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the Week St Mary Circle of Churches

Together

October 2017



*"Quit worrying about corroborating your sources—it's not
as if anyone's going to take all this literally."*



United we stand

From the Rectory

Harvest is the time, above all others, when we're reminded just how fortunate we are. Due to an accident of birth, we live in a time and a place where the harvest is *always* excellent. The good fortune that stems from being part of one of the richest nations in the world, means that whatever natural disasters may affect the crops in our own country, we have the economic wherewithal to buy our way out of trouble – by simply importing food from elsewhere.

But not everyone is so lucky – and that includes hundreds of thousands of our fellow citizens, who struggle to feed themselves and their families. Many don't always manage it – and because of the multiple ways they can easily fall through the safety net of the welfare state – they end up at one of the food banks. And despite tabloid stories of hordes of undeserving people taking regular advantage of these – all the evidence points to the way they are an absolute life-saver for those at the very end of their tether.

The heart of our harvest festivals – is a profound sense of gratitude. Once again the harvest is in – and once again we can look forward to food during the cold winter months. For reasons already given, there's something anachronistic about this. But there's something deeply (and primitively) satisfying about having an assured food supply. And so although the world has changed a great deal since Parson Hawker's invention of the harvest festival at Morwenstow in 1843 – the religious significance of the occasion is identical.

Gratitude in such circumstances involves an awareness of grace – a realisation of the sheer undeservedness of our good fortune. And it's the springboard and the channel for wanting to share that bounty with others.

It would make no sense at all to give thanks for 'all good gifts around us' – and not want to share them. Traditionally this happens when people bring their produce to church for harvest thanksgiving – which is then distributed to the poor and needy in the community.

For a variety of reasons this rarely happens nowadays – although the proceeds of auctioning the produce (as is done in our benefice churches –

but which I'd never come across anywhere else) may still find their way to those in need.

Some of the non-perishable items may even end up in local food banks. But just as our sense of gratitude needs to be year-long (and indeed, life-long) – our awareness of the needs of those who are struggling needs to be ongoing as well.

Food banks have been commended by some as fine examples of community spirit, as they show people are willing to give food and to help in its distribution. Like any charity, they obviously depend on the support of others – but there's something curiously limited about applauding their existence, without also asking some pretty searching questions about a society that thinks it reasonable to outsource welfare provision in this way.

If we really *are* grateful for our good fortune (and if we're not, we couldn't sing any of the harvest hymns with integrity) we are bound to want to express that by doing what we can to alleviate the daily struggle to get by that so many people are faced with.

This is the territory where religion and politics intersect – and the place where some people get cross and defensive. Which is pretty inevitable – given that these are very real issues – that get to the very heart of both the Gospel and our faith.

And that's because the sort of God we worship simply *cannot* be separated off from the way we treat our fellow citizens. All the evidence suggests that Jesus had a 'bias to the poor' (as Bishop David Sheppard put it, 35 years ago) – which surely means that those of us with any aspirations to be his followers, need 'to go and do likewise'.

Unless we simply want to see harvest festivals as occasions for indulging in nostalgic bucolic fantasy – we must make connections between them, and the often harsh reality of food production and distribution in the present.

And having done so – to show what the fruits of our faith actually amount to in practice.

