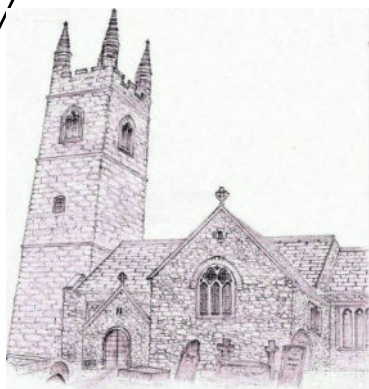


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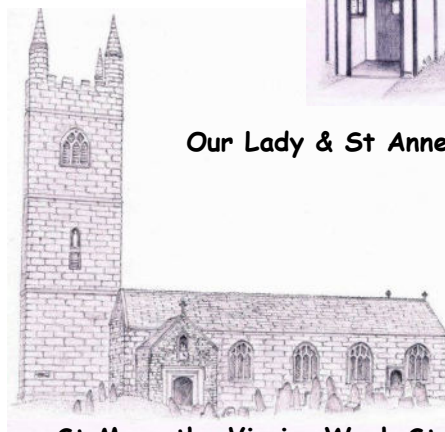
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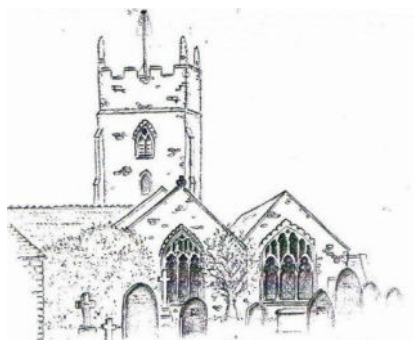
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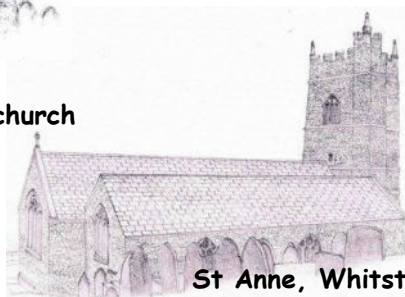
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FROM THE RECTOR:

Dear Friends,

True Riches

One day a rich dad took his son on a trip to a village. He wanted to show him how poor someone can be. They spent time on the farm of a poor family. On their return from the trip the father asked his son how was the trip

"It was great, dad." the son replied.

"Did you see how poor people live?" the father asked.

"Oh yes," said the son.

"So, tell me, what did you learn from this trip?" asked the father.

The son answered. "We have one dog but they have four. We have a pool but they have rivers. We have tube lights at night but they have the stars. We buy food but they grow their own. We have walls to protect us but they have a community to protect each other. We have a television but they spend their time with family and friends."

The boy's father was speechless.

Then his son added. "Thanks, dad, for showing me how poor we are."

Jesus warned: ***Be careful and guard against all kinds of greed. Life is not measured by how much one owns.*** Luke chapter 12 verse 15. Youth Bible.

Every blessing

Rev David

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June: May 16th July: June 20th August: July 18th
September: August 22nd October: September 19th
November: October 17th December: November 21st
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Thurs 8th: VE 80 celebrations, Marhamchurch see p 8
Sat 10th: Reader Day, St Petroc's, Bodmin from 9.30 pm see p 19
Mon 12th: Happy Memories Memory Café, WSM church 2—4 pm
Mon 12th: MU Branch Meeting, Stamford House, 2 pm
Wed 14th: NSPCC Coffee Morning 10.30—noon see p 4
Fri 16th: CAMEO 11 Ashbury Grove, WSM 2 pm
Sat 17th: Plant Sale, Poundstock Gildhouse, 10—12.30 see p 18
Mon 26th: Happy Memories Memory Café, WSM church 2—4 pm
Wed 28th: Messy Church, St Michael's, Bude 10.30—12.30 see p9

Dates for your June Diary:

Mon 2nd: Meet & Eat, WSM Parish Hall 12 noon
Sat 14th: Stratton Hospital Fete 2 pm see p 21

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
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9.00am VE80 Proclamation by War Memorial read by Parish Council Chairman Mr Tony Perry

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2.00pm/4.00pm Refreshments in the Methodist School Rooms c/o of the Chapel and WI

2.30pm Ringing Out for Peace by St Marwenne's Church Bells

6.00pm/9.00pm Hotdogs Sold by the Scouts by the War Memorial

**9.15pm Lighting the Lamp of Peace & International Tribute read by Councillor Tom O'Sullivan
(Singing I Vow to Thee My Country)**

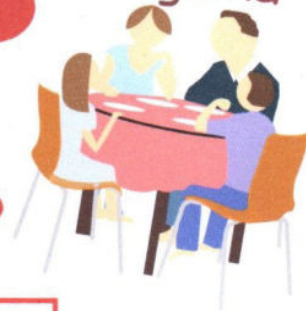
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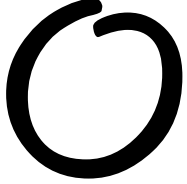
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Red Letter Days in May 2025

n the 1st we have Philip and James, Apostles (John 14: v1-14). On the 14th is Matthias, Apostle (John 15: v9-17). The 29th is Ascension Day (Acts 1: v1-11). The 31st is when we can read about Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth (Luke 1v38-49). Do try and use these readings. The Ascension begins the 9 days leading to Pentecost or Whit Sunday on the 8th of June.

