

The Magazine of the
Week St Mary Circle of Parishes

Together

April 2018



Love and Loss

Too soon after the publication of our last Together Magazine, we are Together no more with Graham Jones who sadly and oh, so suddenly passed away on 1st March.

Graham's importance to this Benefice from many points of view cannot be overstated. He was our Benefice Lay Chairman, he was writing the first re-draft of our Benefice Profile which will advertise for our new priest, he was a busy churchwarden at Poundstock, he co-ordinated and led the Open the Book Team, he was a member of the Deanery Finance Committee concerned with sorting out our response to the new approach to MMF, helped with Together and always checked and proof read it, did most of the upkeep of the Benefice Website, was a faithful worshipper at Poundstock and Benefice Services, was Captain of the Tower at Poundstock and was above all a loving husband, father and friend. His activities and interests made him a leading light in other groups too, being concerned with the running of the Poundstock Gildhouse and Holsworthy Bee-keepers. He will indeed be sadly missed.

As a personal friend we will miss Graham's upbeat, and relentless devotion to the unity of our Benefice, his mad hair, his wise advice, his "quirky" acting skills and his willingness to don a robe and headdress and share the Bible stories with the children in our local schools because he felt it was the most important thing we could do.

Sadness is a difficult hill to climb but we owe it to Graham to continue because he has laid the foundations for so much that is good in this Benefice. So efforts must be made and are being made all round to pick up the torch and carry it forward into a bright future of development and change. Please respond to any requests for help that you can—the more of us that are involved, the less devastating it will be in the future if any one of us cannot continue.

Thank you

Lesley Booker

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News from the Rectory

Rev Tony and Pat should have moved out of the Rectory by the time you read this. Their planned date had become 20th March after many delays. Tony was licensed at Pevensey on 13th March and had to live in their Camper Van for a over a week. They were due to return on 19th March and 'welcome' the removal van the next day. From here they go to a temporary Rectory near Pevensey while their own house is made ready. We wish them every happiness in their new home.

Growing the Team

The Worship Leader's Course is due to start at St Anne's Hall, Whitstone on 5th April. There will be 4 students from our own Benefice and they will be joined by others from our own and the neighbouring deanery. We wish them every success in their chosen path towards helping us all to worship regularly across the Benefice

**Join us for
THE EASTER VIGIL
At 8pm on Easter Eve
Week St Mary Church with the choir,
bringing the light of Easter into the
church**



St Gennys Church

Easter Monday

Organ Recital

12 noon St Gennys Church

Nick Danks - organ

**50 minutes of light and uplifting organ
music by Handel, Haydn, Lloyd Web-
ber, Bach and others**

Free Admission - Retiring Collection

Jacobstow & St Gennys Service Times From May to Novem-
ber evensong services start at 6.30pm

DIARY DATES

For Church services see centre pages. For more details see the page listed.

April

- Mon 2** St Gennys Organ Recital by Nick Danks 12 pm (p3)
- Mon 2** Deanery Book Club (p5)
- Tue 3** Mother & Toddler Coffee Pot Club, WSM Parish Hall, 10-12 (p 15)
- Wed 4** Widemouth Bay Summerhouse Study Group 2.15 (p 5)
- Thu 5** Worship Leaders Course at St Anne's Hall Whitstone 7-9 (p 3)
- Tue 6** Adventure Church, WSM, 4.30 pm (p 10)
- Mon 9** *Meet & Eat* Soup and sweet lunch, WSM Parish Hall, 12.30 pm (p 15)
- Tue 10** Mother & Toddler Coffee Pot Club, WSM Parish Hall, 10-12 (p 15)
- Wed 11** Widemouth Bay Summerhouse Study Group 2.15 (p 5)
- Fri 13** Widemouth Bay Summerhouse Activities (p 15)
- Sat 14** Truro Diocesan Guild of Ringers, AGM, ringing and tea at WSM 2pm
- Fri 16** CAMEO at 11 Ashbury Grove, WSM 2.00 pm (p 15)
- Tue 17** Mother & Toddler Coffee Pot Club, WSM Parish Hall, 10-12 (p 15)
- Tue 17** Adventure Church, WSM, 4.30 pm (p 10)
- Wed 18** Widemouth Bay Study Group, St Hilary, 2.15 pm (p 5)
- Thu 19** Worship Leaders Course at St Anne's Hall Whitstone 7-9 (p 3)
- Fri 20** Widemouth Bay Summerhouse Activities (p 15)
- Tue 24** Mother & Toddler Coffee Pot Club, WSM Parish Hall, 10-12 (p 15)
- Wed 28** Widemouth Bay Study Group, St Hilary, 2.15 pm (p 5)