Rev'd Tony

DIARY DATES

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

OCTOBER

- Mon 2** Deanery Book Club (p 5)
- Mon 2** Meet 'n' Eat, Week St Mary Parish Hall, 12.30 (p 5)
- Tue 3** Mother & Toddler Coffee Pot Club, WSM Parish Hall, 10-12 (p 5)
- Tue 3** Adventure Church, 4.30 pm (p 4)
- Wed 4** Summerhouse Study Group, Widemouth Bay, 2.15 pm (p 11)
- Fri 6** Widemouth Bay Harvest Festival + tea, 3.00 pm (p 9)
- Sun 8** St Gennys Harvest Festival + lunch, 11.00 am (p 10)
- Tue 10** Mother & Toddler Coffee Pot Club, WSM Parish Hall, 10-12 (p 5)
- Tue 10** Adventure Church, 4.30 pm (p 4)
- Wed 11** Summerhouse Study Group, Widemouth Bay, 2.15 pm (p 11)
- Wed 11** Friends Evening, Poundstock Gildhouse, 7.30 pm
- Fri 13** Summerhouse Activity, Widemouth Bay, 2.00 pm (p 11)
- Tue 17** Mother & Toddler Coffee Pot Club, WSM Parish Hall, 10-12 (p 5)
- Tue 17** Adventure Church, 4.30 pm (p 4)
- Wed 18** Summerhouse Study Group, Widemouth Bay, 2.15 pm (p 11)
- Fri 20** CAMEO, Ranelagh, Week St Mary, 2.30pm (p 5)
- Sat 21 & Sun 22** Craft & Food Fair and Pumpkin Festival, Poundstock Church and Gildhouse (p 12)
- Sun 22** Warbstow Harvest Festival + tea + auction, 3.00 pm (p 9)
- Tue 24** Mother & Toddler Coffee Pot Club, WSM Parish Hall, 10-12 (p 5)
- Tue 24** Adventure Church, Closed for Half Term (p 4)
- Wed 25** Summerhouse Study Group, Widemouth Bay, 2.15 pm (p 11)
- Fri 27** Summerhouse Activity, Widemouth Bay, 2.00 pm Craft and Chat, (p 11)
- Tue 31** Mother & Toddler Coffee Pot Club, WSM Parish Hall, 10-12 (p 5)
- Tue 31** Adventure Church, 4.30 pm (p 4)

NOVEMBER

- Thur 2** All Souls Service at Week St Mary 7 pm (p 9)



WEEK ST MARY ADVENTURE CHURCH

Adventure Church started with the rattle of Skittles as our Adventurers joined in the WSM Parish Hall Skittles taster session. There were a lot of promising signs amongst even the smallest of our members!

The following week we went orienteering with Rev Rob who showed us how to look for signs, read signs and to use a compass as we explored the ruins at Penhallym near Week St Mary.



Now it's time to harvest our potatoes and we are having a washing, chopping and cooking session in our final September meeting to celebrate their success. Please ask to join our Facebook Group page : Week St Mary Adventure Church, if you want to keep up with our activities or are thinking of joining in. We cater for all ages but most members are between 5 and 12 years old at present. Thank you 01288 341221

Jacobstow Winter Evensong

From NOVEMBER evensong time at Jacobstow Church will be 4.00 pm throughout the winter instead of 6.30 pm

Meet 'n' Eat

Usually held in WSM Parish Hall at 12.30pm
on the first Monday of each month (next is 2nd Oct)

Everyone is most Welcome



CAMEO

Come And Meet Each Other

Next meeting Friday 20th October at Ranelagh, WSM
2.30pm Everyone most welcome.

Contact: Linda Cobbledick (01288 341468).



MOTHER* & TODDLER COFFEE POT CLUB

Meets every Tuesday from 10.00 to 12.00 in Week St
Mary Parish Hall. Contact Emma Woolfe or Kathy Jeffrey
(Search for Coffeepots in Facebook Groups)

* Grannies, Grandads, Aunties, Carers etc all welcome!



STRATTON DEANERY BOOK CLUB

In October & November we will be discussing:

Tom Wright's 'Bible Study Guide to Romans'

First Monday of each month at 14 Monterey Close, Bude,
EX23 8DX at 7.30pm

Gail Brace: 01288 352412 New members always welcome.

Persecuted Christians in Nigeria. October 2017

The Federal Republic of Nigeria in West Africa is a victim of its past. This vast country of some 191 million people is divided into three areas, which in turn are divided into separate states. Because of the size of the country, allegiance in the individual states is bounded more by historical ties of religion, tribe, and tradition, rather than nationality, which makes it difficult for the central government to govern every area.

