

The Magazine of the  
Week St Mary Circle of Parishes

# Together

March 2018



## Where Next?

Now that our Benefice is officially 'In Transition' we can legitimately start to ask—what next then?

The answer is by no means clear at present, but what is certain is that your representatives are working VERY hard to ensure that we are ready for whatever is decided for us and for the whole Deanery in the future, both near and farther off. Our main task is to write our Parish Profile which describes to anyone interested in working here, what we are like and what we would like to see in such a person and this is going on NOW with the help of the Diocesan Transitions Officer, Rebecca Evans.

The Diocese's policy is now that ALL Deaneries must have a Deanery Plan, mapping out their aspirations, their proposed solutions to problems, their ability to finance those aspirations and their plans for moving forward with Christ and of course a vacant Benefice poses all sorts of questions about how it should fit into that plan. There is going to be change to be sure, and we will be part of that change. There will be change across the Diocese, in every Deanery eventually as we all have to get to grips with the thorny problem of financing our needs and much work is going on in the background to ensure that we have a viable vision for the future.

Our Deanery is working hard to develop a feasible Plan and when that is ready, we will know more clearly what to expect. In the meantime, we have the support of a number of retired clergy, a new Rural Dean (Reverend David Barnes of Bude) and a strong team of Worship Leaders. We will need to help each other along and we will need to be flexible and understanding about a variety of issues that arise when there is no priest assigned to our Benefice. We have done it before and we can do it again, believing that Together We Can.

*Lesley Booker, Graham Jones*

**BENEFICE WEBSITE** [www.weekstmarycircleofchurches.org.uk](http://www.weekstmarycircleofchurches.org.uk)

**BENEFICE EMAIL** for Magazine etc.

[weekstmarycircle@gmail.com](mailto:weekstmarycircle@gmail.com)

## Thank you—from the Rectory (still)

Pat and I have been absolutely overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity shown to us. The gathering after the final service was a wonderful occasion, with all that delicious food prepared so carefully. It was mind-blowing to receive all those cards and presents and good wishes - and we're just so grateful.

This is an amazing place, and we will always treasure the many good friends we've made. We've absolutely no intention of losing contact, and so although we've not at the moment got a home to go to (and will almost certainly continue to be based here for some time to come, with weekly commutes to a motorhome parked in the vicinity of Pevensy!) we hope eventually to be able to welcome any weary, intrepid travellers who have dared make the long trek eastwards to a (relatively) parched land!

Thank you for all that you have given us - and God bless your continued efforts to live out the message of the Gospel in this glorious part of the country.

*Rev'd Tony*

## Growing the Team

We have new Worship Leaders offering themselves for training and this is a valuable step towards spreading the Word in our parishes. Please be prepared to make full use of them and to appreciate their willingness to train for this work. They will have the support of the existing Worship Team as well but most of all they need to be valued by the people they hope to serve.

*Lesley Booker*

Jacobstow and St Gennys Winter Evensong Times will be 4.00 and 4.30 respectively throughout the winter

# DIARY DATES

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

## March

- Mon 5** Jacobstow St Pirans Day Pasty and Sweet 12.30 (p7)
- Mon 5** *Meet & Eat* Soup and sweet lunch, WSM Parish Hall, 12.30 pm (p 15)
- Tue 6** Mother & Toddler Coffee Pot Club, WSM Parish Hall, 10-12 (p 15)
- Tue 6** Adventure Church, WSM, 4.30 pm (p 8)
- Wed 7** Lent Course at The Elms, Jacobstow 2 pm (p 9)
- Fri 9** Widemouth Bay Summerhouse 12.00 Lent Lunch Craft & chat, (p 15)
- Mon 12** Lent Lunch , Bangors Chapel 12.00 (p 5)
- Tue 13** Mother & Toddler Coffee Pot Club, WSM Parish Hall, 10-12 (p 15)
- Wed 14** Lent Course at Little Hamlets Widemouth Bay 2 pm (p 9)
- Fri 16** Lent lunch, Widemouth Bay Summerhouse, 12.00 noon (p 15) then Craft & Chat
- Fri 16** CAMEO at 11 Ashbury Grove, WSM 2.30 pm (p 15)
- Mon 19** Lent Lunch Bangors Chapel 12.00 (p 5)
- Tue 20** Mother & Toddler Coffee Pot Club, WSM Parish Hall, 10-12 (p 15)
- Tue 20** Adventure Church, WSM, 4.30 pm (p 8)
- Wed 21** Lent Course at Canfield Week St Mary (p 9)
- Fri 23** Lent lunch, Widemouth Bay Summerhouse, 12.00 noon. Followed by Art Course (p 15)
- Tue 27** 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)

# **Poundstock/ Widemouth Bay Lent lunches**

**At Widemouth Summerhouse**

**On Fridays 16 and 23 February and  
2, 9, 16 and 23 March 12.00–2.00**

In aid of Christian Aid and the Cornwall Air Ambulance. For details,  
ring 01288 361931.