I am sitting in the sun, I always think that this is Summer and in August it will be raining. Yesterday, the 6th of April, my son (no 5) took me to the service in St Michael's in Bude. I was overwhelmed by receiving flowers from the Rector, a card signed by everyone and the organist playing Happy Birthday. I am now 100 years old. People ask how I managed to get to this age so here are a few tips: 1. Keep moving; 2. Use the trials of life as a ladder to God; 3. Jesus is with us even if we do not realise it and 4. Dying is going home.

We had a party with the youngest great grand child, 6weeks old, from Colchester. The party was at the Beach House, Widemouth Bay, so the children could play in the sand. Some went into the sea which is what they always do when they come. There were 30 of us (10 were too far away to get here, plus Rev David Saunders and his wife Dianne). Thank you all who sent cards and presents. May you all enjoy every day. May you all move as much as you can. May those who are in pain be given the grace to bear it.

Prayer:

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Readings may be adapted for particular services

SERVICES FOR MAY

DATE	READINGS	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LEADER
Sunday 4th 3rd Sunday of Easter	Acts 9: 1-6 [7.20]	09.30	Holy Communion	BH	DS
	Psalms 30	10.00	All Age Worship	WSM	WL
	Revelations 5: 11- end	18.00	Evening Prayer	M	WL
	John 21: 1-19				
Wednesday 7th		08.30	Morning Prayer	Zoom	DS
		10.00	Holy Communion	BH	DS
Sunday 11th 4th Sunday of Easter	Acts 9: 36—end	09.30	Holy Communion	M	DS
	Psalms 23	09.30	Morning Prayer	P	WL
	Revelation 7: 9-end	11.15	Holy Communion	W	DS
	John 10: 22-30	18.00	Evening Prayer	WSM	DS
Wednesday 14th		08.30	Morning Prayer	Zoom	DS
		10.00	Holy Communion	WB	DS
Sunday 18th 5th Sunday of Easter	Genesis 22: 1-18	09.30	Holy Communion	BH	DS
	Psalms 148	09.30	Morning Prayer	M	WL
	Revelation 21: 1-6	11.15	Holy Communion	WSM	DS
	John 13: 31-35				
Wednesday 21st		08.30	Morning Prayer	Zoom	DS
		10.00	Holy Communion	BH	DS

SERVICES FOR MAY

DATE	READINGS	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LEADER
Sunday 25th 6th Sunday of Easter	Acts 16: 9-15	09.30	Holy Communion	M	RD
	Psalms 67	09.30	Holy Communion	P	DS
	Revelation 21: 10. 22-22:5	09.30	Morning Prayer	W	WL
	John 14: 23-29	10.00	Morning Prayer	WSM	WL
		11.15	Holy Communion	BH	DS
Wednesday 28th		08.30	Morning Prayer	Zoom	DS
		10.00	Holy Communion	WB	DS
Sunday 1st JUNE 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	LMB
		10.00	Holy Communion	BH	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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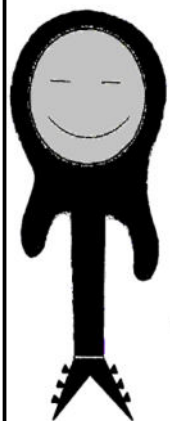
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This year, the Rt Revd David Williams, the new Bishop of Truro, is keen to join in and will be there to meet you all and hear what you have to say. Bishop David has a keen interest in Lay Ministry and was Warden of Readers in Winchester Diocese for ten years.

Refreshments will be available from 9.30am for a prompt start at 10am and the day will run until 3.15pm/3.30pm. Lunch will be provided.

Joining Bishop David on the day will be Archdeacon Kelly Betteridge who will be sharing some more of her expertise in the field of Church Family worship and growth.

With deanery plans now beginning to bed in and fruit, the day will also include varied presentations from parish teams on their interesting and inspirational activities. So, come and be Inspired!

Local Lay Ministers have all received an email already but if you have yet to respond, please do let us know you are coming by emailing readerevents@truro.anglican.org

We are keen to encourage new people to consider Reader/LLM training. Please do ask your parish team and clergy person if there is anyone you could invite along or if you are interested in Reader Ministry, please do speak to your local Reader or clergy.



