

The Magazine of the  
Week St Mary Circle of Parishes

*Together*



## Moving Forward Together

Dear Friends

As you know, the Deanery Synod met on 11th September to vote upon the three suggested Deanery Plans that have been developed over the last few months.

We have discussed these plans at length and I believe that everyone understands the implications of each scenario.

In the event, Plan A was chosen which means that in the near future, our benefice will cease to exist in its present form. The Parish of St Gennys and the combined Jacobstow, Warbstow and Treneglos will become part of what is now the Boscastle Group of Parishes. The parishes of Week St Mary, Poundstock with Widemouth Bay and Whitstone will become part of a new Benefice which will also include Bude Haven and Marhamchurch. Those joining the Boscastle Group will be included in a Benefice which has a Priest in Charge, two retired clergy and a Reader who will soon be ordained to work in the Benefice as a Curate. They will also take with them four Worship Leaders and a Reader.

The new Central Benefice will have at least 6 Worship Leaders, two retired clergy willing to work part time and a clergy vacancy which could be filled by an incoming priest, possibly working half time as a parish priest and half time as a Missioner across the Deanery or by transfer of a priest already working in the Deanery. There are similar decisions to be made for the staffing of the new Northern Benefice which will include Poughill, Stratton, Launcells, Kilkhampton and Morwenstow and will have two retired clergy, two Readers, two worship leaders, a half time House for Duty clergy person and a full time Rector who may be the current person, or could be somebody employed to fill a vacancy. This post could be half priest and half missioner instead of that being the case in the centre. All of these are decisions yet to be made and which will be considered urgently with the help of the Diocese in the next few weeks.

There is a mechanism known as a Conventional District which would make it possible for all of these changes to be made without complete pastoral reorganisation, (which could take years). The formation of our Deanery into a Conventional District will be the first thing that will happen. This measure lasts for 5 years, gives a great deal of flexibility and allows change throughout the period if necessary.

Finally of course the Deanery also has some very hard decisions to make about the allocation of the 2019 MMF which is likely to increase by a minimum of 5% for the whole Deanery.

None of us want these changes, but after due consideration of all the various options the Deanery Synod decided that this was the best way forward for our Deanery as a whole. The plan helps to equalise the clergy workload across the new Benefices and gives us the chance allocate the new MMF call more fairly and evenly. The proposed staffing should be affordable in a cost based system and the provision of a Missioner to grow the church is key to ultimate success.

*Lesley Booker*

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### **Remembrance—Advance Warning for Churchwardens:**

There is obviously a severe shortage of priestly cover on days where there is an intense requirement for this and Remembrance is one of those days. Rev Rob is able to cover the services at :

0930 JSTW, 1050 WSM, 1230 WSW, 1500 STG.

This means that 0800 WB, 1100 PSK & 1100 WTN have no cover at present. Please will churchwardens investigate other clergy (or Methodist Minister) cover or arrange for a Worship Leader to lead the Act of Remembrance, then let the Editor know for the timetable. Thank you



# DIARY DATES

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Page</b>
Mon 1	Meet and Eat, Week St Mary 12.30	<b>15</b>
Mon 1	Deanery Book Club	13
<b>Mon 1</b>	<b>Jacobstow Harvest Supper &amp; Auction 7pm Church</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Mon 1</b>	<b>Whitstone Harvest Supper &amp; Auction 6.30pm Church</b>	<b>8</b>
Wed 3	Widemouth Bay Study Group 2.15	13
<b>Fri 5</b>	<b>The Countrymen at WSM Church 7.30</b>	<b>14</b>
Tue 9	Coffee Pot Club WSM Parish Hall 10-12	15
Tue 9	Adventure Church WSM Church 4.30	10
<b>Wed 10</b>	<b>A Special Opportunity to grow your church—Epiphany House Truro</b>	<b>11</b>
Fri 12	Summerhouse Activities Widemouth Bay	15
<b>Sun 14</b>	<b>Harvest Service only 1100 Church</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Sun 14</b>	<b>St Gennys Taize Worship 1800 Church</b>	<b>5</b>
Tue 16	Adventure Church WSM Church 4.30	10
Tue 16	Coffee Pot Club WSM Parish Hall 10-12	15
Wed 17	Widemouth Bay Study Group 2.15	13
Fri 19	CAMEO at 11 Ashbury Grove WSM 2pm	15
Tue 23	Coffee Pot Club WSM Parish Hall 10-12	15
Tue 23	Adventure Church WSM Church 4.30	10
Wed 24	Widemouth Bay Study Group 2.15	13
Fri 26	Widemouth Bay Summerhouse Activities 2 pm	15
Wed 31	Widemouth Bay Study Group 2.15	<b>13</b>

