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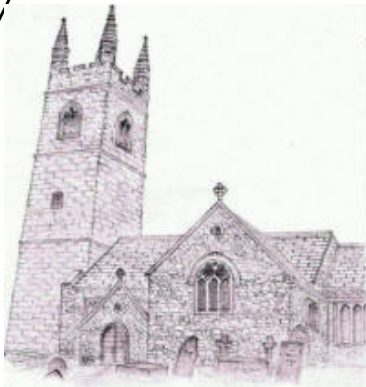
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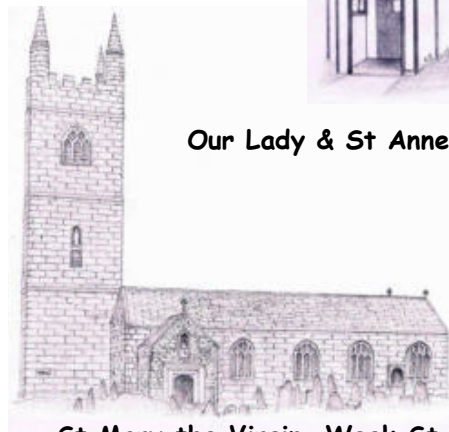
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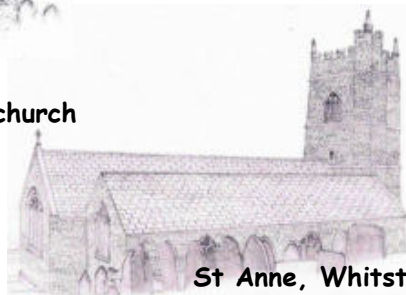
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends

Romans 8:38-39 (NIV):

“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate *you* from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Welcome to this month's Voices Together magazine. As we find ourselves in the sacred season of Lent, leading us towards the glorious celebration of Easter, it is a time for reflection, repentance, and preparation. Lent is an invitation for each of us to delve deeper into who we are and to whom we belong, calling us to be deeply honest and to recognize those things we are not always proud of in ourselves, and call those out to God. This call is universal, even to me as a vicar.

Lent mirrors Jesus' 40 days of fasting and prayer in the wilderness, a time of preparation for His public ministry. This year, our members are sharing in a Lent course, inviting one another into a spiritual wilderness where we, too, can engage in prayer & fasting. These practices are not ends in themselves but means to draw us closer to God, recognizing our weaknesses, dependencies, and calling us to open our hearts to His transformative grace.

The Easter story, central to our faith, recounts the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is not merely a historical event but the very foundation of our hope and salvation. Jesus' sacrifice on the cross was the ultimate act of love, defeating sin and death, and opening the way to eternal life for all who believe in Him.

There has never been such a time as this: Friends are searching and exploring faith, some having never really considered it at all. The story of Easter, the journey through Lent, and the celebration of Christ's resurrection are for everyone. Lent is a season for all as we pray for profound insights into our human condition and blindness, our longing for connection, forgiveness, and a love that transcends our understanding.

In the midst of our Lenten journey, we pause to remember a good and faithful servant, Father David Barnes, who passed away in January. Father David lived a life of devoted service, embodying the love and grace of Christ in his ministry. His passing is a profound loss for our community, yet we are comforted by the same resurrection promise of Easter that he preached

with such conviction. Father David is now caught up in the eternal embrace of the love of God, a testament to the hope we all share in Christ Jesus. His life and service remind us that we too are called to live out our faith with dedication and love, knowing that in Jesus, we find the promise of resurrection and eternal life.

Fr David's legacy leaves a compassionate church who continues to reach out to those who feel beyond the reach of grace or redemption; like Fr David, I offer you a message of unwavering hope. Remember the verse from Romans 8:38-39 (NIV) at the beginning of this message. It speaks to the essence of the Easter story: no one is beyond the reach of God's love and redemption. Jesus' sacrifice was made for all, without exception, including you. This is a story of unconditional love, of a grace so profound that it seeks us out, especially when we feel most unworthy.

