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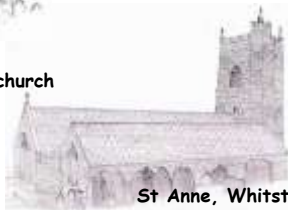
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St Mary the Virgin, Week St Mary



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## FROM THE RECTOR:

Dear friends

### What's my purpose?

**Cry** has three letters but so does **joy**.

**Hate** has four letters but so does **love**.

**Enemies** has seven letters but so does **friends**.

**Failure** has seven letters but so does **success**.

**Negativity** had ten letters but so does **positivity**.

You always have a choice. So choose the better side.

"What's my purpose in life?" I asked God. "What if I told you that you fulfilled it when you took an extra hour to talk to your children about their life?" God said. "Or when you paid for that couple in the restaurant? Or when you saved that dog in traffic? Or when you tied your father's shoes for him?"

"Your problem is that you equate your purpose with goal-based achievement. I'm not interested in your achievements, just your heart. When you chose to act out of kindness, compassion and love, you are already aligned with your true purpose."

"No need to look any further!"

Do everything in love. 1 Corinthians 16:14

Every blessing

Rev David

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## A note from the Editor:

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

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 s.shadrack79@gmail.com before Tuesday evening if possible.



## POUNDSTOCK EVENTS IN JULY & AUGUST

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

Sunday 17th August: Cream Tea, 2.30—5.00 pm

Friday 22nd August: Pop up Pub 7.30—11.00 pm

## **Dates for your July Diary:**

- Sat 5th: Free Family Fun Festival, Bude Castle Grounds see p 19
- Mon 7th: Meet & Eat, WSM Parish Hall 12 noon
- Wed 9th: Wednesday Talk, Poundstock Gildhouse see p 4 for details
- Sun 13th: *The Commotion Time*, Poundstock Gildhouse see p 4 for details
- Thur 24th: MU Quiet Day, St Endellion see page 19 for details
- Sun 20th: *Matinée Musicale*, St Michael's church 4 pm see p 8
- Fri 25th: Pop up Pub, Poundstock Gildhouse see p 4 for details
- Sun 27th: Canal walk and Tea in aid of St Marwenne's see p 22
- Wed 30th: Messy Church, St Michael's 10.30—12.30 see p 18

## **Dates for your August Diary:**

- Sun 17th: Cream Tea, Poundstock Gildhouse, 2.30—5 pm
- Mon 18th: Marhamchurch Revel from 2.30 pm
- Fri 22nd: Pop up Pub, Poundstock Gildhouse 7.30—11 pm

## **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

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## Matinée Musicale

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to celebrate our new piano;  
followed by a Cream Tea



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## Red letter days in July 2025

**S**t Thomas is celebrated on the 3rd (John 20 24-29), St Mary Magdalene on the 27th (John 20 1-2 11-18) and James the Apostle on the 25th (Matthew 20 20-28).

Here we are in the second half of the year. We have had beautiful sun and long awaited rain. I often think that we are obsessed by weather. We want to know what is coming so that we can prepare for it. Is it the same with coming to the end of our days, we want to know what is to come? Many years ago I found this: "I love to look in the face of the fire and see the things I would come true, But perhaps, we should soon get tired, of what was to be, if we already knew." Let us wait patiently and accept 'what-ever'.

In the garden there are pigeons. Last year they were nesting in a very high tree but this year there is a nest nearer to my window. I put out seed, the fattest pigeons in the world live here. In *Springwatch* we saw how wild life manages to keep going. When I saw a baby pigeon, dead, I cried, but in all life there is death. Every day there are accidents, deliberate murder, warfare and the saddest thing is that young children are killing each other. When I was a child there was HELL, so you were constantly reminded that was where you would go if you broke any of the 10 Commandments. At primary School I remember drawing Heaven at the Top, Earth in the Middle and Hell below.

I am told that half the people in prison are dyslexic. Schools have failed to pick this up. As a family we have one grandson who was lucky enough to be diagnosed in primary school. He was interested in cars and now is married with a son and runs his own car business.

No doubt, like me, you find some days seem full of problems and some glide along smoothly. Sunday is a good day. Going to Church wears me out and I feel justified in falling asleep in the afternoon.