(Cont)	<b>Coming in November</b>	
Sat 9	Week St Mary Church Auction of Promises with Bangers and Mash Supper—Beer on sale	14
<b>Tue 20</b>	<b>Deanery Synod—Important Decision making meeting</b>	

## **Taize Worship at St Gennys**

**Bi-monthly. On the 2nd Sunday at 6pm – 14th Oct and 9th Dec**

We've introduced a bi-monthly candlelight service of Taize Worship – for Oct and Dec this will be on the second Sunday at 6pm. Taize Worship aims to be a continuous time of prayer and meditation through harmonised sung chants, short readings, spoken prayers and silent reflection.

### **What is Taize Community?**

During WW2 a Swiss Brother felt urgently called to build a community of reconciliation, and so set up a place of Sanctuary for all in need in the French village of Taize, where he and his sister gave shelter to refugees fleeing the Nazis. After the war others were inspired to join Brother Roger in community and they cared for all without discrimination, including the German POWs interned locally.

More and more people – firstly local, but followed over the years by many from further afield – began to make their way to Taize to join with the Brothers in their worship, drawn by the relevance of the message in the life of the Community – and Taize became a focal point for those seeking a just way to live in a fractured world. Today, with around 100 Brothers from different denominations and countries and a focus on Peace, Justice and Reconciliation (and, of course, Love) in a common seeking after God, its influence is felt across the world.

### **Be still and know that I am God**

The characteristic Taize chants sprang from the need for a form of worship able to carry the weight of these great themes, but simple enough to unite a gathering of people of

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different nationalities and cultures.

Much of the service is sung and these repeated chants lend themselves to different voices naturally harmonising – which is a blessing in itself if you love to sing, especially as St Gennys has such wonderful acoustics! We are lucky enough to have the accompaniment of a flute – one of the recommended instruments – but if anyone else would like to play on occasions, please get in touch with Hannah on 01840 250967- violin, Spanish guitar and other woodwind instruments are also recommended.

‘Out of silence flows praise’ is an apt description of Taize Worship – the singing both arising out of, and leading us into, a space of quietness, where we can ‘Be still and know that I am God’ – a sanctuary in a troubled world that better equips us to live within it constructively.

***Tea, Coffee and Cake etc will be available afterwards.***

*Lindi*

## **Persecuted Christians in Pakistan**

Pakistan achieved independence in 1947. In 1956 it became an Islamic Republic, while at the same time guaranteeing freedom of religion and equal citizens rights. In 1971 East Pakistan became independent as Bangladesh, taking with it the majority of Pakistans Hindus. So Pakistan became an increasingly Islamic state squeezing the smaller religious minorities.

Under the governments of Ali Bhutto and Zia ul-Haq the introduction of ever more stringent Islamic Laws transformed the country. Sharia Law was introduced by President Zia and reinforced by President Sharif in 1991. Since 1991 tensions between Muslims and Christians (2% of the population) have been deteriorating. The introduction of the “Blasphemy Laws” are having devastating consequences for all minorities, isolating them from the rest of the population, especially Christians. Many are presently languishing in prison under this legislation which is open to very varied interpretation.

Equally damaging is the abduction and forced conversion of women and girls. It is estimated that some 700 are abducted each year, often

to be raped and then forced to marry Muslim men, which also involves forced conversion.