The religion of the people is roughly split between Islam and Christianity on a 50/50 split. The south is mostly Christian, the north is mostly Muslim, and the middle is evenly shared.

The problems for Christians are mostly in the north. Over the last 30 years or so, as in many other areas of the world, militant Islamists, here under the banner of Boko Haram, have increasingly been attacking Christians. They have been backed by the old local tribal and religious leaders with the aim of displacing the Christians and their churches and setting up an Islamic Caliphate in the area.

Already 12 states in the north have adopted a form of Sharia law, which seems to have made Christians more liable to mob rule, and to discrimination over clean water, health and other basic facilities. Because of this many have fled, often in a southerly direction, due to the increasing violence and destruction of villages, crops and churches.

On top of this, there is the old universal conflict between cattle farmers and arable farmers. In this case the Hausa-Fulani herdsmen, who are not only radical Muslims, but are also being forced south by the encroachment of the sands of the Sahara Desert on their traditional grazing grounds, thus trying to take over the land of the farmers who are mostly Christians. While the government army has had some success in tackling Boko Haram, by far the greatest violence comes from the Fulani Herdsmen. There is also a continuing fear of abduction, particularly for Christian women and girls, who are then forced to marry their Muslim captors.

Prayers needed:-

- Thank God for the Christian church in Nigeria, and pray that he will bless it and strengthen their faith in the face of this violent persecution.
- Pray for the government that it will act with strength, wisdom and fairness in dealing with this very difficult situation.
- Pray for protection for all Nigerian Christians, especially women and young girls who are in danger of abduction and forced marriage.
- Pray for the safe return of many of those who have been so abducted.
- Pray for all Christians in Nigeria who have had to flee their homes to escape persecution, that they will find the safety and help to restart their lives, and acceptance from their new neighbours.
- Pray for Christians to show God's forgiveness to those who persecute them.

Week St Mary Circle Services October 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, **COMP:** Compilne, **UBS:** United Benefice Service)

1st October

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

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	0800	Widemouth B	HC	AMW
Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-end;	0930	Week St Mary	FS	WT
Philippians 2: 1-13;	0930	Poundstock	HC	AMW
Matthew 21: 23-32;	1100	St Gennys	HC	AMW
Psalms 25: 1-8	1830	Jacobstow	ES	DP
	1830	Whitstone	COMP	RD
Monday 2 nd October	1900	Whitstone	Harv F	AMW
Wednesday 4 th October	0830	Widemouth B	HC	RD
Thursday 5 th October	1100	St Anne's	HC	RD
Friday 6 th October	1500	Widemouth B	Harv F	AMW

8th October

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

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	0800	Widemouth B	HC	AMW
	0930	Jacobstow	MP	CG
Isaiah 5: 1-7;	0930	Warbstow	HC	AMW
Philippians 3: 4-14;	1100	Whitstone	HC	AMW
Matthew 21: 33-end;	1100	Poundstock	Harv F	Bongars
Psalms 80: 9-17	1100	St Gennys	Harv F	CG
	1830	Week St Mary	ES	AMW

Week St Mary Circle Services October 2017

Monday 9 th October	1900	Jacobstow	Harv F	AMW
Wednesday 11 th October	0830	Widemouth B	HC	AMW

15th October

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

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Isalah 25: 1-9; Phillipians 4: 1-9; Matthew 22: 1-14; Psalm 23	1030	St Gennys	UBS	AMW
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Wednesday 18 th October	0830	Widemouth B	HC	AMW
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22nd October

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

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	0800	Widemouth B	HC	AMW
	0930	Jacobstow	HC	RD
	1000	Poundstock	MP	CG
Isalah 45: 1-7;	1100	Whitstone	MP	WT
1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10;	1100	Week St Mary	HC	RD
Matthew 22: 15-22;	1500	Warbstow	Harv F	AA
Psalm 96: 1-9	1830	St Gennys	ES	GS

Wednesday 25 th October	0830	Widemouth BHC	PJ	
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29th October