Usually there are one or two hymns that are running through my mind that can keep me closer to 'God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.' In 1985 I wrote a prayer leaflet for the Mothers Union. In it I mentioned the need for rule in our lives. In 2012 we were being asked to bring rule into our lives.

On July 11th we celebrate St Benedict who lived around 550. His rule contained Obedience, Labour and Prayer.



**Prayer:**

Lord help us to work with you, to give you time to work in us. May we be able to say 'Not I but Christ within me'.

*Hilda Walter*

## **Mothers' Union – Kledh Kernow Branch**

As I sit down to write this article our branch has not yet held its monthly meeting. I am hoping that the fine weather we enjoyed in May will return for our fundraising Cream Tea on June 18<sup>th</sup>, raising funds for our Diocesan projects supporting children and young people throughout Cornwall.

This is a good opportunity to thank Sandy for the MU flower arrangement for the St Andrew's flower festival. The theme was *Kings and Queens* and Sandy filled the Lady Chapel with a depiction of carnival queens, including a maypole surrounded with beautiful flowers, and information about MU and our new patron Sophie the Duchess of Edinburgh.

**Diary Dates:**

July 24<sup>th</sup> MU Quiet Day at St Endellion's Church and Hall, 10.30am to 3.30am, led by MU Chaplain, Rev Niki Farr. Tea and coffee will be provided. Please bring a packed lunch. All are welcome to attend.

*Sheila Waring*

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**PLEASE NOTE: SERVICES MAY CHANGE—check pew sheets/ local information/ACNY website. For key to churches see back page.**

**Readings may be adapted for particular services**

## SERVICES FOR JULY

DATE	READINGS	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LEADER
Wednesday 2nd		08.30 10.00	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Zoom BH	WL DS
Sunday 6th Trinity 3	Isaiah 66: 10—14 Psalm 66: 1—8 Galatians 6: [1-6] 7-16 Luke 10: 1-11. 16-20	09.30 10.00 18.00	Holy Communion All Age Worship Evening Prayer	BH WSM M	DS WL WL
Wednesday 9th		08.30 10.00	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Zoom WB	WL DS
Sunday 13th Trinity 4	Deuteronomy 30: 9-14 Psalm 25: 1-10 Colossians 1: 1—14 Luke 10: 25-37	09.30 09.30 11.15 18.00	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Holy Communion Evening Prayer	M P W WSM	DS WL DS WL
Wednesday 16th		08.30 10.00	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Zoom BH	DS DS
Sunday 20th Trinity 5	Genesis 18: 1-10a Psalm 15 Colossians 1: 15-28 Luke 10: 38-end	09.30 09.30 11.15	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Holy Communion	BH M WSM	DS WL DS



## SERVICES FOR JULY

DATE	READINGS	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LEADER
Wednesday 23rd		08.30 10.00	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Zoom WB	DS DS
Sunday 27th Trinity 6	Genesis 18:20-32 Psalm 138 Colossians 2: 6-15 [16—19] Luke 11: 1—13	09.30 09.30 09.30 10.00 11.15	Holy Communion Holy Communion Morning Prayer Morning Prayer Holy Communion	M P W WSM BH	RD DS WL WL DS
Wednesday 30th		08.30 10.00	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Zoom WB	WL DS

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

### OUR DEANERY PRAYER

O generous God,  
You invite your people to discover the Kingdom  
And grow the church;  
Give us, then, the courage, the strength and the vision  
To share in the mission and ministry  
Of your Son  
That with the Lord of the Church  
We may be, truly, the Church of the Lord. Amen



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Gardening, however, is a strange beast, even a joker, and one adventurous gardener made headlines in a horticultural magazine which showed images of his splendid displays of all the above plants grown in his soil which was loamy chalk with limestone scree. Definitely not ericaceous! His garden had been what he described as 'a limestone quarry'. He decided to experiment and plant acid-lovers. The results speak for themselves with a total of over five hundred glorious plants. This enterprising gardener became a respected member of the RHS's Rhododendron, Camellia and Magnolia Group, and he is much acclaimed world-wide.

