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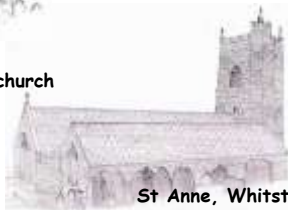
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FROM THE RECTOR:

Dear Friends,

A son took his father out for an evening dinner. His father being old and weak, while eating dropped food on his shirt and trousers. Other diners watched him in disgust while his son was calm. After he finished eating, his son who was not at all embarrassed, quietly took him to the washroom, wiped the food particles, removed the stains, combed his hair and fitted his spectacles firmly.

When they came out the entire restaurant was watching them in dead silence not able to grasp how someone could embarrass themselves publicly like that. The son settled the bill and started walking out with his father. At that time an old man amongst the diners called out to the son and asked him, "Don't you think you have left something behind?"

The son replied, "No Sir, I haven't."

The older man retorted, "Yes you have, you left a lesson for every son and hope for every father." The restaurant went silent. The old man continued, "To care for those who once cared for us is one of the highest honours. We all know how our parents cared for us for every little thing. Love them, respect them, and care for them."

The Bible says, Honour your Father and Mother....
Exodus chapter 20 verse 12.

Otherwise, what example are you setting for your children?

Every blessing

Rev David

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A note from the Editor:

Copy deadlines for 2025 issues of *Voices Together* are:

July: June 20th August: July 18th

September: August 22nd October: September 19th

November: October 17th December: November 21st

Jan/Feb 2026: December 12th

INCLUSIONS FOR THE WEEKLY PEW SHEET

To have your Notices included in the Pew Sheet please contact Sue Shadrack on 01288 361666 or email her at



POUNDSTOCK EVENTS IN JUNE & JULY

Weds 11th June: *Your Gardens & Gardening Questions/Problems*. 7.30 pm £4.00 per person to include tea/coffee & biscuits. There will be a raffle.

Friday 27th June: *POP UP PUB* 7.30—11 pm

Weds 9th July: *The History of John Deere Tractors*, with Bert. 7.30 pm £4.00 per person to include tea/coffee & biscuits. There will be a raffle.

Sunday 13th July: *The Commotion Time*—play read through with Sarah Dickenson and some of the original cast. Time and entry fee TBC. Contact 07428 161323 for more details.

Friday 25th July: *POP UP PUB with music* 7.30—11.00

Dates for your June Diary:

- Mon 2nd: Meet & Eat, WSM Parish Hall 12 noon
- Mon 9th: Happy Memories Memory Café, WSM church 2—4 pm
- Wed 11th: Wednesday Talk, Poundstock Gildhouse see p 4 for details
- Sat 14th: Lego Café, WSM church 9.30—11.30 am
Stratton Hospital Fete 2 pm see p 24 for details
- Wed 18th: WSM Lunch Club, WSM church 12 noon
- Thur 19th: MU Open Day, St Endellion see p 10 for details
- Fri 20th: CAMEO, Ranelagh, WSM 2 pm
- Fri 27th: Pop up Pub, Poundstock Gildhouse see p 4 for details
- Sat 21st: Murder Mystery evening, WSM see p 23 for details
- Mon 23rd: Happy Memories Memory Café, WSM church 2—4 pm
- Wed 25th: PCC Meeting, St Marwenne's, at Angela Grills' 3 pm

Dates for your July Diary:

- Mon 7th: Meet & Eat, WSM Parish Hall 12 noon
- Wed 9th: Wednesday Talk, Poundstock Gildhouse see p 4 for details
- Sun 13th: *The Commotion*, Poundstock Gildhouse see p 4 for details
- Thur 24th: MU Quiet Day, St Endellion see page 10 for details
- Fri 25th: Pop up Pub, Poundstock Gildhouse see p 4 for details

Regular Group Meetings:

- Tuesday afternoons: Week St Mary Adventure Church 4.30 pm
- Tuesday evenings: Bible Study St Marwenne's house group—contact Janet Ward 01409 255 759
- Wednesday mornings: Coffee & Chat, The Bray, Marhamchurch 10.30-noon
- Wednesday mornings: Bible Study at St Michael's, 11 am

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Monday 23rd

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Deanery Confirmations

Earlier this year Week St Mary Church was the venue for a visit from Bishop Hugh Nelson to confirm eight candidates from Stratton Deanery, two of whom were also baptised.