As we move towards Easter, let us also remember Father David Barnes, a shining example of a life well-lived in faith and service. Let his memory inspire us to open our hearts to God's transformative grace this Lenten season. We are delighted to be baptizing a child on Easter Sunday, recognizing her Christian identity and her entry into the Easter story, a fitting tribute to the legacy of faith Father David leaves behind.

So, as we prepare for Easter, let us embrace this sacred time with open hearts and brutal honesty. We are clay jars so we can be reshaped; let the significance of your baptism and the transformative power of Jesus seep into your soul. May this Lenten season be a time of repentance, renewal, and revelation for each of us.

Rev Mark James
Associate Priest

A copy of Father David's eulogy, kindly provided by Jean and family is reproduced on pages 25 & 26

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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 by the Wednesday of each week.

NEW RECTOR FOR BUDE COAST AND COUNTRY BENEFICE

The Acting Bishop of Truro, the Rt Revd Hugh Nelson is pleased to announce that the Revd David James Saunders, at present Assistant Curate in the Benefice of Ascot Heath, Berkshire, in the Diocese of Oxford, is to be the Rector with Oversight Responsibility in the Bude Coast & Country Benefice in the Diocese of Truro.

This is conditional on final curacy requirements and legal formalities being finalised and completed.

He will be licensed at a place and on a date to be arranged.

28th January 2024



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The World Day of Prayer is being celebrated on **Friday 1st March**. Very pertinently the service has been put together by the Christian Women of Palestine (it was allocated to them for this year in, I think, 2017)

Our local service will be in St Martin's United Reformed church in Killerton Road, Bude at 10.30 am.

Please spread the word and invite others. Further details from me on 07909 587862.

Jackie Adams



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I thought it would be a good idea for each of the churches in our Benefice to have a small collection of the above items, around ten items per church would give us sixty pieces of good quality clothing, which could then be delivered to Week St. Mary Church during the weekdays **11th to 15th March**. I will arrange to take the goods down to Truro the following week. As it is approaching Easter if you would like to give an egg or two that would also be very welcome.

Thank you for your help.

Micheline Smith, Week St. Mary Church

I write with the sad news that Revd George Rowe, known and well valued by so many of us in this Deanery died suddenly just before Christmas last year. His funeral took place on Wednesday 17th January at 2.00pm at St Mary's Church, Chiddingfold, Godalming, the village to which he and his late wife Sarah retired in 2015.

Following his ordination, George served as a Self Supporting minister in what was then the Week St Mary Benefice until 2011 and then, post-retirement, with PtO until his relocation to Surrey and the Diocese of Guildford in 2015. Apart from his much valued ministry and pastoral commitments George was well known here for his competent use of the Cornish Language and his membership of the Cornish Language Fellowship.

Sarah and George were a devoted couple but her passing did not diminish his joy of ministry. George was deeply cared about and appreciated wherever he ministered; he will be fondly remembered and very much missed.

We pray for George's children and all those who mourn his loss. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Rev Rob

Stratton Deanery Candlemas Event at Poundstock

On Sunday 28th January the Worship and Spirituality Group set off for Poundstock Gildhouse to set up lunch in this marvellous historical building. This was a simple meal of soup, bread, cheese and biscuits and fruit.

The purpose of the event was to journey in the new light that comes at this time in the Christian calendar and to celebrate new life in creation.

*Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you.
Whoever walks in the dark does not know where they are going.*
John 12:35

People arrived with candles from their morning services or from home as a symbol of the day.

Jesus said: I am the light of the world who ever follows me shall never walk in darkness but shall have the light of life.

John 8: 12

Following lunch there was a short service with prayer in the Gildhouse with an address from Revd. Mark. Our personal candles were lit from one central candle and all proceeded to the Church. Most if not all our candles went out in the chill afternoon breeze. After gathering around the Font to renew our baptismal vows and re-lighting our candles we walked to the Lady Chapel.

