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the Week St Mary Circle of Churches

# *Together*

June/July 2017



"In the minutes, should I record this as a 'vigorous theological discussion' or a 'serious ecclesiastical debate'?"



United we stand

# From the Rectory

*As a contribution to the General Election debate, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have written a pastoral letter, which is reproduced below (edited on grounds of length):*

In the midst of a frantic and sometimes fraught election campaign, our first obligation as Christians is to pray for those standing for office, and to continue to pray for those who are elected. We recognise the enormous responsibilities and the vast complexity of the issues that our political leaders face. We are constantly reminded of the personal costs and burdens carried by those in political life and by their families.

Our second obligation as Christians at these times is to set aside apathy and cynicism and to participate, and encourage others to do the same. The Christian virtues of love, trust and hope should guide and judge our actions, as well as the actions and policies of all those who are seeking election to the House of Commons and to lead our country.

This election is being contested against the backdrop of deep and profound questions of identity. Opportunities to renew and re-imagine our shared values as a country and a United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland only come around every few generations. We are in such a time.

Cohesion is what holds us together. The United Kingdom, when at its best, has been represented by a sense not only of living for ourselves, but by a deeper concern for the weak, poor and marginalised, and for the common good. At home that includes education for all, the need for urgent and serious solutions to our housing challenges, the importance of creating communities as well as buildings, and a confident and flourishing health service that gives support to all - especially the vulnerable - not least at the beginning and end of life. Abroad it is seen in many ways, including the 0.7% Aid commitment, standing up for those suffering persecution on grounds of faith, and our current leading on campaigns against slavery, trafficking, and sexual violence in conflicts.

Courage, which includes aspiration, competition and ambition, should guide us into trading agreements that, if they are effective and just, will also

reduce the drivers for mass movements of peoples. We must affirm our capacity to be an outward looking and generous country, with distinctive contributions to peace-building, development, the environment and welcoming the stranger in need.

Stability, an ancient and Benedictine virtue, is about living well with change. Stable communities will be skilled in reconciliation, resilient in setbacks and diligent in sustainability, particularly in relation to the environment. They will be ones in which we can be collectively a nation of 'glad and generous hearts'. To our concern for housing, health and education as foundations for a good society, we add marriage, the family and the household as foundational communities, which should be nurtured and supported as such, not just for the benefit of their members, but as a blessing for the whole of society.

Political responses to the problems of religiously-motivated violence and extremism, at home and overseas, must also recognise that solutions will not be found simply in further secularisation of the public realm. Mainstream religious communities have a central role to play; whilst extremist narratives require compelling counter-narratives that have a strong theological and ideological foundation.

Cohesion, courage and stability are all needed in our response to the continuing national conversation about migration and refugees. Offering a generous and hospitable welcome to refugees and migrants is a vital expression of our common humanity, but it is not without cost and we should not be deaf to the legitimate concerns that have been expressed about the scale of population flows and the differential impact it has on different parts of society. The pressures of integration must be shared more equitably.

These deep virtues and practices – love, trust and hope, cohesion, courage and stability - are not the preserve of any one political party or worldview, but go to the heart of who we are as a country in all of its diversity. An election campaign, a Parliament and a Government that hold to these virtues give us a firm foundation on which to live well together, for the common good.

***Revd Tony***



## Widemouth Bay Summerhouse Study Group

meet on **Wednesdays at 2.15pm**  
and will be reading

***My God* by Martin Thornton**

For more info, please ring Hilda on 01288 361 323



## STRATTON DEANERY BOOK CLUB

Will be discussing:

***'Friendship with God'* by David Hope**

**on Mon. 5th June & Mon. 3rd July 7.30 - 9.30pm**

at 14 Monterey Close, Bude, EX23 8DX

New members always welcome.

# The Farming Community Network

**Farm Crisis Network (FCN)** is changing its name to **The Farming Community Network** in order to dispel the myth that they can only offer help at times of crisis.

After 18 years as Farm Crisis Network, the charity's management team opted to change the name to encourage people to seek help when problems and difficulties first arise – not later down the line when they reach crisis point.