Bible Sunday

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Nehemiah 8: 1-4, 8-12; Colossians 3: 12-17; Matthew 24: 30-35; Psalm 119: 9-16	1030	Week St Mary	UBS	AMW
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Week St Mary Circle Services November 2017

NOVEMBER SERVICES ADVANCE WARNING:

Wednesday 1 st November	0830	Widemouth B	HC	RD
Thursday 2 nd November	1100	St Anne's	HC	RD
Thursday 2 nd November	19.00	All Souls at WSM		AMW

5th November

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

white	0800	Widemouth B	HC	AMW
	0930	Week St Mary	FS	WT
Revelation 7: 9-end;	0930	Poundstock	HC	AMW
1 John 3: 1-3;	1100	St Gennys	HC	AMW
Matthew 5: 1-12;	1600	Jacobstow	ES	DP
Psalms 34: 1-10	1830	Whitstone	COMP	RD

ALL SOULS SERVICE

Rev. Tony will lead a Service for All Souls at Week St Mary this year on Thursday 2nd November at 7 pm in Week St Mary Church to which everyone is of course welcome. This will be a quiet opportunity to remember loved ones who have passed way.

WARBSTOW HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday October 22nd

Harvest Festival at 3.00 pm, followed by finger food tea and auction in church.

WIDEMOUTH BAY HARVEST

Harvest Service Friday 6th at 3pm

Followed by Tea in the Summerhouse

Collection for Shelter Box and donations of Food for the Food Bank.

St GENNYS HARVEST FESTIVAL

St Gennys Church Harvest Festival - Sunday 8th October 11 am followed by Carvery Lunch at British Legion Hall 12.30 for 1.00 pm

Proceeds to Royal Agricultural Benevolent Fund. Further details next month

Phone Moses 01840 230006 or moses.mary.andrew@btinternet.com

Local Foodbanks

LAUNCESTON

Unit 13D
Newport Industrial Estate
Launceston
PL15 8EX
Tel: 01566 779550
Website:

launceston.foodbank.org.uk

Opening times:

Mon 10:00 - 12:00
Tue Closed
Wed 10:00 - 12:00
Thu 10:00 - 12:00
Fri 10:00 - 12:00
Sat Closed
Sun Closed

BUDE

Oceans Community Centre
Berries Avenue
Bude
EX23 8QE

Tel: 01288 448748

Email:

foodbank@oceanscommunitychurch.co.uk

Website:

oceanscommunitychurch.co.uk

Opening times:

Mon – Fri: 9.30 am - 1.00 pm



Poundstock Craft Fair & Pumpkin Festival

Prizes for

- Heaviest pumpkin
- Best decorated/carved - junior
- Best decorated/carved - senior

Start planning your entry now; organise your props and embellishments - the judges look for something a bit different.

Poundstock Gildhouse
Sat 21 and Sun 22 October
Entries by 11.00 pm on the Saturday

Together

A new editorial team has been formed for future issues of *Together*. Material for the **October** magazine by **Weds 18th October** please, to: **weekstmarycircle@gmail.com**

This will be the address for all magazine correspondence.

We are looking for volunteers to join the new editorial team and would welcome nominated Parish Correspondents who would undertake to ensure that information from individual parishes is sent in on a regular basis. Please make contact by email as above.



Widemouth Bay Summerhouse Study Group

meet on **Wednesdays at 2.15pm**

Currently reading

The Great Spiritual Migration by Brian McLaren
Ring Hilda on 01288 361323 for more details