New laws allow the government to monitor and close down NGOs, and any church not registered as an NGO will be considered illegal. Church activities are closely watched and reported on.

On top of these harassments, the Christian churches face the added threats from Islamic militants, including the Taliban, with violence, bombings and threats with many killed and injured each year.

Many Christians also suffer from institutionalised discrimination, with occupations seen as low, dirty and derogatory being officially reserved for Christians most of whom are from the poor classes. The scandal of the bonded workers in the brick making industry, where whole families end up becoming virtual slaves is well documented.

Conversion to Christianity is growing, though the fear of being labelled “apostate”.which carries the threat of the death penalty, and certain ostracism in society, makes many hesitant to make life changing decision for Christ.


### **Prayers**

- Thank God for the growth of the Church in Pakistan, and pray for its continued growth.
- Thank God for the leaders of the Church and for protection, strength and courage as they lead the spread of the gospel.
- Pray for the safety of all believers, and that the government both national and local, will ensure peace and safety for those being persecuted, especially at a local level.
- Pray for Bible translation. At present only 7 out of Pakistans 70 languages has a New Testament or Bible translation. Pray for translation teams and for resources to be available.
- Pray for all who have fallen foul of the “Blasphemy Laws”, especially those in prison. Especially remember Aasiya Bibi for strength, faith, courage and good health as she and this like her continue their time in prison
- Pray that the Taliban will be driven out of the country.

*Michael Davey*

# October Service Timetable

Week date colour	Readings	Time	Church	Service	Leader
Monday 1st		1830	Whitstone	HF	RD
		1900	Jacobstow	HF	tba
Wednesday 3rd		0830	Widemouth Bay	QM	RD
<b>Sunday 7th 19th after Trinity (Proper 22) (Green)</b>	Genesis 2:18-24 Psalm 8 Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16	0800	Widemouth Bay	QM	RD
		0930	Poundstock	HC	RD
			Week St Mary	FS	WT
		1100	St Gennys	HC	RD
1830	Jacobstow	ES	LB (MS, LC)		
Wednesday		0830	Widemouth Bay	QM	RD
<b>Sunday 14th 20th after Trinity (Proper 23) (Green)</b>  <i>No Clergy Cover This Week</i>	Amosis 5:6-7,10-15 Psalm 90:12-end Hebrews 4:12-end Mark 10:17-31	0800	Widemouth Bay	HC	No service
		0930	Jacobstow	MP	CG
		0930	Warbstow	HF	WT(AA)
		1100	Poundstock/ Bangors	MP	WT(MM)
		1100	St Gennys	HF	CG
		1100	Whitstone	HC	No service
		1800	St Gennys	TAIZE	<b>WT (HC)</b>
		1830	Week St Mary	EP	WT
Wednesday 17th	Ignatius	1030	Widemouth Bay	QM	<b>RD</b>

(  = Significant Change to the Norm)



# October Service Timetable (cont)

<b>Sunday 21st 21st after Trinity (Proper24)</b>	Isaiah 53:4- end Psalm 91:9- end Hebrews 5:1- 10 Mark 10:35- 45	1030	Jacobstow	UBS HC	<b>RD</b>
Wednesday 24th		0800	Widemouth Bay	HC	RD
<b>Sunday 28th Last after Trinity (Proper 25)  (Green)</b>	Jeremiah 31:7-9 Psalm 126 Hebrews 7:23 -end Mark 10:46- end	0800	Widemouth Bay	QM	RD
		0930	Warbstow	MP	WT(AA)
		0930	Jacobstow	HC	RD
		1100	Whitstone	MP	WT(SR)
		1100	Week St Mary	HC	RD
		1630	St Gennys	ES	WT (ND)
Wednesday 31st	Martin Luther	0830	Widemouth Bay	QM	RD



## Nov-18

<b>Sunday 4th All Saints Sunday  (Gold or White)</b>	Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 24:1-6 Revelations 21:1-6a John 11:32- 44	0800	Widemouth Bay	QM	RD
		0930	Poundstock	HC	RD
		0930	Week St Mary	FS	WT (LB,SD)
		1100	St Gennys	HC	RD
		1830	Jacobstow	ES	DP