**At Bangors Chapel Hall**

**On Mondays 12 and 19 March 12.00–2.00**

In aid of the Bude Food Bank. For details, ring 01288 361147.

After a couple of years' break, we are hoping to revive the tradition of Lent lunches at Bangors in aid of a local charity, and would be very glad of any helpers who can spare a couple of hours on either of the dates. Any offers of soup, bread, butter or cheese would also be a great help. Please give me a ring on the number above. Or just come and enjoy a friendly lunch and help a very worthwhile cause. Thank you, *Liz Jones*

## **Widemouth Bay Summerhouse Study Group**

meet on  
**Wednesdays at  
2.15pm**

Currently travelling  
around following the  
Lent Course—  
Responding to God's  
Grace!



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  
i.e. 2 months - Jan and Feb.  
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 China March 2018

To be a Christian in China is to cut oneself off from any sort of promotion to the higher positions in government, business or public institutions. Any Communist party members (who number 89 million citizens) must be firm Marxist atheists, obey party rules, and put no value or belief in religion. Any who have religious faith are to be "persuaded to give it up" or be "punished."

There is one state-registered Church, the "Three Self Patriotic Movement" Church which is recognised by the government with about 22 million members. In reality there could be over 100 million believers in China, most of whom are part of a vibrant unregistered "house church" movement, seen by the state as a threat to itself. So it imposes tight restrictions on web-sites, literature, and teaching, even stopping some children's work, summer camps, and Sunday Schools. Members of these unregistered Churches face a much greater risk of arrest, torture and imprisonment, especially leaders and pastors. More recently, action has been taken against individual members rather than the church groups themselves, with delays and difficulties over everyday living cropping up all over the place, be it business, homes, schooling, even water and electric supply. This has been happening mostly to Protestant Christians along with Tibetan Buddhists and Muslims of the Hui and Uyghur ethnic groups. On the plus side, in spite of government restrictions, the Amity Printing Foundation in Nanjing is producing Bibles at an unbelievable rate. So far 155 million Bibles have been sent to 72 countries, as well as in China itself where 70 distribution points across the country reach some 60,000 churches serving half a million newly baptised each year.

### **Prayers**

Give thanks to God that in spite of persecution the Church in China is growing.

Pray to God that he will protect, guide and inspire his churches as they grow.

Pray with thanks to God for the Amity press in Nanjing, that it will have the raw materials that it needs to continue printing Bibles.

Pray that government pressure and persecution will not increase and that Christians will be able to worship openly.

Pray for those in prison who are often treated appallingly, for comfort and support by the Holy Spirit.

Pray for a lifting of restrictions on literature and work with Children of all ages.

*Michael Davery*



# Poundstock Church Mother's Day Family Service

**11.00am 11th March  
at Poundstock Church**  
Special Family style Mother's Day Service  
All are invited, everyone is welcome



**Jacobstow Church**

**St Pirans Day Monday March 5th**

**Join us at Jacobstow Parish Hall**

**For a Pasty & Pudding Lunch**

**Time 12.30pm**

**Please book with Pat Lane**

**by Monday 26th**

Proceeds for Church Funds

**01840230743**



## 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

### Adventure Church report:

In February, we have been inside the church most of the time due to the early dark evenings. The sessions have been craft and food based (which is always welcome on a cold night!) To start with we made candles by recycling wax and each member made their own tea cup or jam jar candles which was left to cool for the next week. On the following meeting we heard the story of St Valentine who enabled lovers to marry even though they were forbidden by the Roman Emperor from doing so because he wanted the men in his army. Valentine died for helping lovers like this and we helped to remember him by holding a candlelit supper using our own candles.

After half Term we celebrated love and friendship in the Chinese Year of the Dog when we remembered how important Jesus's friends were to him and how we have Jesus himself as our friend if we will only think 'What would Jesus have done?' when we need help in our lives.



# Adventure Church Valentine's Supper



## LENT COURSE—RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

The Lent Course—Responding to God's Grace is being held at 2 pm on Wednesday afternoons during Lent at the following places:-

**21st February**, St Hilary, Madeira Drive, Widemouth Bay EX23 0AJ  
01288 361323 Leader Dru Pratt

**28th February** Clifton Tenement, Week St Mary EX22 6UH 01288  
341221 Leader Lesley Booker

**7th March**, The Elms, Jacobstow EX23 0BS 01840 230307

**14th March**, Little Hamlets, Leverlake Road, Widemouth Bay EX23 0AB

**21st March**, Canfield, Week Green, Week St Mary EX22 6UN 01288  
341437 Leader Joy Farran

Please come and join us—each session can be taken separately if you prefer and a course booklet is provided to catch up if you would like to.