- Tues 17** WSM APCM 7pm in church
Fri 27 Widemouth Bay Summerhouse Activities (p 15)
Sun 29 Licensing of new Rural Dean Rev David Barnes 4pm Marhamchurch—all welcome
Sun 29 Jacobstow Afternoon Concert 4pm (p11)

Jacobstow Church St Piran's Day Celebration

The St Pirans day Pasty & Pudding lunch at Jacobstow was well attended with a draw & prizes being run, the Parish hall being full.

Thanks to all who attended, also to Pat & ladies in the kitchen. £275.00 was raised for Church funds.

Brian Marshall

**Widemouth Bay
 Summerhouse
 Study Group**

meet on
**Wednesdays at
 2.15pm
 St Hilary, Madeira
 Drive**

Reading to be arranged

Ring Hilda on
 01288
 361323
 for more
 details



**STRATTON
 DEANERY
 BOOK
 CLUB**



Next book

**Leaning Towards Easter
 by Chris Leonard**

We will study this
 throughout Lent
 First Monday of each month
 (Phone Gail for next book)
 14 Monterey Close,
 Bude,
 EX23 8DX at 7.30pm
 Gail Brace: 01288 352412
**New members always
 welcome.**

Persecuted Christians in North Korea April 2018

North Korea is regularly named as the worst country in the world to be a Christian. All North Koreans are expected to follow Juche (self-reliance), an extreme cult of personality which venerates the ruling Kim family. Any other belief systems, especially Christianity, are viewed as a threat to the regime's authority.

It is illegal to be a Christian or take part in any Christian activity. The authorities even set up fake prayer meetings to catch Christians, and children at school are encouraged to report on their parents or others in the family if they are seen praying or reading the Scriptures. Those caught are usually detained in labour camps, where they are abused, tortured and worked to death, quite literally. Many are summarily executed. Innocent family members are also often imprisoned, beaten and detained in labour camps, simply by association. To be caught in possession of a Bible or Christian literature is an offence carrying the death sentence, and public executions are used as a warning and deterrent.

There is tight control of all media, even coverage of the recent Winter Olympics in South Korea was heavily censored, so information other than that provided by the government is difficult to access. Many thousands of North Koreans have fled to China and South Korea to escape persecution and famine, which is rife in the country. Sadly those going to China, when caught, are routinely repatriated to North Korea. Any suspected of being Christian can expect no mercy. In spite of this terrible persecution, there are thought to be several hundred thousand followers of Christ in this terrible country. It is hoped that the signs of an easing of international relations and tensions that have emerged during the Winter Olympics will be reflected in better treatment of citizens and especially Christians in North Korea.

Please Pray

Praise God that he is building his Church in North Korea despite the government's brutal efforts to eradicate it.

Pray that the Lord will sustain them all, and will add to their number those who are being saved.

Pray for all those being held in labour camps, and that the Lord will be their strength and shield.

Pray for a political breakthrough in North Korea that will result in justice and freedom for all its beleaguered citizens. *Michael Daveny*



LENT LUNCHESES 2018

This year we asked people to hold their own lunches again with friends and family to give our loyal hosts and groups a break! Lent began on Valentine's Day: February 14th and finishes at Easter (April 1st is Easter Sunday). As is the usual tradition, all funds donated go to our Hospice. Any cheques should be made payable to "Cornwall Hospice Care" and may be collected any time up to and just after Easter, when the total will be sent to the Hospice.

The 1st Lent Lunch was on February 14th at St Gennys House and raised £214. A big thank you to all the generous friends and supporters who attended. Thank you also to all those who have been so generous time after time in years gone by with their hard work and donations. We have now had an additional donation and Jen Spettigue's Easter chick knitting pledge.

Last year we received donations of £41.50; £211 and £250 from private lunches or knits! A total of £1,258.42 was raised last year with combined Lent Lunch fund raising. Thank you to all of those who have been so generous with donations and hospitality and hard work. Thank you also to Dairy Crest, Davidstow who donated some cheese.

Please contact Gill on 01840 230727 for further information or to collect.