Those confirmed were Anthony, Sharon, Ruth, Katrina, Tracey, Paul, and Claire from Bude and Kilkhampton and Pamela from Week St Mary.

Anthony and Pamela were baptised at the start of the service.

All who attended enjoyed a Bring and Share supper and fellowship after the service.

Photos show Pamela with Bishop Hugh, and all the candidates as they proudly carry their candles as a symbol of their new life.

Lesley Booker



News from Marhamchurch

Marhamchurch celebrated VE80 day with a day full of events. It started with the reading of the Proclamation by the chairman of the parish council, Cllr Tony Perry, and the raising of the VE80 flag above St Marwenne's Church.

All day in the Bray Institute was a collection of Marhamchurch's history of WW2. The Bray was decorated with bunting made by the children from Messy Church. In the afternoon the bells rang out from St Marwenne's, followed by a visit from an ice - cream van. In the chapel the ladies from the WI and the chapel served cream teas, a selection of cakes which included a cake made from a recipe from war time. In the evening the Scouts sold hot dogs and the day was completed at the War Memorial by the reading of the tribute by Cllr Tom O'Sullivan and the lighting of the Lamp of Peace. Finally I Vow To Thee My Country was sung.

Kerstie Hunter



Mothers' Union – Kledh Kernow

Last month MU members met and enjoyed a pleasant social afternoon catching up with news and exchanging ideas about future meetings. We were joined by Jean, a new lady to the group, who has recently moved into the Bude area. There were some interesting ideas that will be shared in future articles, so please watch this space. All our meetings are open to all and you can be sure of a warm welcome.

Next month we will be holding our main fundraising event for MU projects in Cornwall. These two projects support children and young people throughout the county, especially young carers and disabled youngsters, helping them cope with the many pressures they encounter in life. Judy Dunne will be hosting a **cream tea**, and we warmly invite everyone to come and support our work:

Wednesday 18th June, 2pm- 4pm at 6 Drovers Way Stratton

Diary Dates

There will be an MU Open Day for members and friends on June 19th 2pm -4pm at St Endellion Church Hall.

July 24th : MU Quiet Day in St Endellion Church & Hall, 10.30am to 3.30pm, led by MU Chaplain, Rev Nicki Farr. Tea and coffee etc provided. Please bring your own lunch.

A Cream Tea & Evensong will follow.

Sheila Waring

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Readings may be adapted for particular services

SERVICES FOR JUNE

DATE	READINGS	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LEADER
Sunday 1st 7th Sunday of Easter	Acts 16: 16-34	09.30	Holy Communion	BH	DS
	Psalms 97	10.00	All Age Worship	WSM	WL
	Revelation 22: 12-14. 16-17. 20-end	18.00	Evening Prayer	M	WL
	John 17: 20—end				
Wednesday 4th		08.30	Morning Prayer	Zoom	WL
		10.00	Holy Communion	BH	DS
Sunday 8th Pentecost Whit Sunday	Acts 2: 1—21	09.30	Holy Communion	M	DS
	Psalms 104: 25-35. 37	09.30	Morning Prayer	P	WL
	Romans 8: 14—17	11.15	Holy Communion	W	DS
	John 14: 8-17 [25-27]	18.00	Evening Prayer	WSM	DS
Wednesday 11th		08.30	Morning Prayer	Zoom	DS
		10.00	Holy Communion	WB	DS
Sunday 15th Trinity Sunday	Proverbs 1-4. 22-31	09.30	Holy Communion	BH	DS
	Psalms 8	09.30	Morning Prayer	M	WL
	Romans 5: 1-5	11.15	Holy Communion	WSM	DS
	John 16: 12-15				
Wednesday 18th		08.30	Morning Prayer	Zoom	DS
		10.00	Holy Communion	BH	DS