### Key to Services

Holy Communion HC; Morning Prayer MP; Evensong ES; Evening Prayer EP; Family Service FS; United Benefice Holy Communion UBS HC; QM Quiet Mass

### Key to Officiants:

Rev R Dickenson RD, Rev D Adams DA, Reader Carol Goundry CG

Worship Team WT

Worship Leaders in WT are: Audrey Atkin, Drue Pratt, Nick Danks, Lesley Booker, Sue Reppold, Micheline Smith, Linda Cobbledick, Hannah Clifford & Sue Dickenson



## 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!

### Adventure Church New Term:

The Adventurers have made a good start this term with Crafting and Cooking and have also held a tea party for special guests whom they have invited, welcomed, looked after and chatted to at their 25th September Meeting.

They also took part in the Revel Celebrations and contributed their efforts to the children's vegetable animal competition as well as enthusiastically entering the Fancy Dress on Revel Saturday

We plan to do a beach clean at the end of the month and are then commissioned to dress the window of the Community Shop with our finds and a message about recycling and reducing plastic waste.



## **A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY**

As those of you who were at the Deanery Synod last month will know, the Deanery is taking part in the second round of Accompanied Ministerial Development (AMD2). Our Deanery College has already attended a three day conference at Epiphany House in Truro and at this meeting we began to plan how we wanted AMD2 to help our Deanery to develop and to grow.

The AMD2 Team, headed by Sally Piper, has suggested that the best way to begin to address our needs is to set up a series of Saturday meetings with speakers and materials that will help us to lead our churches into growth - one of the major aspirations of our plans for the future.

The programme uses people with experience and proven success in growing their churches to train other people to become leaders in their own churches.

Our Benefice would very much like to invite YOU to attend an introductory day at Epiphany House in Truro on 10th October. This will be the middle day of another three day residential for the College and a set of special speakers including Bishop Chris will be attending to introduce us all to the LYCIG (Leading Your Church Into Growth) programme. There will be help with transport at a rate of 45p per mile for those driving and you will be well fed all day long!

Please ask me for the programme for the day which starts at 9.45 and finishes at 5.30pm with lots of breaks, food and drink.

I would be really grateful if you would seriously consider attending this day - you are under no future obligation, but I hope that you will be inspired to join in with some of the monthly LYCIG days which will be held in our Deanery - some at Otterham Hall and some at the Falcon Hotel in Bude over 6 months.

We are going through a time of intense change and it increasingly obvious that our churches cannot survive unless we take things into our own hands and proactively work towards growing our church membership. In the not so distant future, we should all have the support of a priest, but for the time being we must move forward, taking every opportunity that is offered to us. Hopefully the LYCIG programme will give us guidance and inspiration and this introductory day may help us to decide who else should be invited and encouraged to join us.

If you are able to attend, please send me your full name and contact details including a number for any emergency that may arise while you are away from home plus any special dietary requirements - as you can tell, food is an important part of these events!

*LESLEY      01288 341221 [lesleybooker@gmail.com](mailto:lesleybooker@gmail.com)*

## September 2018– Hilda Walter

The only red letter days this month are St Luke on the 18th and Simon and St Jude on the 25th

We have St Francis of Assisi on the 4th. He is often portrayed with animals. At Assisi there is a statue of him, on the hand they put grain, the pigeons come and eat it. They also feed the pigeons in the square as the clock strikes noon. The pigeons come, eat the grain and fly away

After much thinking and talking decisions have been made to reorganise the Benefice. For most of us it will mean very little. Whatever it means we need to get on with it.

Recently there has been the arguments about school uniform so I thought I would share this with you. My Daughter went to boarding school in Bideford. After her 'O' levels she asked if she could go to the Bude school for her 'A' levels as then she would get to know girls in Bude. This she did and after a few months she came to me and said 'I want to leave school'. When asked why she explained, 'I am used to school uniform and here in the 6th form you can wear what you like. I hate the continual 'what shall I wear I like uniform that you put on and get on with the job'. So at 17 she left went to London joined the Ministry of Defence bought a suit and got on with it.