*Prayer: Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light,
pour into our hearts the brilliance of your eternal splendour
so that we, who by these kindling flames light up this temple
to your glory, may have the darkness of our souls dispelled,
and so be counted worthy to stand before you in that eternal
city where you live and reign, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen*

The Lady Chapel was ablaze with light as the altar was completely covered in candles of all shapes and sizes to which we added our own. This amazing light was our focus whilst we listened to Taize chants and readings. It was a truly tranquil and spiritual experience.

PS. Thanks to those attending we were able to donate £60.00 to Cornwall Blood Bikes – Volunteers working for the community.

Sandra Huffer



Candles at Poundstock for Candlemas
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SERVICES FOR MARCH

DATE	READINGS	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LEADER
Friday 1st		10.30 am 2.30 pm	World Day of Prayer World Day of Prayer	St Martin's URC, Bude WSM Chapel	WL
Sunday 3rd 3rd Sunday of Lent	Exodus 20: 1—17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2: 13—22	9.30 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	Holy Communion Family Service Evening Prayer	BH WSM M	RD WT (LB) WL
Wednesday 6th		9.00 am 10.00 am	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Zoom BH	MJ MJ
Sunday 10th Mothering Sunday	Exodus 2: 1—10 Psalm 34: 11—20 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 Luke 2: 33-35	9.30 am 9.30 am 10.00 am 11.15 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion Family Service Holy Communion	M P WSM W	MJ RD WL MJ
Wednesday 13th		9.00 am 10.00 am	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Zoom WB	MJ MJ
Sunday 17th 5th Sunday of Lent	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51: 1-13 Hebrews 5: 5-10 John 12: 20-33	9.30 am 9.30 am 11.15 am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Holy Communion	BH M WSM	MJ WL RD
Wednesday 20th		9.00 am 10.00 am	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Zoom BH	MJ MJ
Sunday 24th Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50: 4-9 Psalm 118: 1-2. 19-end Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 11: 1—11	9.30 am 9.30 am 9.30 am 10.00 am 11.15 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion Morning Prayer Morning Prayer Holy Communion	M P W WSM BH	RD MJ WL(SS) WT MJ

SERVICES FOR MARCH continued

DATE	READINGS	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LEADER
Wednesday 27th Holy Week		9.00 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom	MJ
		10.00 am	Holy Communion	WB	MJ
		12 noon	Stations of the Cross	BH	MJ
Thursday 28th Maundy Thursday		8.00 pm	Holy Communion	BH	MJ
Friday 29th Good Friday		11.00 am	4 Stations of the Cross	M	WL
		12 noon	Walk of Witness	CTBS	NA
		12 noon	Stations of the Cross	W	MJ
		3.00 pm	Liturgy of Good Friday	BH	MJ
Saturday 30th Easter Eve		6.00 pm	Easter Eve Service of Light & Fire with Communion	WSM	RD
		6.30 pm	Easter Eve Vigil & Fire	BH	MJ
Sunday 31st Easter Sunday	Acts 10: 34-33	9.30 am	Holy Communion	M	MJ
	Psalms 118:1-2. 14-24	9.30 am	Holy Communion	P	RD
	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	10.00 am	All Age Easter Service	WSM	RD
	Mark 16: 1-8	11.15 am	Holy Communion	BH	MJ

KEY: CHURCHES: BH = Bude Haven M = Marhamchurch P = Poundstock WSM = Week st Mary W = Whitstone WB = Widemouth Bay	LEADERS: MJ = Rev Mark James RD = Rev Rob Dickenson WT = Lay Worship Team WL = Worship Leader MM = Methodist Minister
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GREENFINGERS— in the garden in March

If there was one thing to love about January and early February with its awful weather, it was the heavenly fragrance of Daphne 'Jacqueline Postill' which seemed stronger than