SERVICES FOR JUNE

DATE	READINGS	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LEADER
Sunday 22nd Trinity 1	Isaiah 65: 1—9	09.30	Holy Communion	M	RD
	Psalm 22: 18—27	09.30	Holy Communion	P	DS
	Galatians 3: 23—end	09.30	Morning Prayer	W	WL
	Luke 8: 26—39	10.00	Morning Prayer	WSM	WL
		11.15	Holy Communion	BH	DS
Wednesday 25th		08.30	Morning Prayer	Zoom	WL
		10.00	Holy Communion	WB	DS
Sunday 29th Trinity 2 Benefice Service	Acts 12: 1—11 Psalm 125 1 Peter 2: 19—end Matthew 16: 13—19	10.30	BENEFICE COMMUNION SERVICE	W	DS

KEY: CHURCHES: BH = Bude Haven M = Marhamchurch P = Poundstock WSM = Week St Mary W = Whitstone WB = Widemouth Bay	LEADERS: DS = Rev David Saunders RD = Rev Rob Dickenson RWS = Rev R Ward-Smith WT = Lay Worship Team WL = Worship Leader MM = Methodist Minister
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Week St Mary Church News

Gift Day : Week St Mary church had a very busy day on 10th May when Lego Cafe, Breakfast, afternoon cakes, restoration plans and hand bell ringing all came together to make a highly successful Gift Day.

Many thanks to all who helped in any way to make the day go so well and particularly to those who gave so generously to the Church and to the Graveyard Fund. Our village church relies on all of you. Thank you

VE Day Ringing: Thanks to Week St Mary Ringers for your tribute on VE Day. Over 30 people joined the ringers for a peal of 80 changes and a glass of fizz to toast the brave souls

Adventure Church: Thank you to Adventure Church children who have planted up the flower troughs on the village green and to those who will maintain them throughout the summer.

Adventure church has already had a busy time this term with a visit to Brendon Farm after Easter which was very much appreciated - thank you to the Gubbin family for making us so welcome (and to WSM Community shop for the Easter Eggs!); they also planted their own mini vegetable garden in the churchyard and are looking forward to radishes, lettuces, carrots and potatoes. We had a sunny treasure hunt and made our own burgers to eat outside one evening recently and will be going to Tudor House for Pond dipping and a Barbecue soon.

New members are always welcome from 4 years to upper primary school age, we meet every Tuesday at the church and often go out for special visits or activities. It is best to check that we'll be at home if you would like to come by ringing 07967 684823 (Lesley Booker) Weekly Communications are by our Facebook page Week St Mary Adventure Church and our Messenger group. You don't have to be a church goer but we always include a Bible story and a prayer within our activities 4.30-6 on Tuesdays.

Lesley Booker



Adventure
church
activities:
Left: Food in
church
Right: Quinn
with his home
-made burger;
Below: Flower
troughs on
the village
green



VE day group in
church

Photos: Lesley Booker

Your own Greenfingers—in your June Garden with Will Barrow



My tip for this month is timely, as it covers most months of the year.

An important part of gardening is the feeding of plants, and many people are totally confused by the vast array of liquid and granular feed displayed on Garden Centre shelves. (Sometimes the cynic in me wonders how gardeners many decades ago managed to grow excellent things using no additives at all) Today it is very big business, but there is absolutely no need whatever to spend a small fortune on plant food.

Flowers, leaves, fruit and vegetables require Nitrogen (N), Potassium (K) and Phosphorus (P) which is vital for roots.

So, if you are confused dot com, the answer is simple. Tomato feed which Monty Don applauds, and Fish Blood and Bone are both useful, but in my experience there is one product which excels and has found favour in gardening magazines. It is liquid SEAWEED. The best is by Vitax, a very good and responsible company. This seaweed is Fucus, the bladderwrack genus fucaceae. It contains all the necessary N,K and P in the correct proportions, and I have no hesitation in recommending it for all your plants, BUT (isn't there always a BUT ?) ---- it is essential that you follow the instructions on the bottle label so that you do not over-feed. Also never apply it in very cold weather or very hot and dry summer weather. Potted plants in particular should be fed to obtain the best results.