FCN operates throughout the UK. Their confidential helpline is open 365 days a year and their dedicated team of volunteers offer individual support for any problems that arise in the business or at home – from farm finances and regulation to issues around succession or isolation.

**The FCN's helpline, open 7.00 am until 11.00pm every day of the year, is 0845 367 9990.**



Week St Mary  
Parish Hall,  
**BIG BREAKFAST**

Saturday 3rd June, 9am - 2pm  
in aid of WSM Church Heating fund.



Week St Mary  
**ADVENTURE CHURCH**

All children are welcome to join in our activities on Tuesday afternoons in term time; for more information please search for Week St Mary Adventure Church in Facebook Groups and ask to join so that you can see what we are up to in advance and how much fun we have. Phone 01288 341 221 to give us your mobile number if you would like to receive text alerts each week.

## Meet'n'Eat

**in WSM Parish Hall at 12.30pm**  
**on Monday 5th June and Mon 3rd July**  
Looking forward to seeing you. Sue, Brenda, Linda and the team.



## CAMEO

Come And Meet Each Other  
**at Ranelagh, home of Sue and Rob Dickenson**  
**on Friday 16th June and Fri day 21st July from 2pm**  
**Everyone most welcome.**

*Contact: Linda Cobbledick (01288 341 468).*



## MOTHER\* & TODDLER COFFEE POT CLUB

Meets every **Tuesday from 10.00 to 12.00**  
**in Week St Mary Parish Hall**

Tons of toys, carafes of coffee, loads of laughter.  
Babes bring your Mum and have some fun!

Want more info? Contact Amy Holding (01566 785 580)

\*Fathers, grandmothers/fathers, uncles, aunts, etc, etc, also welcome!

## The monthly **Diocesan Newsletter**

can be found at: <http://www.trurodiocese.org.uk/press-office/news/archive/our-news-monthly/>

In this month's edition:

- Synod 2017
- A Way to Welcome
- Kea to Kenya
- Thy Kingdom Come
- Diocesan directory, changes and updates

# WSM CIRCLE SERVICES May 2017

**AMW:** Revd Tony Windross, **RD:** Revd Canon Rob Dickenson,  
**RY:** Revd Rob Yeomans, **PJ:** Revd Peter Judson, **MM:** Methodist Minister,  
**GS:** Gloria Street, **CG:** Carol Goundry, **DP:** Drue Pratt,  
**AA:** Audrey Atkin, **WT:** Worship Team

**HC:** Holy Communion, **MP:** Morning Prayer, **ES:** Evening Service;  
**FS:** Family Service, **AM:** Anglo-Methodist Service, **C:** Compline,  
**UBS:** United Benefice Service

## JUNE

Thurs 1st		1100	St Anne's Home	HC	RD
Fri 2nd		1700	Widemouth Bay	ES	WT

<b>Sunday 4th</b>  <b>PENTECOST</b>  <i>red</i>	Acts 2: 1-21; 1 Cor. 12: 3-13; John 20: 19-23; Psalm 104: 26-end	0800	Widemouth Bay	HC	AMW
		0930	Week St Mary	FS	WT
		0930	Poundstock	HC	AMW
		1100	St Gennys	HC	AMW
		1830	Jacobstow	ES	DP
		1830	Whitstone	C	RD

Wed 7th		0830	Widemouth Bay	HC	RD
Fri 9th		1700	Widemouth Bay	ES	WT

<b>Sunday 11th</b>  <b>Trinity Sunday</b>  <i>white</i>	Isaiah 40: 12-17, 27-end; 2 Cor. 13: 11-end; Matthew 28: 16-20; Psalm 8	0800	Widemouth Bay	HC	AMW
		0930	Jacobstow	MP	CG
		0930	Warbstow	HC	AMW
		1100	Whitstone	HC	AMW
		1100	P'stock /Bangors	<b>MP</b>	<b>MM</b>
		1100	St Gennys	MP	CG
1830	Week St Mary	ES	AMW		