Gill Shippides
Volunteer; Cornwall Hospice Care & Chair;
Bude & N.Coast Fund Raising for CHC

April 2018 Services

Saturday 31st March		8pm	Week St Mary EASTER EVE		RD
Service of Light					
	Week	Time	Church	Service	Leader
Sunday 1st April EASTER DAY white/gold	Isaiah 25: 6-9; Acts 10: 34-43; John 20: 1-18; Psalm 118: 14-24	0630	Warbstow bury	HC	RD
		0800	Widemouth Bay	HC	RD
		0930	Jacobstow	HC	RD
		0930	Warbstow	MP	WT
		0930	Poundstock	HC	Arch Audrey
		1100	St Gennys	HC	RD
		1100	Week St Mary	HC	Arch Audrey
		1100	Whitstone join WSM		no service
Wed 4th April		0830	Widemouth Bay	HC	RD
Thur 5th April		1100	St Anne's	HC	RD
Sunday 8th April 2nd Sunday of Easter White	Acts 4: 32-35; 1 John 1: 1- 2: 2; John 20: 19- end; Psalm 133	08.00	Widemouth Bay	HC	RD
		09.30	Jacobstow	MP	CG
		0930	Warbstow	HC	RD
		11.00	Poundstock/ Bangors	MP	Bangors
		11.00	St Gennys	MP	CG
		11.00	Whitstone	HC	RD
		1830	Week St Mary	ES	RD
Wed 11th April		08.30	Widemouth Bay	HC	RD
Sunday 15th April 3rd Sunday of Easter white	Acts 3: 12-19; 1 John 3: 1- 7; Luke 24: 36-48; Psalm 4	1030	Warbstow	UBS HC	DA

April 2018 Services

Wed 18th April		08.30	Widemouth Bay	HC	RD
Sunday 22nd April 4th Sunday of Easter white	Acts 4: 5-12; 1 John 3: 16- end; John 10: 11-18; Psalm 23	0800	Widemouth Bay	HC	RD
		0830	Jacobstow	HC	RD
		0930	Warbstow	MP	WT
		0930	Poundstock	MP	CG
		1100	Whitstone	MP	WT
		11.00	Week St Mary	HC	RD
		1630	St Gennys	ES	ND
Wed 25th April		0830	Widemouth Bay	HC	PJ
Sunday 29th April 5th Sunday of Easter white	Acts 8: 26-end; 1 John 4: 7- end; John 15: 1-8; Psalm 22: 25- end	1030	Jacobstow	UBS HC	RD
Wed 2nd May		0830	Widemouth Bay	HC	RD
Thurs 3rd May		0800	St Anne's	HC	RD
Sunday 6th May 6th Sunday if Easter white	Acts 10: 44- end; 1 John 5: 1-6; John 15: 9-17; Psalm 98	0930	Widemouth Bay	HC	RD
		0930	Week St Mary	FS	WT
		0930	Poundstock	HC	RD
		1100	St Gennys	HC	RD
		1830	Jacobstow	ES	DP





Adventure Church

Adventure Church meets every Tuesday in term time at Week St Mary Church at 4.30 pm for stories, activities and above all ADVENTURES

with a different Christian or moral theme each week followed by a shared evening meal. All are welcome but we do ask that at least one parent or carer attends with each family of children, partly for your children's safety and partly so that you too can share their joy.

£1 per child per session. All ages welcome.

Find us on Facebook to stay up to date with news and messages—search for Week St Mary Adventure Church in Facebook Groups and ask to join the group!



Lambing Live!

Adventure Church March report:

March has seen the Adventurers painting stones to hide as part of the Bude Rocks group. They had great fun painting their own stones with acrylic paint and sharing them by taking them away to hide in various locations. The idea is that anyone who finds the stones should post a photo on the Bude Rocks Facebook page and then either keep the stone or hide it for someone else to find. A variety of pictures and messages were used and some of the stones have already become famous!

We spent one evening learning how to use the world around us to make us think more carefully and to learn how to pray using Bubbles, a Disagreeing Well, Leaves, and a heart made from natural materials and flowers.

Then most recently, we went to Stoneyfold Farm to hear about The Good Shepherd and to visit the new born lambs followed by a picnic on the straw bales.

For the last week we will be making bread in readiness for learning about sharing the bread of life.

At Easter the Archdeacon is coming to take a special Family Communion and probably compete in the Easter Egg Hunt!!



April 2018 by Hilda Walter

Easter Day begins the month of April. There will be flowers, the altar hangings will be white and the priest will have white vestments. At least some churches will. Others will express the joy of the risen Lord in different ways.

