

The parish of St André de la Pommeraye

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Newsletter for the 2nd Sunday of Epiphany, 16 January 2022

The Rector writes ...



On Thursday morning, I was in Salisbury for the announcement that The Queen has approved the nomination of the Very Reverend **Stephen Lake**, Dean of Gloucester, for election as the next Bishop of Salisbury, succeeding the Right Reverend Nicholas Holtam who retired last July.

Stephen Lake trained for ministry at Chichester Theological College and is returning to his roots with this appointment. He grew up in Poole, held his curacy at Sherborne Abbey with Castleton and Lillington and was ordained priest in 1989.

He became Vicar of St Aldhelm's church, Branksome, Poole from 1992 and was additionally appointed Rural Dean of Poole in 2000. In 2001, Stephen was appointed Sub Dean of St Albans, and took up his current role as Dean of Gloucester in 2011.

Stephen Lake is a Church Commissioner and leads on safeguarding for the deans of the English cathedrals.

He is married to Carol, and they have three adult children.

Acting Bishop of Salisbury and Bishop of Sherborne, the Rt Rev Karen Gorham, said:

'I am delighted that Stephen has accepted the invitation to be the 79th Bishop of Salisbury. Stephen brings significant creative gifts of leadership to the diocese at an important time in our life as we continue to encourage the local church to be the best that it can be, bringing hope to our local communities in sharing the love of Jesus Christ. Stephen knows the diocese from the past and understands the challenges and opportunities for both our urban and our rural contexts. The Bishop of Ramsbury and I are very much looking forward to working with Stephen and welcoming him and Carol into the diocese later in the year.

Following this announcement there will be plenty of opportunities to get to know Stephen as he plans to make some further visits into the diocese before his consecration. We anticipate that Stephen will be consecrated as bishop sometime after Easter and will be enthroned in Salisbury Cathedral late in the summer'.

I added the following comment to the notice that was circulated in Guernsey:

'I am delighted that Stephen Lake is to be the next Bishop of Salisbury and that he will be the Bishop for the Channel Islands. He has shown great interest in the Channel Islands and understands the distinctive nature of the two bailiwicks, and how the relationship between the church in the islands and the wider Church of England can be to our mutual benefit.

'I have enjoyed working with Stephen on one of the committees of the Church Commissioners, and appreciate his warmth, humanity and sense of humour.'

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This is excellent news. Whilst it may still be a little while until the legal processes of transferring the Channel Islands to our new association with the Diocese of Salisbury are completed, Stephen Lake will, to all intents and purposes, be our bishop. I look forward very much to welcoming him to Guernsey and to the other islands of our Bailiwick.



Notices for this week

The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** can be traced back to an initiative in 1908, when the Octave of Christian Unity was inaugurated, as a time of focus on prayer for Christian unity.

The observance, over the eight days from 18 January until 25 January (kept in many Christian traditions as the feast of the Conversation of St Paul), has wide support over the whole spectrum of Christian faith and practice, both in the British Isles and across the world.

For various reasons, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has not recently been a significant feature of our common life in Guernsey. We wish to begin to rectify this.

We invite members of the Christian churches in Guernsey to gather on three occasions during the octave, when we are holding short Taizé prayer services in three venues:

Tuesday 18 January 7 pm **St Joseph's Catholic Church**
(La Couperderie/Cordier Hill, St Peter Port – Perry TG8)

Friday 21 January 7 pm **St Saviour's Church**
(Les Buttes/Le Neuf Chemin, St Saviour - Perry 22A3)

Monday 24 January 7 pm **St Paul's Methodist Church**
(Belval Road, Vale – Perry 7F5)

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If you are not already on the **Electoral Roll** and wish to be included, there is now a brief window of opportunity for your name to be added. Please see either a churchwarden or John Lee. The present Roll is on the notice board at the back of church. It is the list of those who can vote at the annual congregational meeting.

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We welcome **Chris Claxton** back to the organ stool on Sunday, and are delighted that he is feeling better. Our warmest thanks to **Steve Oliphant** for playing the organ the last two weeks.

Covid 19 precautions

The wearing of face coverings in places of worship continues to be a mandatory requirement. There are exemptions for celebrants, choir members and readers, to enable them to carry out their ministries without the requirement of wearing a mask; but they will be expected to wear a face covering when not actively engaged in their particular ministry.

Those currently exempt, on medical grounds, from wearing face coverings will continue to be exempt.

Congregation members are required to keep face coverings on when singing.

Whilst our services will continue very much as normal, and I hope that you will continue to attend *unless you feel unwell*, there are a few points that I invite you to note:

- Please take a lateral flow test before you attend church, and come to church *only* if the test is negative;
- Please do not come to church if you feel unwell;
- Please feel free use the entire space of the church (rather than sitting in close proximity to others);
- Please use the hand sanitiser provided when you enter the church (or bring your own).



The church will be well ventilated, with the windows remaining open.

Refreshments will be served after the 10 am service. Please observe social distancing.

Please continue to leave any financial gifts and offerings as you enter the church. We will continue to refrain from physical contact at the Peace.

Please feel free to contact Tim or Juliette if you need any pastoral support.

This week ...

Sunday 16 January	2nd Sunday of Epiphany
	8.00 am Holy Communion
	10.00 am Holy Communion
Thursday 20 January	7.00 pm Choir practice (to be confirmed)
Sunday 23 January	3rd Sunday of Epiphany
	8.00 am Holy Communion
	10.00 am Holy Communion

St Andrew's church is open daily, without restriction, from around 10 am until the late afternoon or early evening.

Holy Communion, and laying on of hands and prayers for healing on Wednesday at 10.30 am at the **Monnaie Chapel**. The Monnaie Chapel is a remarkable place – accessed off the Rue du Monnaie (halfway up the road, on the left, when approaching from Les Poidevins).

Prayers for the week

A prayer for this week:

Eternal Lord,
 our beginning and our end:
 bring us with the whole creation
 to your glory, hidden through past ages
 and made known
 in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please pray

- for Stephen Lake, as he prepares for his appointment and Bishop of Salisbury and Bishop for the Channel Islands;
- for political leaders, that they may always have in mind the best interests of the people for whom they are responsible;
- for wise decisions about the use of land in this island;
- for the people of Tonga and other islands in the Pacific Ocean, following the underwater volcanic eruption and the subsequent tsunami.

We pray, in the Guernsey churches prayer list, for Les Camps Methodist Church (minister, Stephen Dallin).

We pray for all who live in the parish of St Andrew and for our church community.

By name, for Stella Machon, Audrey Gollop, Jean Walpole, Georgina, Chris and Diane Lesbirel, Ann Nicholson, Fletch O'Hara, Elisa Wales, Anne Barnes, Jonathan Charmley and Ray Tonkinson.



Finally ...

The **augmented choir** begins its preparation for Good Friday on Thursday 27 January at 7 pm.

With my prayers and best wishes,

Tim

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Collect

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Hymns at 10 am

486 Christ is the King
676 Immortal, invisible, God only wise
99 Hail to the Lord's anointed
702 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Readings

New Testament reading: 1 Corinthians 12 vv 1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Gospel: John 2 vv 1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.



Prayer after Communion

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.