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## JUNE cont'd

Wed 14th Fri 16th		0830 Widemouth Bay HC AMW 1700 Widemouth Bay ES WT
<b>Sunday 18th</b> <b>First Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b> <i>green</i>	Exodus 19: 2-8; Romans 5: 1-8; Matt. 9: 35-10: 23; Psalm 100	<b>1030 Widemouth Bay UBS AMW</b>
Wed 21st Fri 23rd		0830 Widemouth Bay HC RY 1700 Widemouth Bay ES WT
<b>Sunday 25th</b> <b>Second Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b> <i>green</i>	Jeremiah 20: 7-13; Romans 6: 1-11; Matthew 10: 24-39; Psalm 69: 14-20	0800 Widemouth Bay HC RY 0930 Jacobstow HC RY 0930 Warbstow MP AA 0930 Poundstock MP WT 1100 Whitstone MP WT 1100 Week St Mary HC RD 1830 St Gennys ES GS
Weds 28th Fri 30th		0830 Widemouth Bay HC 1700 Widemouth Bay ES WT

## JULY

<b>Sunday 2nd</b> <b>Third Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b> <i>green</i>	Jeremiah 28: 5-9; Romans 6: 12-end; Matt. 10: 40-end; Psalm 89: 8-18	0800 Widemouth Bay HC RY 0930 Week St Mary FS WT 0930 Poundstock HC RY 1100 St Gennys HC RD 1830 Jacobstow ES DP 1830 Whitstone C RD
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# JULY cont'd

Wed 5th		0830	Widemouth Bay	HC RD
Thurs 6th		1100	St Anne's Home	HC RD
Fri 7th		1700	Widemouth Bay	ES WT
<b>Sunday 9th</b>  <b>Fourth Sunday after Trinity</b>  <i>green</i>	Zechariah 9: 9-12; Romans 7: 15-25; Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-end; Psalm 145: 8-15	0800 0930 0930 1100 1100 1100 1830	Widemouth Bay Jacobstow Warbstow Whitstone <b>P'stock</b> /Bangors St Gennys Week St Mary	HC AMW MP CG HC AMW HC AMW MP WT MP CG ES WT
Wed 12th		0830	Widemouth Bay	HC AMW
Fri 14th		1700	Widemouth Bay	ES WT
<b>Sunday 16th</b>  <b>Fifth Sunday after Trinity</b>  <i>green</i>	Isaiah 55: 10-13; Romans 8: 1-11; Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23; Psalm 65	<b>1030</b>	<b>Warbstow UBS</b>	<b>AMW</b>
Wed 19th		0830	Widemouth Bay	HC RY
Fri 21st		1700	Widemouth Bay	ES WT
<b>Sunday 23rd</b>  <b>Sixth Sunday after Trinity</b>  <i>green</i>	Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19; Romans 8: 12-25; Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43; Psalm 86: 11-end	0800 0930 0930 0930 1100 1100 1830	Widemouth Bay Jacobstow Warbstow Poundstock Whitstone Week St Mary St Gennys	HC AMW HC AMW MP AA MP CG MP WT HC AMW ES GS

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## JULY cont'd

<p><b>Sunday 30th</b> <b>Seventh</b> <b>Sunday after</b> <b>Trinity</b></p>		<p><b>1100</b>    <b>Deanery Eucharist,</b> <b>St Andrew's, Bude</b></p>
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## AUGUST

Wed 2nd		0830    Widemouth Bay    HC    RD
Thurs 3rd		1100    St Anne's Home    HC    RD
Fri 5th		1700    Widemouth Bay    ES    WT

<p><b>Sunday 5th</b>  <b>Transfiguration</b> <b>of Our Lord</b>  <i>white</i></p>	<p>Dan. 7: 9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1: 16-19; Luke 9: 28-36; Psalm 97</p>	0800    Widemouth Bay    HC    AMW
		0930    Week St Mary    FS    WT
		0930    Poundstock    HC    AMW
		1100    St Gennys    HC    AMW
		1830    Jacobstow    ES    DP
		1830    Whitstone    C    RD

## DIARY DATES

Changes/additions in **bold type**;

**\* indicates a more detailed reference elsewhere in the magazine**

### MAY

Sun 28th Truro Cathedral, 'Thy Kingdom Come' services \*

Wed 31st 2.15pm Widemouth Bay Summerhouse, Study Group\*

### JUNE

Sat 3rd 9am - 2pm Week St Mary Parish Hall, Big Breakfast  
in aid of WSM Church Heating Fund.