*Lesley Booker*

## WSM Circle: Service Timetable March 2018

Date	Week	Time	Church	Service	Leader
Sunday 4th	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> (Purple) <i>Exodus 20: 1-17;</i> <i>1 Corinthians 1: 18-25;</i> <i>John 2: 13-22;</i> <i>Psalm 19</i>	08.00	Widemouth Bay	HC	RD
		09.30	Poundstock	HC	RD
		11.00	St Gennys	HC	RD
		16.00	Jacobstow	ES	DP
		18.30	Week St Mary	EP	WT
Wed 7th		08.30	Widemouth Bay	HC	PJ
Sunday 11th	<b>Mothering Sunday</b> (Purple) <i>Exodus 2: 1-10;</i> <i>2 Corinthians 1: 3-7;</i> <i>Luke 2: 33-35;</i> <i>Psalm 34: 11-20</i>	08.00	Widemouth Bay	HC	RD
		09.30	Jacobstow	MP	CG
			Whitstone	HC	RD
			Week St Mary	FS	WT
		11.00	Poundstock/with Bangors	FS	WT
			St Gennys	MP	CG
	Warbstow	HC	RD		
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>		08.30	Widemouth Bay	HC	RD
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> purple <i>Jeremiah 31: 31-34;</i> <i>Hebrews 5: 5-10;</i> <i>John 12: 20-33;</i> <i>Psalm 51: 1-13</i>	10.30	<b>Widemouth Bay UBS</b>	HC	DA
Wed 21st		08.30	HC	HC	RD

**WSM Circle: Service Timetable March 2018 continued**

Date	Week	Time	Church	Service	Leader
Sunday 25th	<b>Palm Sunday</b> (Red) <i>Liturgy of the Palms</i> <i>Mark 11: 1-11</i>  <i>Liturgy of the Passion</i> <i>Isaiah 50: 4-9;</i> <i>Philippians 2: 5-11;</i> <i>Mark 14: 1 - 15: end;</i> <i>Psalms 31: 9-16</i>	08.00	Widemouth Bay	HC	RD
		09.30	Jacobstow	HC	RD
			Warbstow	MP	WT
			Poundstock	MP	CG
		11.00	Whitstone	MP	WT
			Week St Mary	HC	RD
16.30	St Gennys	ES	ND		
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>		08.30	Widemouth Bay	HC	RD
Thursday 29th March	Maundy Thursday	1900	Jacobstow	HC inc Footwashing	RD
Friday 30th <b>Good Friday</b>		12.00	Whitstone	Stations of the Cross	RD
		14.00	Poundstock	Good Friday Liturgy	RD
<b>1st April</b>  <b>Easter Day</b>  (white/gold) Isaiah 25:6-9 Acts 10:34-43; John 20: 1-18; Psalm 118:14-24		06.30	Warbstow Bury	HC	RD
		08.00	Widemouth Bay	HC	RD
		09.30	Jacobstow	HC	RD
		09.30	Poundstock	HC	Arch A
		10.30	Warbstow	MP	WT
		11.00	St Gennys	HC	RD
		11.00	Week St Mary	Family HC	Arch A
		11.00	Whitstone	(Join WSM )	

# March 2018 by Hilda Walter

We begin the month with St David's day on the 1<sup>st</sup> a day widely celebrated in Wales, Joseph of Nazareth on the 19<sup>th</sup> and then we have Maundy Thursday on the 29<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday on the 30<sup>th</sup> followed by the Easter vigil on the 31<sup>st</sup>

It is a busy time for the clergy, so please support the services. It must be soul destroying for the Priests who spend time preparing for a service and then find that there are only three or four people who come .

Throughout life we have our ups and downs and I think this happens in our spiritual life. Times when we feel we are doing what God wants us to do and times when we wonder if we have ever done what He wants us to do, or has it all been what we do to make us feel 'good'.

The trouble with the dark periods is we want them to go away. We look for causes and blame the fact that 'we are not very well', 'we are disappointed with something we have been involved in', 'we are not praying enough,' 'we are lonely', anything. In actual fact we are going through a time when we need to get on with life, to accept the cross, to accept feeling depressed and live with it.

In my life I have found that there are two things that you can do for depression, one is go to the doctor and get some tablets and the other is go to confessions, or if that is outdated, then turn over a new leaf and get on with it.