What is it teaching us?

What do we actually believe?

Here is a story handed down 2000 plus years ago telling us in the only way they could describe the event with the knowledge that they had at that time.

Jesus had been crucified on the Friday and after his burial in a cave his body disappeared. Mary, one of his followers then met Him in the garden and for a period He appeared and spoke to His disciples.

We are faced with the story which seems impossible and yet we can equate it with our own experiences. I believe that it is only our bodies that die and rot, our presence and help goes on in the lives of our children and friends. In a way we pass on the spirit that Jesus has formed in us.

'Call the Midwife' ended with the old Nun saying 'We only leave our memories'

It saddens me when people say they are lonely. Myself there are always my mother, father, grandmother, husband, daughter and many friends that have helped me and continue to do so, living on as memories.

We are sad that Jesus was crucified. But we remember the things He taught. We join together in remembrance of His Last Supper.

He is risen.

Let us rise with Him and begin to live in Heaven, instead of thinking of Heaven as 'pie in the sky'.

Let us try to behave as He would have done in every situation we are in.

Let us stop worrying about tomorrow.

May we all rise with Christ this Easter and renew our Discipleship.

Prayer

Here we are Lord

Look at us Lord

We have tried to understand

We are surrounded by your love

Open our eyes to the wonders of this world.

Help us to be your Disciples.



Jacobstow Church
AFTERNOON
CONCERT WITH
THE MELODY MAKERS
&
GUEST ARTISTS

SUNDAY 29th APRIL 4pm IN CHURCH

FOLLOWED BY TEA & REFRESHMENTS
IN PARISH HALL

DONATIONS FOR CHURCH FUNDS



ADVANCE WARNING

St Gennys Art Exhibition
2018 JULY 20th -22nd

IN ST GENNY'S
CHURCH 11- 6 pm
each day

Open to local amateurs and
professionals Paintings -
Sculpture - Photography -

Wood Carving - Craft Book now - 01840 230727

Exhibit only or For sale Entries free -

donations for St Gennys Church

Benefice Forthcoming Events List - Please check that your new event does not compromise one already planned by another Parish!

PscK	Well Blessing	6 th May 2.30pm
WSM	Rogation Sunday	6 th May Rogation Beating the Bounds
WSM	Gift Day & Big Breakfast	26 th May from 9am in church
Jstw	Gift Aid day	16 th June in Church
StG	Art Exhibition	20 th -22 nd July
Jstw	Revel Sunday Concert	22 nd July 7pm.
WSM	Safari Supper	11 th August 7 pm
WSM	start of Revel Week	10 th September
WSM	Revel	15 th September
WSM	Harvest	17 th at WSM Chapel
Pstck	Harvest	23 rd September
WSM	Concert the Countrymen	5 th October Concert in church with Pasty supper
WSM	Auction of Promises	9 th November Parish Hall with Bangers and Mash, Beer and Wine
Pstck	Remembrance	11th November 11.00
WSM	Remembrance	11th November 11.00
WSM	Mulled Wine Evening	7 th December Ranelagh
Pstck	Christmas Day Communion	25th December 09.30
Pstck	Carol Service	tba

Wanted!
Open the Book
co-ordinator

If you are interested in helping Open The Book to organise dates, venues, liaise with schools, produce timetables etc, please phone Lesley on 01288 341221

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY!

We welcome Aubree Woolfe and her family to the church family on 25th March at her Baptism.

Also to baptised on 25th March at Poundstock Church, we welcome Adwin William John Cobbledick



**Meet 'n' Eat
Soup and Sweet
Lunch**

Held in WSM Parish
Hall at 12.30pm on the
first Monday of each
month

**Everyone is very
Welcome**

Next—9th April

**MOTHER* &
TODDLER
COFFEE POT CLUB**

Meets every Tuesday
10am—12pm in Week St
Mary Parish Hall. Contact
Emma Woolfe or Kathy
Jeffrey (Search for Coffee
Pots in Facebook Groups.

(*Grannies, Grandads,
Carers etc)

**Widemouth Bay
Summerhouse
Activities**

April Summerhouse

Friday 13th Birthday
card
Friday 27th Games and
Cream Tea
Transport can be arranged

Ring Jann on
01288 361931 for
more details

C A M E O

**Come And Meet
Each Other**

**27th April 2.00pm at
Ranelagh, WSM
(Mrs Sue Dickenson)**

Contact:

Sue Dickenson

this month

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