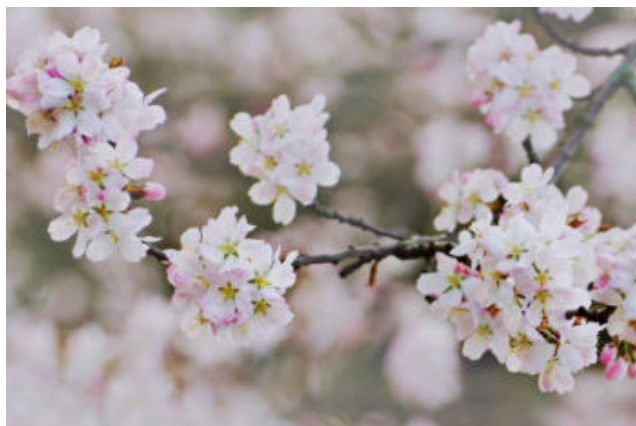
in past years, probably in defiance of the doom and gloom! Now, we are into March, traditionally the start of the gardening year, and once again it is necessary to be guided by the weather and not the calendar. April is not too late to get started with the planting of new shrubs, vegetables and flowers. It is so easy to think that Spring has come on a mild and sunny March day, but there is still time for Jack Frost to creep in and ruin those precious new plants.

News this month is somewhat surprising. Greenfingers is reliably informed that Defra have listened to horticulturalists and there will be not total peat ban until 2030. This will give time for peat-free compost to be developed which is truly reliable. There was real fear among growers of acid-loving plants such as Rhododendrons, Camellias and Skimmias, as these did not thrive in an ericaceous peat-free medium. I always wanted to do the responsible thing, as the drastic loss of peat is totally undesirable, but I must admit to be somewhat relieved now, as my Camellias and Skimmias will live to see another day. I'd had no success at all with various peat-free varieties, but other gardeners were completely satisfied. That's life!

One thing is essential: we must all persevere and experiment with trying different peat-free products, perhaps mixing them as some people are doing.

*If at first you don't succeed
try, try again*

Old Proverb



Persecuted Christians in Myanmar.

Myanmar, Burma as it was called then, gained its independence from Britain in 1948. It has a population of 54 million. 88% profess Theravada Buddhism, 6% are Christian, 4% are Muslim, and 2% animist or other.

Since independence it has had a very difficult time, with multiple periods of political unrest and long periods of being ruled by military dictators. It was under them that the idea arose that all citizens should be Buddhist, and that followers of any other belief system should be persecuted and encouraged to change their faith or to leave the country. They particularly targeted the Christians, many of whom are from the ethnic tribes, and thus not of the Burman majority tribe. These non Burman people live generally in the hilly forest areas —mostly Chin, Kachin, Karen and Karenni tribes.

In 2010 a form of civilian rule emerged. In the 2015 election, under Aung San Suu Kyi's leadership, the new parliament started easing restrictions placed on the non-Buddhist religions. Sadly after the 2020 election the military stepped in once again and usurped proceedings, seizing power once more. The military (the Tatmadaw) still rule today, and the fierce persecution continues. Using land and air attacks, the Tatmadaw still hunt down the tribespeople, destroying houses, churches, communities, and crops being grown for food. Water supplies are destroyed or contaminated, health care and food aid are restricted or even forbidden or blocked. Some 2 million people have been displaced and tens of thousands have been killed, often seeking safety in the jungles or in IDP (Internally Displaced People) camps. These are often attacked by the military without any warning. Any suspicion of Christian activity, especially evangelism, is summarily dealt with severely.

It is a curious thing that, while the Christian minority in Myanmar has suffered this savage treatment for many, many years without much recognition in the global media, when from 2017 onwards the Muslim Rohingya suffered the same kind of persecution, there was a huge media outcry as half a million had to flee over the border to Bangladesh. Sadly, many Christian Rohingya among them suffered again from the largely Muslim Bangladesh.

