiding Birthday Community Party**

Weekly Events:

The centre is busy with weekly youth groups for primary age children and teenagers, as well as regular clubs, classes, and more:

| Club - Please contact the leader if you are interested to participate: | Day(s) | Time |
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| The French Workshop : Juliana Chapellier : thefrenchworkshopgsy@gmail.com | Weekdays (term time) | 15:15 - 17:15 |
| Yoga : Michael Wegerer : yoga.gsy@gmail.com | Monday | 19:00 - 20:00 |
| Dancing in the Dark : Louise Croft : facebook.com/danceguernsey | Tuesday | 18:00 - 19:00 |
| Dance Fit : Caroline Mauger : www.zumba.com/en-US/p/caroline-mauger/1359453 | Thursday | 09:45 - 10:45 |
| St Stephen's Players : Chris Dragun : facebook.com/ststephensplayersgsy | Tuesday & Thursday | 19:30 - 21:30 |
| Beavers : Rosalyne Le Huray : firstgsybeavers@outlook.com | Monday | 17:30 - 18:45 |
| Cubs : Leon Gallienne : firstgsycubs@outlook.com | Monday | 19:00 - 20:30 |
| Brownies : Tamara Beach : ststephens.girlguiding@gmail.com | Wednesday | 17:30 - 18:30 |
| Sea Scouts : Rosalyne Le Huray : firstgsyscouts@outlook.com | Wednesday | 19:00 - 21:00 |
| Rangers : Sophie Leale : 7thststephensrangers@gmail.com | Wednesday | 19:00 - 20:30 |
| Guides : Debbie Robilliard : 7thststephensguides@gmail.com | Friday | 18:00 - 19:30 |
| Zumba : Emily Young: emily@eneevo.com / www.eneevo.com | Saturday | 09:00 – 10:00 |

St Stephen's Community Centre has availability for weekend functions and activities during the day (Monday to Friday from 09:00am to 02:30pm) and some weekday evenings. For enquiries and bookings, 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



St Stephen's Junior Church Activities

September 2025

St Stephen's Church offers a range of activities for families and children and we love to welcome new faces as well as old.

Tiny 'Pillars' toddler group

From birth to age 4.

*Older siblings are
welcome too*

Tiny 'Pillars' meet the last Saturday of the month from 10-11.30am during our Coffee and Chat. Each session is based on a popular children's story. There are 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 available too.



Do you work during the week and miss out on Toddler Groups to take your little ones to? This is for you!



Children's Church

9.30am Mass

Children meet in our new Godly Play corner for a story, wondering and children led activities. These are led by our leaders who are trained in Godly Play. They then join the service for a blessing and the last prayer.



Family services

Family service

On the 1st Sunday of the month, there is a family service in the afternoon from 2.30pm until 4pm. This can take the form of a short service with craft activities, games or a Godly Play story. We always finish with a cake to decorate and eat of course! The photos below are of our Wise and Foolish builders session which we held in the Church garden as the weather was so lovely.



Please follow our Facebook page "St Stephen's Church Family Ministry Guernsey" for more information and future events.



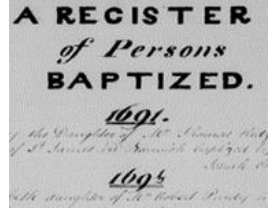
The Guild of Intercession

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 Quertier 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 2025)

Baptisms: Harry Hubert
Weddings: None
Funerals: None




READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

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| Sunday 7 th September | Twelfth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 18) | Deuteronomy Ch30. v15-End Philemon 1-21 Luke Ch14. v25-33 |
| Sunday 14 th September | Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 19) | Exodus Ch32. v7-14 1 Timothy Ch1 v12-17 Luke Ch15. v1-10 |
| Sunday 21 st September | Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 20) St Matthew | Proverbs Ch 3 13-18 2 Corinthians Ch 4 1-6 Matthew Ch 9 9-13 |
| Sunday 28 th September | Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity (Proper 21) HARVEST THANKSGIVING | Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 Philippians 4: 4-9 John 6: 25-35 |



September Hymns

| SUNDAY 11.00am  | 7th Trinity 12 | 14th Trinity 13 | 21st Trinity 14 St Matthew | 28th Trinity 15 Harvest |
|--|--|---|---|--|
| HYMN | 456 | 391 | 200 | 259 |
| PROPER | 709 | 710 | 717 | 712 |
| Responsorial Psalm | 1 | 51 (v1-11) | 119 (v65-72) | 100 |
| OFFERTORY | 333 | 86 | 231 | 262 |
| COMMUNION | 376 | 358 2 nd Tune | 189 (T486) | 260 |
| POST COMMUNION | 372 | 379 | 214 | 265 |



Guilds, Clubs & Activities at St Stephen's

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|---|---|--|--|
| CREATIVE CHILDREN'S CHURCH (MESSY CHURCH) | Andrea Bateman andrea.bateman@yahoo.co.uk | 1st Sunday of the Month 2.30pm – 4.00pm | Family Service and Godly Play in Church |
| TINY 'PILLARS' TODDLER GROUP | Andrea Bateman andrea.bateman@yahoo.co.uk | Last Saturday of the Month 10am – 11.30am | Church (at same time as Coffee, Cake & Chat in the Vestry) |
| RAINBOWS | Rachel Le Prevost ststephens.girlguiding@gmail.com | Wednesday 4.00pm – 5.00pm | Community Centre 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 7thststephensrangers@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 | Rosalyne 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 |
| | Rosalyne Le Huray firstgsscouts@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 |
| ST STEPHEN'S PLAYERS | Steph Dragun Tel: 255654 | As arranged | Community Centre |

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SUNDAY MASSES

9.30am

Said Mass and Children's Church

11.00am

Sung Mass

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Monday to Friday

8.00am

Morning Prayer

Tuesday

11.00am

Said Mass