No matter how dark the night morning comes. Our dark nights may last for days, weeks or years, but eventually we 'rise again' Our Lords life ended on the Cross but He rose again in Spirit, death did not destroy Him. Darkness will not destroy us and maybe when we come back into the light we will be changed and all the better for having been nailed to the cross for a while.

Easter is all about new beginnings.

May we all come to the Easter services, resolved to by new creatures that allow Christ to work threw them.

## Prayer

Dear Lord,  
I am not mine but Thine  
I am not here to do my will but Thine.  
Send me our into the world to live and work  
To thy praise and glory - not mine.

# Sunday 18th February

## Rev'd Tony's Farewell Service

The Benefice came Together at Week St Mary Church on Sunday 18th February to say farewell to Revd Tony and Pat as they prepared to leave for the Diocese of Chichester and a new life in part time ministry. The Eucharist Service was filled with rousing hymns, some of which were Tony's favourites and the choir sang two anthems during the communion.

Week St Mary Church was full of well wishers and the Lay Chairman, Graham Jones made a farewell address which was followed by a presentation from the Benefice Fund presented by Anthony Farquhar.

Tony said that he and Pat would miss the friends that they had made here but that they were looking forward to the challenges ahead in their new parish.



A very convivial time was had by all at the shared lunch afterwards—thank you to all who brought their very best to the table. We wish Tony and all the best and pray that the housing difficulties that they are experiencing, will soon be resolved so that they can enjoy their new home and get to know their parishioners as part of their new community.

# PARISH GIVING

Are you interested in donating to your local parish church? The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is here to help.

Donations can be made on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis by Direct Debit using a PGS gift form. Donations are restricted to the parish chosen by you and cannot be used elsewhere.

The donation, including any Gift Aid, will be passed back to your chosen parish within ten days of collection.

You can even choose to increase your donation annually in line with inflation. While this is a voluntary decision, it is one that could potentially have a huge impact on the life and future of your church.

---

## FIND OUT MORE

For more information on the Parish Giving Scheme or to find out if your church is part of it, email [pgs@truro.anglican.org](mailto:pgs@truro.anglican.org) or call 01872 360039. Alternatively you can write to Parish Giving Scheme, Church House, Woodland Court, Truro Business Park, Truro, TR4 9NH

**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—5th March

**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**

March  
2nd Lent Lunch followed by Art  
9th Lent Lunch Followed by  
Easter cards  
16th Lent lunch Followed by  
Crochet  
23rd Lent lunch followed by  
Art

Ring Jann on  
01288 361931 for  
more details

**C A M E O**

**Come And Meet  
Each Other**

**16th March 2.30 at  
11 Ashbury Grove WSM  
(Mrs Sue Isherwood)**

**Contact:  
Sue Dickenson  
this month  
01288 341016**

## The main contacts:

### MINISTRY TEAM

**Rural Dean**                   Revd David Barnes      01288 352254  
  d.barnes645@btinternet.com  
Reader                         Carol Goundry            01840 230 606  
Pastoral Coordinator       Joy Farran                 01288 341 437  
  joyfarran@btinternet.com

### UNITED BENEFICE COUNCIL

Lay Chair                     Graham Jones            01288 361 147  
  jones@maves.co.uk  
Hon. Secretary             Lesley Booker            01288 341 221  
  leslymbooker@gmail.com  
Hon. Treasurer             Anthony Farquhar        01840 230 384  
  ac.farquhar@btopenworld.com

**BENEFICE WEBSITE** [www.weekstmarycircleofchurches.org.uk](http://www.weekstmarycircleofchurches.org.uk)

**BENEFICE EMAIL** for Magazine & general :  
weekstmarycircle@gmail.com

### CHURCHWARDENS

<b>Jacobstow</b>	01840 230 526 01840 230 350	Mr Brian Marshall Mrs Frankie Franklyn
<b>Poundstock</b>	01288 361 147 01288 361 504	Mr Graham Jones Ms Hilary Kenny
<b>St Gennys</b>	01840 250 967 01840 230 006	Mrs Hannah Clifford Mr Robert Andrew
<b>Treneglos</b>	01566 781 421 01566 781 372	Mr Peter Mitchell Mrs Heather French
<b>Warbstow</b>	01566 781 063 01566 781 081	Mrs Audrey Atkin Mrs Helen Jeffs
<b>Week St Mary</b>	01288 341 221 01288 341 348	Mrs Lesley Booker Mr Dick Sowerby
<b>Whitstone</b>	01288 341 598 01288 341 699	Mr Mervyn Collins Miss Phyllis Walter
<b>Widemouth Bay</b>	01288 362 254	Miss Judy MacDonald

Printed this by

**Week St Mary Magazine**

c/o Clifton Tenement, Week St Mary, 01288 341221