I suppose in the same way Clergy wear robes to help them to get on with the job without thinking what colour trousers shall I wear today. One of my boys was trained to lecture and was told never wear anything that will distract the listener from what you are saying.

In 'Taking the Leap' by Pema Chodron I read 'Any form of prayer, meditation or contemplation should end in greater acceptance of things as they are. Willingness to get on with the present situation. Ability to take inner peace into the market place'. Unfortunately we seek comfort.

Either we face up to life or we retreat and look for an escape, holiday, drink, food. 'Look out of the window or up at the sky, allow a gap in your discursive mind'.

Whatever happens to us is happening all over the world and - we are very privileged.

So let us put on the armour of God and get on with it

### **Prayer**

Forgive us wanting to be always right. Teach us to accept criticism. Be with us as we weep and as we laugh. Help us to get on with what ever has to be done without complaining.

We give our selves to you for better or worse for richer or poorer. In sickness and in health.....

**Amen**

## WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY!

We welcome the following children to their Baptisms over the coming month—do please welcome and include their families if you get the chance to join in with the service or if you meet them outside of church.



### Welcome to:

Isabella-Lilly Priestly Week St Mary 30th September

Noah Michael Piet Foster Poundstock 7th October

Katinka Green St Gennys 28th October

**God Bless you All**

### Widemouth Bay Study Group

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

The Group are reading 'The beginnings of Christianity' by Andrew Welburn.

**Fresh brains welcome!!**



Ring Hilda  
on  
01288  
361323  
for more  
details

### STRATTON DEANERY BOOK CLUB



Next book :

**Love's Endeavour  
by W.H Vanstone**

First Monday of each month

14 Monterey Close, Bude,  
EX23 8DX at 7.30pm  
Gail Brace: 01288 352412  
**New members always  
welcome.**

# Benefice Forthcoming Events List-

Please check that your new event does not compromise one already planned by another Parish!

WSM	Concert the Countrymen	5 <sup>th</sup> October Concert in church with Pasty supper
Jstw	Harvest	8 <sup>th</sup> October
Wstw	Harvest Festival & Auction	14 <sup>th</sup> October 3 pm
WSM	Auction of Promises	9 <sup>th</sup> November Parish Hall with Bangers and Mash, Beer and Wine
Pstck	Remembrance	11 <sup>th</sup> November 11.00
StG	Remembrance with Band	11 <sup>th</sup> November 1500
WSM	Remembrance	11 <sup>th</sup> November 11.00
Deanery	Synod Meeting	20 <sup>th</sup> Nov, Otterham Hall
WSM	Mulled Wine Evening	7 <sup>th</sup> December Ranelagh
Pstck	Christmas Day Communion	25 <sup>th</sup> December 09.30
Pstck	Carol Service	16 <sup>th</sup> December
StG	Carol Service with Band	16 <sup>th</sup> December

## Jacobstow

## Harvest

## Festival

**Monday 1st October**

**7 pm Service in Church**



**Followed by Harvest Supper**

**and Auction in Parish Hall**



**Week St. Mary Church on Friday 5th October, at 7.30pm**

Entry by Ticket only ~ to include a **PASTY SUPPER** with Tea, Coffee, Wine & Beer on sale



**Tickets available from:**

- Week St. Mary Community Shop
- Martin Group Services (Bude)
- The Countryman Inn
- Linda Cobbledick: 01288 341468

**Tickets £10 · Under 12s £5**

**Meet 'n' Eat  
Next Soup and  
Sweet Lunch  
1st October**

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

**Everyone is very  
Welcome**

**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**

October Meetings

Re-organising the Sum-  
merhouse Kitchen!  
Further outreach in  
November.

Ring Jann on  
01288 361931  
for more details



**C A M E O**

**Come And Meet  
Each Other**

**Friday 19th October at  
11 Ashbury Grove  
Sue & Rob  
Isherwood's home.**

**Contact:**

**Sue Dickenson  
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