

The parish of St André de la Pommeraye

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Newsletter for Trinity 12, 7 September 2025

The Rector writes ...



Les Cotils is one of Guernsey's many gems.

We visited for the first time in July 2015, after I had been appointed as Dean and Rector St Andrew, but before my appointment had been announced. During the interviews, I had seen very little of Guernsey. So I wanted to see more of the island, and meet John Lee to discuss the work that was required at the Rectory.

We looked on the internet for somewhere to stay, and chose Les Cotils because accommodation was reasonably priced, and we thought that we would be less likely to be noticed in a hotel a little way out of the centre of St Peter Port.

Little did we know that it was the last place to stay if we were looking for anonymity! Les Cotils was (and still is) at the centre of Guernsey's life, with some 50,000 people coming through the doors in the course of the year, including, in 2024, Their Majesties King Charles and Queen Camilla.

Last Wednesday, I was invited to the unveiling of a statue which has been donated to Les Cotils by Ken and Linda Acott. **Serenity**, a sculpture of an ibis, created by British sculptor Simon Gudgeon. Standing on a beautifully carved block of granite, Serenity is a wonderfully calming bronze statue.

We are so blessed by yet another piece of world-class art in a public setting. The statue has been positioned on the lawn, from where there is a glorious view (weather permitting, of course) of the islands of the Bailiwick of Guernsey.

I encourage you to enjoy Serenity and the Peace Garden at Les Cotils, and also a visit to the newly-refurbished café.

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As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, the **grand piano** was collected from St Andrew's church last Monday, and taken to the new base for the Guernsey Music Service at les Varendes. It has been on loan to us whilst the Music Service was homeless after the demolition of the buildings at Les Ozouets. Thanks to Jill Bishop's good offices, we have been offered a 'baby grand' piano on long term loan. I hope that we can agree the conditions of the loan soon, and arrange for the piano to be transported to St Andrew's church.

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The **rota for September** has been circulated (with thanks once again to Janet Iles). It is available on the website. A few printed copies will be in church.

Smiths of Derby will be servicing the **church clock** on Wednesday morning.

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As you may have noticed, **scaffolding** has been erected at the east end of the church. The perished mortar has been removed, and the re-pointing with lime mortar will begin in the coming week. As the red granite is porous, a water repellent spray may be applied to protect the building



When the stonework has dried, we will deal with the damage to the internal plaster around the organ and on the east wall of the chancel.

This week

Sunday 7 September	Trinity 12	
	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 4 September	6.30 pm	Choir practice
Tuesday 9 September	10.00 am	Funeral of Peggy Martin
Sunday 14 September	Holy Cross Day	
	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Holy Communion

St Andrew's church is usually open daily 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).

In our parish ...

The **Harvest Lunch** will be Sunday 5 October at La Barbarie Hotel in St Martin. I will have the SumUp machine in church on Sunday, this week and next, to accept payments for the lunch. *Please bring your bank card or whatever device you use to make payments.*

More news about the annual campaign to knit **angels** for the Princess Elizabeth Hospital in next week's newsletter.

Around the Island ...

GU10 will be giving a concert at Capelles Methodist Church on Friday 19 September at 7.30 pm. Free entry (but donations will be given to the Tumaini Fund) and refreshments will be served during the interval.

There are posters for various events, including the annual **Silver Service**, celebrating the National Day for Older People, which will take place at Vale Parish Church on Saturday 27 September at 3 pm (followed by refreshments).

Knitters are invited to join in the **Ukraine appeal** – see the picture here.

**Stand with Ukraine
Newborn Baby Hats Appeal**

Collection points:

- Castel Church
- St Matthew's Church
- St Saviour's Church
- Vale Church
- Waitrose@Admiral Park
- Waitrose@Rohais

Thank you for your continued support

Please add your name to the donation

More information: lilita@cwgsy.net

We accept ONLY NEW knitted or crocheted newborn baby jumpers, cardigans, baby-suits, mittens, booties, socks, hats, blankets and toys

Prayers for the week

A prayer for this week:

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Please pray

- for the Royal Family and all who mourn Katharine, HRH The Duchess of Kent;
- for His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, following the changes to ministerial responsibilities in the last few days;
- for the staff of Guernsey's Traffic & Highways Service and for all who maintain our roads;
- for patience and a sense of proportion in the occasional frustrations of life, such as road closures;
- for those who are caught up as innocent victims in fighting in Gaza, Sudan, Congo, Ukraine and other troubled places in the world.

We pray

- in the **Guernsey churches** prayer cycle, for the ecumenical prayer breakfasts at Les Cotils, and for Jan Le Billon, their organiser
- in Guernsey for all who live in the **parish of St Andrew** and for our church community, and for our constables and douzeniers;
- for those for whom our prayers have been requested:
 - Dennis Parton, Mike O'Hara, David Harvey, Godfray Guilbert;
 - church members: Cathy Belcher, Audrey Gollop, Stella Machon; and
 - friends and family: Jean Walsh, Stina Holmes, Elisa, Pauline, George Maiden, Georgina, David, Fletch O'Hara, and Chris and Diane Lesbirel;
- and for those who have died, including Phyllis Le Huray and Peggy Martin.

Finally ...

On Saturday, Judy and I joined the very long queue for the **Apple Swap** at Rocquette Cider Farm. The car was loaded with 80 kg of apples, with still more to be picked from the trees for next weekend. As there is no way in which we could have used all the apples, it was very satisfying to exchange them for bottles of apple juice. Yes, really!

With my prayers and best wishes,

Tim

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Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray

and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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.



Liturgy and hymns at 10 am

1	135	Take up thy cross	Tune: Breslau
2	690	Jesus is Lord	Tune: Jesus is Lord
3	487	Christ is the one who calls	Tune: Love Unknown
4	748	O Jesus, I have promised	Tune: Thornbury

Gloria 3 (Tune 354, Heanish)

As this is a new tune, Kate will play through a verse on the organ, the choir will sing the first verse of the Gloria, and the congregation joins in for verses 2 and 3

Creed 1 (said)

Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnis Dei Sung (usual settings)

Readings

New Testament reading: the letter of St Paul to Philemon verses 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love - and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother - especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ.

Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Gospel: Luke 14 verses 25-33

Now large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.



Prayer after Communion

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