### Sun 4th PENTECOST/WHITSUNDAY

Mon 5th 12.30pm WSM Parish Hall. Meet'n'Eat \*

**Mon 5th 7.30pm Deanery Book Club\***

## **JUNE Diary Dates, cont'd**

Wed 7th 2.15pm Widemouth Bay Summerhouse, Study Group\*

**Sat 17th 10am - 4pm Jacobsotw Church, Gift Aid Day\***

Wed 14th 2.15pm Widemouth Bay Summerhouse, Study Group\*

Wed 14th 7.30pm Poundstock Gildhouse,

The workhouse & the agricultural riots – Terry Faull \*

Fri 16th from 2pm at Ranelagh, CAMEO \*

**Sun 18th 10.30am UBS at Widemouth Bay**

Wed 21st 2.15pm Widemouth Bay Summerhouse, Study Group\*

Wed 28th 2.15pm Widemouth Bay Summerhouse, Study Group\*

## **JULY**

Mon 3rd 12.30pm WSM Parish Hall. Meet'n'Eat \*

Wed 5th 2.15pm Widemouth Bay Summerhouse, Study Group\*

Wed 12th 2.15pm Widemouth Bay Summerhouse, Study Group\*

Wed 12th 7.30pm Poundstock Gildhouse,

Beavers in Devon – Mark Elliott DWT

**Sat 15th 6pm Trelay Bungalow, Jacobstow, Barbecue\***

**Sun 16th 10.30am UBS at Warbstow**

Wed 19th 2.15pm Widemouth Bay Summerhouse, Study Group\*

Fri 21st from 2pm at Ranelagh, CAMEO \*

Sat 22nd 4pm Truro Cathedral, Eucharist of Thanksgiving

led by Bishop Tim

**Sun 23rd 7pm Jacobstow Revel Sunday Concert\***

Wed 26th 2.15pm Widemouth Bay Summerhouse, Study Group\*

**Sun 30th 11am Deanery Service at St Andrew's, Bude**

## **AUGUST**

Wed 9th 7.30pm Poundstock Gildhouse,

Antique valuations – Phil Walter

Fri 11th 7.30pm Poundstock Gildhouse,

Music for a Summer's Evening, with The Other Band

Wed 16th 9.00am - 2.00 pm Big Breakfast in Poundstock Gildhouse

## ***Together - the Future:***

A new editorial team will be taking responsibility for future issues of *Together*. Material for the **August** magazine by **Weds 19<sup>th</sup> July**, please,

to: **weekstmarycircle@gmail.com**

From today **until further notice**, this will be the address for all magazine correspondence.

Thank you for your readership over the years, and my very best wishes to the new team. Ed.



## **Poundstock Gildhouse**

**The Gildhouse is open to visitors every Wednesday from Easter to October 10.00-4.00 pm**

- Wed 14 June 7.30 pm The workhouse & the agricultural riots  
– Terry Faull
- Wed 12 July 7.30 pm Beavers in Devon – Mark Elliott DWT
- Wed 9 Aug 7.30 pm Antique valuations – Phil Walter
- Fri 11 Aug 7.30 pm Music for a Summer’s evening  
with The Other Band
- Wed 16 Aug 9.00am - 2.00 pm Big Breakfast in the Gildhouse

**More details 01288 361525**

**[www.poundstockgildhouse.co.uk](http://www.poundstockgildhouse.co.uk)**



# Jacobstow Church

## ***Gift Aid Day***

in the Church with tea & coffee  
10am-4pm on **Saturday 17th June**

## ***Barbecue***

with stalls, tombola, draw, etc  
at 6pm on **Saturday 15th July**  
at Trelay Bungalow

## ***Revel Sunday Concert***

**July 23rd** at 7pm in Church with Newton St  
Petrock Male Voice Choir  
followed by supper in the parish hall  
Donations for Church Funds.