Today's news is full of the prohibition of various things, sometimes after a complaint from just one person. How long will it be before some of our treasured plants are unobtainable because someone ate a poisonous berry, or the mental health of a timid lady was affected when she saw one of the (yes, scary!) exotic cacti which resembles a human being? Many flowers and shrubs have a degree of toxicity, especially Aconitum. Others can affect skin and eyes, so always wash your hands after handling them and wear gloves if convenient. Caution must be taken of course when little children are in the garden unsupervised, but refusing to grow flowers such as a few offenders including Peonies, Agapanthus, Echium and Rosemary is not an option and our freedom must be maintained. But please don't be terrified! Gardeners have a habit of living long lives and toxins would not affect everybody. Just be sensible and don't eat berries, leaves or flowers unless you know they are edible, and never rub your eyes after handling plants.

Enjoy your July garden!

Will.

/Will Barrow continued:

Note:

Regarding toxicity details, Will Barrow always buys plants from the Cornish nursery Burncoose (tel. 01209 860316). All the plants listed in their free catalogue which is lavishly illustrated, give toxicity information which is extremely useful.

*Herkneth thise blisful briddes, how they singe!  
and see the fresshe floures, how they springe!*

Geoffrey Chaucer 1343-1400

### **HELP!! GARDENING CORRESPONDENT NEEDED!**

I am sad to announce that Will Barrow is hanging up the trowel and can no longer supply us with our beloved gardening page. Between them, Will & Greenfingers have done a huge amount for the magazine over many, many years and we owe them our gratitude. THANK YOU.

Will's last article will appear next month.

So ... would **you**, or someone you know, like to take over as gardening correspondent? I would be more than happy to hear from you! My contact details are on page 2. Ring me for a chat if you want to find out more.

*Clare Hicks, Editor*

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PART 1

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1797–1828

Schubert is a favourite of many people who love his soul-searching and heartfelt gentleness, so different from the heavier Wagner and Bach. He is included in the Romantic era of music, which says it all.

He was born into a musical family in Vienna, in 1797. When he was only eight years old he sang in a church choir, and his father introduced him to the violin. This exceptionally talented boy was already a good pianist and the violin was now added to his pleasure. Three years later, aged eleven, he was accepted into the Vienna Court Chapel as a chorister, with Salieri as his mentor. He studied composition and wrote a great many works including his first symphony. When he reached the age of sixteen he left the Court Chapel to begin training as a teacher which was the wish of his father who ran his own school.

Music, however, was his only interest and in due course he gave up his work as a teacher. He continued to compose an astounding number of works - sacred, choral, 600 songs, over 70 chamber works, and over 20 piano sonatas.

The Esterhazy family admired Schubert's talent and they employed him as a music teacher to their children. He was then twenty-one, a remarkably young age for such an exceptional musician. By this time he had written another two symphonies and notably his much-loved song cycle The Erl King (D328).

He had many young friends who spent evenings with him at home, where he played his music. These were known as "Schubertiads". They sang, they danced, they drank wine, and there were sometimes wild

parties with foolish behaviour. (Nothing changes!) In 1823 he caught syphilis.

He adored Beethoven, who gave him encouragement, but they did not meet until Beethoven was on his death bed. Schubert was a torch-bearer at his funeral in 1827.

Schubert died in 1828, less than two months before his thirty-second birthday. The cause of death was given as typhoid, not syphilis, which some writers have claimed. He was finally laid to rest close to Beethoven.

One of his very close friends was Franz Eckel who said: *Schubert's life was one of inner spiritual thought and was seldom expressed in words, but almost entirely in music.*

**PADER AGAN ARLOEDH:  
THE LORD'S PRAYER IN CORNISH  
(Modern form in Kernewek Kemmyn)**

Agan Tas ni, usi yn nev,  
bennigys re bo dha hanow,  
re dheffo dha wlaskor,  
re bo gwrys dha volonjedh  
yn nor kepar hag yn nev.  
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mes salw ni dhiworth drog.  
Rag dhiso jy yw an wlaskor,  
ha'n galloes ha'n gordhyans,  
bys vykken ha bynari

Amen





## WEEK ST MARY LEGO CAFÉ

TBA

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## Week St Mary Lunch Club

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### A Prayer for our Times

Loving God, I place into your hands:

all my fears about the state of the world;

all my despair at the violence within the world;

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](mailto: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**

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