Prayers:

Praise God that in spite of the persecution his people are suffering, there are still many who hold firmly to their faith.

Pray for an end to the violence carried out by the military against Christians and others in Myanmar.

Pray for God's protection and guidance for his people as they are forced to flee their homes.

Pray for fair distribution of international aid by the authorities.

Pray for those in the IDP camps, for better conditions and freedom to worship God.

Ask God to comfort and support all who have suffered violence, trauma, and bereavement over the previous decades, giving them strength and peace in their hearts and in their faith.

Michael Davey

Red Letter Days in March

The Red Letter Days this month are: on the 19th Joseph of Nazareth, on the 28th Maundy Thursday, 29th is Good Friday and on the 31st Easter Day. In the Church Times this week they tell us that there are many children that do not know why we celebrate Easter or Christmas. RE is not funded like other subjects and often the lesson is done by some one who has an 'empty slot' in their day and has never studied the subject. So, if you have children, great grandchildren or great great grandchildren make sure you talk to them.

This morning the Homily at Morning prayer (Poundstock) was based on a 'light bulb moment' A time when you are aware that something is happening that has a special meaning. Recently I was sent a copy of Rev George Rowe's funeral. One of the readings was *The Bright Field* by R.S.Thomas:

I have seen the sun break through
to illuminate a small field
for a while, and gone my way
and forgotten it. But that was the pearl
of great price, the one field that had
treasure in it. I realise now
that I must give all that I have
to possess it. Life is not hurrying
on to a receding future, nor hankering after
an imagined past. It is the turning
aside like Moses to the miracle
of the lit bush, to a brightness
that seemed as transitory as your youth
once, but is the eternity that awaits you.

You may have had a 'Light bulb moment' - so often we miss the gifts we are given, the time when God stops us and makes us think, to be aware of His presence. Looking back on my life I realise that from childhood, parenthood and retirement every period to me has been full of happiness. I believe that I must have been given the ability to press Save to the good times and Delete to the hard times. So, if you keep thinking about some past time when your Mum or Dad was cross with you press Delete. Stop harbouring that time when life seemed too difficult and you wanted it to end. Save the good things.

Prayer: Dear God we thank you for the teaching of Jesus. May our eyes be opened to all the glory in this world. Open our eyes to all the gifts you send Forgive us when we are unable to be aware that even when the day seems dark you are with us. We ask thy blessing on all who are suffering from the wars all over the world. Make us instruments of Thy Peace. Amen .

Hilda Walter

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Our meeting on Monday 4th February 2024 was held at **St Martin's URC** in Killerton Road. A candle was lit and then Sheila led us in prayer, her words very apt and said with feeling. Sandy read an annual report covering 2023 and gave out printed booklets of all the write ups sent to the **Launcells Parish News and Voices Together** for 2023. It was amazing to actually realize how much we, as a branch, had actually achieved over the year, with a variety of meetings, specialized services, events, fayres, festivals, supporting projects, and supporting each other. Some extra copies will be available in our members Churches. Simon Waring; treasurer, then read his report and we discussed projects we could afford to support. It was decided to again, support the local **S.P.A.C.E. and Cornwall's Young Carers** £50 to be sent to each. Also we decided to send £60 to aid one of the **Gifts of Dignity**.



Voting forms were given out and the result, everything carries on the same as last year.

Also I'm pleased to say everyone has renewed their subs for 2024, thank you.

We also discussed the cost £2 to £2.99 of the small children's bible books, one to go with each **"Teddy Sunshine "** Bear, Baptism gift set. Books available from the MUE shop.

Last year some members had to give up driving, so unfortunately we have a travel problem. Simon being the only one able to give lifts, quite a responsibility for one person. *Doreen did suggest that maybe a member who supports us with a subscription, might occasionally help with giving a lift locally or even taking a group of us to the beneficial Quiet Day in July or a Member's Day meeting, twice yearly, in Truro and at Saint Endellion. These days are packed with a Holy Communion service, projects, slide shows and talks etc., also access to a Mothers Union Shop and an excellent bring and buy stall. Plus all day coffee and tea!* After any other business was discussed, we enjoyed tea and cake and having a laugh!

