

Save the Date



Petertide BBQ
@ Guernsey Yacht Club
Monday 29th June
6 PM – 8 PM
£20 per head

Message From the Leadership Team



It's been a busy month for the Leadership Team, and we wanted to share our thanks with you. With the support of our local Fire Service, we're carrying out a thorough review of our fire safety procedures to help keep everyone safe. We've also been looking at our First Aid provision, and we're deeply grateful to Charles Smith and Marianne Palmer Smith for generously donating two new First Aid boxes. Marianne has kindly offered to serve as our designated First Aider, and we're so appreciative of her willingness to help our community in this way. We have been truly moved by the outpouring of support following the recent vandalism in church. A heartfelt thank you to the local services, Watchman, Stuart Pearce, Guernsey Mobility, and to every individual who reached out with help, encouragement, or practical assistance. Your kindness has meant more than we can say.

The Leadership Team continues to meet each month, and we genuinely welcome your ideas, thoughts, and suggestions. This is your church family, and your voice matters. Please feel free to speak to any one of us - we're always glad to hear from you.

TOWN CHURCH NEWSLETTER



Advance Notice Seafarers' Service - 11 July 2027

A Service is to be held to remember that here in Guernsey we are surrounded by the sea and we will thank God and commemorate the Merchant Navy, Royal Navy, RNLI, the fishermen, the Emergency Services and all involved with the sea in any way and all who serve this island. We will also remember those who work throughout the world at sea, some who work in very difficult conditions. Without the dedication and service of these crews, society today would be very different.

We will remember those who gave their lives whilst sailing on the North Atlantic Convoys during WW2 and all conflicts. We will remember those who have died in the waters around Guernsey over the years. We will remember those who sail to Guernsey every day, sometimes in appalling weather conditions, to take care of the island.

A smaller sea-themed service will be held this year in July. Should you have any questions please contact Marianne on 07911 721 811 or Charles on 07781 105722



Commissioning of Ian Burnett as a Lay Pastoral Assistant

On Sunday 26th April in one of his last services at Town Church, the Very Reverend Tim Barker was delighted to Commission Ian as a Lay Pastoral Assistant.

Ian has written a wonderful letter to the congregation; below is an excerpt:

"I look forward to becoming part of our community and contributing to the church's work among parishioners and visitors alike. I am excited to embrace the challenges ahead. I believe our lives shape us so that we may use our talents and experience to help one another, and I want to do the best I can for our church. Please do seek me out and come for a chat. I would love to get to know what is happening among us, and to explore how I might help develop this role in a positive way. I also make a strong Turkish or Greek coffee, so you are very welcome to join me for a highly caffeinated conversation"

The full text of Ian's letter is available on our website along with a video of Ian being Commissioned.



Stuart Pearce & Fund-Raising Event

For those that don't know him, Stuart has been advising our Rectors, Church Wardens and of late the Church Property Management Board, for the past 21 years on how best to look after our wonderful church building. Stuart is Managing Director of CCD Architects, Surveyors & Heritage Consultants - a practice that many will remember as Cresswell, Cuttle & Dyke. Previous advisors to the church include Andrew Dyke, Nigel Cresswell and Tim Cuttle, before him. The business has a long-standing affinity with Town Church and feel a sense of pride and privilege in the work they do to keep the church looking at its best for generations to come.

Stuart joined Andrew Dyke in 2005 just as we were embarking on the major works to restore the Spire & South Transept roof. This included removal of all the lead cladding to the Spire, repair to the timber framing (parts of which had turned to dust), works on the clock and starting the 20 year-long rolling programme of repairs to the stained glass windows - something that is coming to completion later this year, once the altar window is repaired by Peter Vivian of Guernsey Glasscraft.

Stuart has overseen so much work in the church from the complete re-wiring, the commencement of repointing the walls with lime mortar, various plaster repairs, exposing the wonderful stone floors in the Lady Chapel, conservation of the west doors, redecoration works, even wasp's nests in the roofs. Maintaining this building is nothing but varied!

Stuart and a few of his colleagues are taking on the Ian Brown's 3030 Cycle Challenge to raise money for Les Bourgs Hospice, which entails an hour of cycling every day for 30 days. As a keen road and gravel cyclist, Stuart is targeting 30kms every day.

To build-up their funds, CCD are holding a cake sale and static bike ride outside the Town Church on Friday 22nd May, so please come down and support them and grab yourself a delicious Friday treat!



Dates for the Diary



MAY

Fri 22nd 11 am Static bike ride and cake sale for Les Bourgs Hospice with Stuart Pearce

Fri 29th 5 pm Elizabeth College sing Evensong. All welcome.

JUNE

Fri 19th 1 pm Blanchelande School Senior Solo Recital

Sun 21st 6.30 pm The Very Reverend Tim Barker's Farewell Service, followed by refreshments.

Mon 22nd 6 pm Cantabile Chamber Choir Concert

Town Church Choral Scholarships



As some of our Choral Scholars leave at the end of this term as they go on to the next stage of their education, we will have vacancies in September for some additional Scholars.

These scholarships are open to boys or girls from any school, age 10-18 who would like to sing in the choir on Sunday mornings with a short mid-week rehearsal.

If successful they will be awarded £100 a term towards music lessons. Anyone who enjoys music and singing is invited to apply.

If you know of anyone who may be interested, please chat to Stephen Le Prevost or Tom Lewis after a service for further details, or ask some of the Mums of scholars, Sally Henderson, Emily Trebert and Rachel Le Prevost.

We are very proud of all our present and past Scholars and would love to give others a chance to share their experience.

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Church Flowers

Angie has put together a rota of people who are happy to arrange flowers in church. If this is something you'd enjoy being part of, please contact Sarah.

Liberation Day

Huge thanks to St Peter Port Constables and all involved in organising. A fabulous day was had by all! You can see some pictures of the service on our website.