That's enough to be getting on with, and do find time to enjoy your June garden. Sit and relax, or just stand and stare and marvel at Mother Nature.

WILL

My garden is my most beautiful masterpiece

Claud Monet

Red Letter Days in June 2025

Sunday the 8th is Whit Sunday when we celebrate the Coming of The Holy Spirit, not only in the days of the Apostles but here and now. Wednesday the 11th we remember St Barnabas who sold all his possessions (Acts 36-37) The 15th is Trinity Sunday, one of the readings for that day is Romans 5 v 1-5 and we have to understand that God includes the teaching of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. We affirm, in the Creed, that we believe in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

With the Television we have been able to share with people who have memories of the war days. It highlights the heartbreak of the children evacuated, the ones whose homes were destroyed and whose fathers never came back. I found it hard to rejoice. At that time I was in the Fleet Air Arm near Liverpool; we had the day off. The only different thing was that in the evening some of the Officers let off a few rockets.

It is not highlighted as Red Letter but the 4th of June is when Cornwall celebrates the example of St Petroc. He lived in the 6th century, came from Wales and founded a monastery in Padstow. It is interesting to find that Bede, who wrote of the council at the Synod of Whitby (664), which settled the date of Easter, mentions the Priests from Cornwall who were part of the Synod. How people managed to go huge distances without cars. My Grandfather sailed in three masted boats between Cornwall and Newfoundland, he read the Bible many times when they were becalmed.

We do not want to go backwards but we do need to slow down if we want to be used by God. I find that it is a good idea to write a list of what needs doing tomorrow before you go to bed. You may not do it all but it does give you a reason for getting out of bed. The Glory of life is to serve. Not to be served. To be a strong hand in the dark to another in the time of need. To be a cup of strength to any soul in a crisis of weakness (Francis de Sales).

Prayer:

Dear Lord,

We give ourselves to you. Bless all who work with children. Thank you for all our blessings. Forgive us when we fail to reach out to those in need. We place into your hands all the killing of humans by humans.

Use us.

Amen

Hilda Walter



RECENT BELL RINGING ACTIVITIES IN THE BENEFICE

Benefice ringers have been busy during the past month.

On the first Saturday the Tamar Valley Guild of ringers held its AGM at Whitstone after a service led by Rev David. The hosts provided an excellent tea in St Anne's hall, and several towers were open during the day to visiting bands.

Our branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild of ringers was invited to ring at Truro Cathedral on the following Monday. There was an impressive turnout, with the opportunity to ring on 12 bells too good to miss. The thing that caught out some of us was the need to ring more slowly than we are accustomed to. Our ability to adapt was sorely tested, yet some relatively inexperienced ringers did better than some of the old-timers. Our Guild secretary Hayley ran the practice very well by staggering the number of bells being rung, so we started on familiar numbers, bells in the middle of the 12, then added the back (heavier) bells to make it up to 10, then finally the trebles, the lightest bells (and the most difficult to control) to make up the complete 12. I hope that we can match the numbers who turned up at our next opportunity in September.

Finally, it was good to see that so many towers commemorated VE Day. We did not have the numbers to all ring at the advertised time of 6.30, but we did manage to cover not only many in our Benefice, but also outside our Benefice, Jacobstow, Poughill, Stratton and Launcells.

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Loving God, I place into your hands:

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all my concerns about the fragility of the
environment;

all my worries about my own life.

Loving God, I place into your hands

today, tomorrow and all time Amen

Services on zoom

We will continue Zoom Services for as long as there is a demand for them. If there are any types of service other than Sunday morning prayer, Family Service or Holy Communion and Wednesday morning prayer that you miss and would like to see especially on Zoom either regularly or as a one off, please let me know and I will see what can be done.

Lesley Booker lesleybooker@gmail.com

For times of all church services for the month please see pages 14 and 15. Each Sunday there will be a "zoomed" service and Morning Prayer on Wednesdays will be on zoom at 8.30 am.

St Marwenne's House Group

The aim of the group is about growing in discipleship. It meets every Tuesday evening. Contact Janet Ward on 01409 255759 or email her at janetmwuk@gmail.com for more details.

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