The meeting finished at 4pm

4th March 2024 - 2 to 4 at St, Martin's Church when **Susanne Bartrop** will be showing us how to make paper or **tissue flowers and Easter Cards**, this sort of crafting is always popular and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

The 1st April - meeting at St Swithin's Church, has been changed to the 8th April as the 1st is a bank holiday.

We welcome new members with fresh ideas for the future; men and women are welcome, come along next time and join in with the crafting and partake in a nice cuppa!

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Lent

Lent is the time of year when Christians prepare for Easter, the most important Festival in the Christian calendar. It lasts for 40 days (not including Sundays) and ends on the Friday before Holy Week. During Lent, many Christians fast or go without regular meals. They do this in memory of Jesus who fasted for 40 days in the desert in preparation for his work for God. During that time, the devil tempted Him three times but Jesus resisted him. It is an important time of reflection (thinking about our behaviour), growth, new beginnings and getting closer to God by resisting temptation like Jesus.

Instead of giving up something you could give something such as simple acts of kindness or giving to a charity.

Ash Wednesday, which was on the 14th February, is the first day of Lent. It is called Ash Wednesday because Christians go to church and have the sign of the cross in ash put on their foreheads.

The day before is Shrove Tuesday (popularly called Pancake Day) and is the day when all the good things, not used in Lent, were eaten up. Hence pancakes.

The bible story of Jesus' temptations can be found in **Luke 4: 1-13**

A good explanation of Lent can be found on BBC Bitesize. There is also a very good explanation on You Tube - What is Lent? The Christian Festival Before Easter

PRAYER:

Loving God, help us to work together to share what we have so that everyone has what they need.

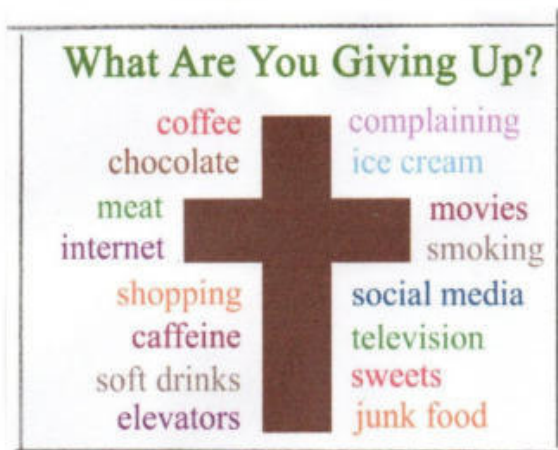
Help us to build a better world where each of us can become the best person we can be. Amen

ACTIVITIES:

1. What are you giving up ? cross
2. Prayer Wheel
3. Mosaic Cross
4. Cross of Sin
5. Painted stone
6. Acts of Kindness Chart
7. Pancakes

Mary Tilzey

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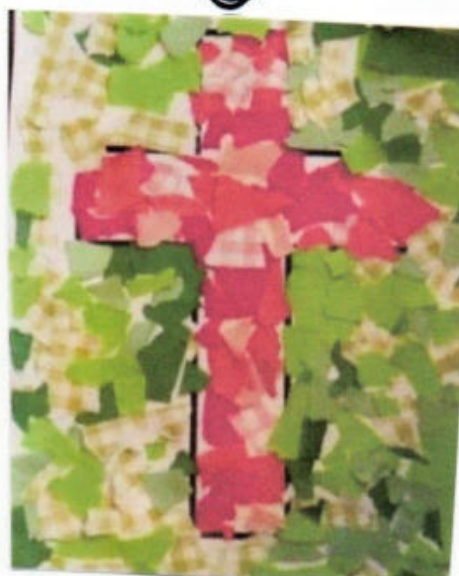
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Let a sibling go first 1	say something nice to someone 2	Decorate Kindness Rocks 3	share 4	Play with someone new 5
Pick up Rubbish without being asked 6	Say sorry if you do something wrong 7	smile at someone 8	Say 'I love you' 9	HOLD THE DOOR FOR SOMEONE 10

Make your own Kindness Chart.