Your own Greenfingers—in your May Garden with Will Barrow



It was somewhat surprising to me when I realised that FIGS were becoming popular! Suddenly, many people were trying their hand at growing them, and a friend of mine was having problems. Her fig plant (in a small pot) was a gift, and she had no idea how or where to plant it or how to look after it. If you have the same trouble, I hope these tips may be of assistance.

Figs will grow to very large proportions and are happy in multi-purpose compost (although how they will cope with peat-free is another matter). The massive root system will need to be curtailed. Figs must never be short of water. If potted-on it can spend the winter under cover in a frost-free place. If planted in the open ground, choose a south-facing aspect against a trellis. It will need protection in winter with fleece. My own experience many years ago was not ideal! It covered the trellis and the wall but there was no sign of any fruit. I left it in situ and the following year it produced two good fruits, both of which went to the great nursery in the sky, courtesy of two blackbirds!

If this does not encourage you, try the easy-to-manage Blueberry. Grow a bush in a large container of ericaceous compost. The label will give you the easy information necessary. When the berries begin to ripen it will need protection from the birds, but PLEASE do not use net or mesh as birds' claws are at risk of entanglement.

Other tips for this month include NO MOW MAY. If you prefer a lawn like a bowling green that's fine, but consider leaving an area un-cut. Wildlife will thank you.

Enjoy your May garden !

WILL

*Now that the grass is at its best in May,
(before the gadfly with the jewelled eyes
lights on soft foot for blood,)
enjoy the sun's returning from the south,
the swallows darting and the cuckoos' toll*

John Masefield 1878-1967

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The Great Composers

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HANDEL

It's a safe bet to suppose that most people know of a composer named Handel, who lived in the dim and distant past. They will be familiar with what they call "Handel's Largo" but this is only one such piece, and is from his opera "Xerxes". Interestingly, Handel wrote this as larghetto, which is slightly slower than largo, but somehow it was adapted to largo. Even more familiar to people is the ever-popular oratorio "Messiah", sung by choirs from Lands' End to John o' Groats.

George Frideric Handel - or to be precise, Georg Friederich Haendel - was born in Halle, Germany, in 1685.

His first ambition was to be a lawyer and he commenced his studies, but realised that his real vocation was music. He moved to Hamburg where he wrote his first opera, the now little-known "Almira". He was an enthusiastic traveller and in the early 1700's he visited Italy. Then he found Hanover to be a very suitable place to settle. He became the Electoral Court's Kapellmeister and his employment there allowed him to travel to places connected to his musical interests, and he went to London. It was there that he wrote his opera "Rinaldo" which was received enthusiastically and proved to be a great success.

He returned to Hanover and later he was allowed to visit London again, on condition that he must return to his employment base in Hanover within a reasonable time.

He didn't! Surprisingly, his employer at the Court moved to London himself and became George I. Handel then entered the service of the monarch and became a British citizen.

His musical output knew no bounds. Instrumental works, compositions for piano and organ, much secular and bucolic music and, as everyone surely knows, religious music of which "Messiah" is arguably the most popular. In 1727 he wrote the anthem "Zadok the Priest" for the Coronation of George II, and this has been sung at every Coronation up to the present time.

As the years progressed he was not in the best of health. Then he

lost his sight completely but he continued to compose and be involved in performances of his music. He died in 1759, aged 74.

Thank God for today's medical knowledge. To be 74 is no age at all.



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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

The Saints—the 1st in a series of occasional articles

The ‘saints’ were often ordinary people whose stories show their response to Christ in their lives, they often lived in difficult times and made difficult decisions about their faith. We look at their lives to inspire us.

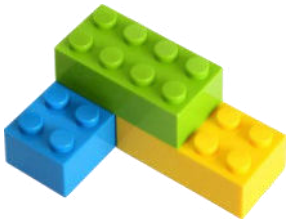
The 1st January remembers Lojze Grozde who, on 27th May 1923, was born out of wedlock in what was then Yugoslavia. Neither his mother, his biological father, nor his step-father would raise the boy, and he was brought up by his maternal grandparents and an aunt. They were all poor peasants, but pious and patriotic people who instilled those traits in Lojze. With the help of an unknown benefactor, he attended an Episcopal boarding school. He joined the



Congregation of Mary at age 13, and *Catholic Action* at age 15; he became an active and enthusiastic member.

Lojze considered the priesthood, but felt he could accomplish more as a layman, counselling other young people and working through Catholic Action. He wrote poetry from an early age. He was imprisoned, tortured and murdered on January 1st 1943 by Communist partisans under Tito; the partisans were as ferocious in their persecution of Catholics as they were in their opposition to invading Nazis. His body was abandoned and found by accident by children on 23rd February, and then buried in a small nearby cemetery.

Sue Shadrick



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Every Tuesday at 4.30 pm

Week St Mary Church

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.

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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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