Widemouth Bay Summerhouse Activities

Every other Friday at 2.00 pm

Friday 13 Oct - The Long House Charity

Friday 27 Oct - Craft and a chat

All welcome - ring Jann on 01288 361931 for more details

Poundstock Gildhouse

The Gildhouse is open to visitors every Wednesday from Easter to

October 10.00-4.00 pm More details 01288 361525

www.poundstockgildhouse.co.uk



This month's events
at

Poundstock Gildhouse

The Gildhouse has had a good summer, plenty of visitors to the Open Days and very interesting and well attended Wednesday talks. We also had two very

successful Tudor days: one for three families who regularly holiday together in North Cornwall and asked us to put on a Tudor Day for them all. At the event we had eighteen people of all ages taking part and they really enjoyed their day of dressing up, taking part in Tudor activities and finding out more about the Gildhouse. The volunteers also enjoyed the day and we made a good sum for the Gildhouse. If you know of groups, either local or visitors, who may enjoy a Gildhouse Tudor Day please contact Penny Hazeldine pandbhazeldine@gmail.com for more details.

Summer may be over but there are still Gildhouse events for you to enjoy, see below for details.

Friends Evening – Wednesday 11 October

Annual Friends Evening is on Wednesday 11 October at 7.30 pm. Those of you who are Friends of the Gildhouse will be receiving more information later in the month. Keep the date free.

Craft and Food Fair & Pumpkin Festival – Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 Oct

Our big autumn event. Keep the date free so that you can start your Christmas gift buying early and benefit from the usual excellent range of craft and food stalls. Now is the time to start planning your entry for the pumpkin carving competition and encourage your children/grandchildren to enter the children's competition.

Don't forget that the Gildhouse is still open to visitors every Wednesday from 10.00 until 4.00 until the end of October. This is an opportunity for everyone to have a good look around the building and find out more about its fascinating history from volunteer guides. Tea and coffee available free of charge.

This is an ideal place to send any visitors you have during the summer, or even come along yourself to soak up the wonderful atmosphere in our amazing building. Remember that entrance is free.



Week St Mary Revel Harvest Queen, Jade Luxton and Week St Mary Citizen of the year, Mrs Joyce Orchard at the 2017 Revel on 16th September

'Together' welcomes photos of recent events as well as reports of activities to share across the Benefice

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

email: adultcare@cornwall.gov.uk

**Sunday, 06:00 on BBC Radio Cornwall 95.2 FM / 103.9 FM
Sunday Breakfast, BBC Cornwall's Faith Programme**

Donna Birrell looks at various faiths and ethics across the county and beyond.

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THE CHURCH YEAR: Thoughts for October

This month we celebrate St Francis on the 4th, St Teresa of Avila on the 15th and St Luke on the 18th. There are many others remembered but these three have influenced me the most. St Francis with his emphasis on 'simplicity', St Teresa with her writings and St Luke 'The beloved Physician'.

Here we are once more seeing the days 'draw in' which some like but I much prefer early morning light. It makes it easier to get to Widemouth Bay Church.

As I write the wind is doing its best to blow the apples down and looking at my trees has brought to mind the words of the hymn 'Immortal invisible God only wise' :

'We wither and perish like the leaves on the tree'

The leaves have done their job and now they will turn colour and fall. Some of us are withering and coming to the end of our useful life. Some of us have made many mistakes and wasted many hours but we hope that as the leaves still have beauty when they fall so we have some vestige of usefulness remaining.

With Harvest we will all be thinking about Food banks. Recently I read 'Rich People don't know any poor people' (page 382 The Great Spiritual Migration) this made me see that I have no idea who has to resort to Food Banks. I know people who have to exist on their Old Age Pension but none that can not manage. Perhaps our Churches have only Rich People if so why are we not sending enough money to Truro to pay for our priests?

With all that let us try to live simply with St Francis, not spend hours praying instead of getting on with the work as St Teresa told her Nuns and let us thank St Luke for his gospel 17 v21 where we are reminded that the Kingdom of Heaven is among us. Also, never forget that life is not easy so enjoy the hardships and accept trials and trouble willingly. After all Christ was crucified so why not us?

Prayer

Lord open our eyes to see the beauty around us.

Open our minds to find new ways of being your followers.

Open our hearts to find new ways of loving those whose way of life is different from ours.

At this Franciscan time help us to be channels of Thy Peace.

Hilda Walter

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