### **Do you need support with . . .**

Getting around? Looking after yourself?

Seeing and hearing? Caring for someone else?

For more information, contact

**Adult Care and Support Tel: 0300 1234 131**

**[www.cornwall.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=4014](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=4014)**

**email: [adultcare@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:adultcare@cornwall.gov.uk)**

# Persecuted Christians in Afghanistan

with thanks to Michael Davey

Afghanistan is a country in crisis. It has been subject to invasion and internal conflict for centuries and this has got worse in recent decades. Afghanistan is a tribal society in which it is now illegal for anyone to be anything other than a Muslim, and Christianity is today seen as a part of invasive Western imperialism and culture.

Anybody leaving Islam is seen as having betrayed the tribe. Secret believers, when found out, will often be sent to a mental hospital. Baptism is punishable by death. Converts will also come under immense pressure from family members, including violence, to try to persuade them to return to Islam. There is a great fear of shame and reprisals for the whole family. Just the suspicion of conversion can lead to arrest, or worse, including the destruction of a home or business.

There are no churches, (the last church building was destroyed in 1973), no Christian literature, and no public Christian meetings are tolerated. Faith in Jesus becomes a very private affair, for fear of persecution. The only way for people to hear the gospel is through radio and the internet, and even that is fraught with difficulties and dangers.

And yet there are a small number of believers there, who live in constant fear of discovery, often living outwardly as a Muslim, including going to the mosque five times a day, and yet believing in and holding Jesus close to their hearts. Consequently many converts have left the country and are seeking a new life elsewhere, or sadly often ending up as refugees.

## **Prayers.**

Give thanks for the small number of Christian believers in Afghanistan.

Pray for courage and protection for secret Afghan believers.

Pray for change to take place within the country, and for openness to religions outside Islam to be accepted and tolerated.

Pray for stability and peace in Afghanistan.

Pray for the many Christians who have left the country and now live in other countries or as refugees seeking a new home somewhere else.

# THE CHURCH YEAR: Thoughts for June and July

with thanks to Hilda Walter

The first Red Letter day is June 4th when Christians celebrate Pentecost or Whit Sunday. On this day we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. If we believe that Jesus lived and promised that when he was no longer on earth in the flesh He would send His spirit to help us in our mortal lives, then this is the day when we rejoice (Acts 2v 1-21 tells the story). We have followed Him from Birth to His crucifixion and now we are sustained by the knowledge that love never dies. We may never see, hear or touch but we still love and are loved.

June 11th is Trinity Sunday and the following day is St Barnabas who worked with St Paul. On the 15th it is the celebration of the institution of Holy Communion or remembering the last supper that Jesus shared with His disciples.

July 3rd is St Thomas, the 22nd Mary Magdalene and the 25th St James the Apostle.

As we move into warmer weather it is a good time to sit in our gardens, look back over our lives and remember the times that we have been filled with wonder and awe, with peace and a calm knowledge that there is more to life than material wellbeing. To remember the difficult times in our lives when we have known that there is light at the end of the tunnel.

The Wednesday group has been reading 'My God' by Martin Thornton who was Canon Chancellor in Truro Cathedral. The book is written for Lay people to help us recognise that there are times in our lives when we experience the real presence of 'God'.

I often wonder why some are 'called' to be Priests and yet ordinary people are considered to not have had this magical calling. I believe we are all called, some to be doctors, some to be farmers, some to clean the streets and, dare I say, some to be mothers. These are all important callings. We are all part of the whole and we all work together towards the coming of 'Thy Kingdom'.

## **Prayer.**

Lord we ask thy blessing on this benefice. May we support our Church services, work with our Priests and, being filled with Thy Holy Spirit, take Thy love with us in to our daily lives.

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