St. Michael & All Angels, Bude Haven



This is for parents and children
to experience church in a fun way

St. Michael's Church, Bude

Wednesday 10th April

10.30 until 12.30

Theme: Easter

*Children, please bring an adult:
Adults, please bring a child*



**FREE
LUNCH**



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Remembering Father David Barnes

David Keith Barnes' life began in Derbyshire. He was born in Chesterfield and grew up with his two siblings, sister Kathleen and brother Michael. It is difficult to separate David's life from his soulmate Jean's. Growing up in the same area, they both attended the same schools - including Sunday school. Playing in the same brass bands, David played the trombone and Jean the tenor horn. They were both involved in the same cricket team, David played and Jean made the teas.

Upon leaving school, David and Jean took on their first job at Chesterfield Tube Co, David training as an engineering draughtsman. There was one difference, although faith was important to Jean at that time, it held little significance for David. This was all to change after they married. A new, evangelical priest arrived at their local church after a string of priests who had held a more Catholic inclination. David was (until this time) an occasional attender, but with the arrival of the new priest and a good friend who was a lay reader, David was drawn more deeply into the church and became a committed and faithful believer.

In 1976, David moved companies from Tube Co to the Coal Board and married the love of his life, Jean. Not long after this, David and Jean started their family with the birth of their first two children - Jennie and Stephanie. Feeling drawn to a new life, David and family moved to Manchester where Jean and David joined a local Anglo-Catholic congregation. It was here that David felt the call to go into the priesthood. They moved to Lincoln for his training and he served his curacy at St James & St Saviour's Church in Shaw, Manchester, where the arrival of his son Tim and daughter Hannah completed the family. David's first post, upon completion of his curacy, was at St Ann's, Rochdale. This was also where he first found his passion for amateur dramatics. He was then appointed Rector of St Mary's and St George's in Honley & Brockholes, Huddersfield. He remained there for 12 happy years, seeing the church grow in number and in involvement with the community. You would often find him in the Con Club with his best friend Clive putting the world to rights. He also oversaw some re-ordering of the inside of the church, something which he was proud to have achieved. David enjoyed other activities too. He reignited his love for cricket joining the Manchester diocese team during his time at St Ann's, Rochdale. This continued for many years until he was no longer able to play. As David moved on, he continued to be involved in amateur dramatic

societies alongside his children, playing his part well and enjoying being on stage. He also had a love of golf, becoming a member of 'The Point'; in Polzeath with his son Tim. David was an avid pool player and played as part of the Brendon Arms team since he moved to Cornwall.

David and Jean always had dogs throughout their marriage, beginning with Scamp straight after their honeymoon, then Scamp's daughter Skippy. This was followed by a rescue pub dog called Leo. The trouble with Leo was he continually needed rescuing from beer, or rather glasses of beer had to be rescued from being drunk by him. After Leo, the love of Weimaraners began. Firstly, with Jean's dog Rufus, followed by the rescue Harley and more recently Dusty, of course not forgetting the Dachshund, Charlie. David also loved holidays but hated flying. For many years, holidays were restricted to Scotland, the Lake District and Cornwall. Then for their 25th wedding anniversary, David faced his fear and flew abroad for the first of many overseas holidays, which were to include the Greek and Spanish Islands.

David's appointment in Huddersfield came to an end when David saw a small advertisement for a post in Bude. Travelling over half the length of England to explore further, he met the parishioners of the four churches in the Bude Cluster. By the time he arrived home again, he had already accepted the post. This was a significant move for both David, and particularly Jean, who left her own work to follow David to Cornwall.

In Cornwall, David oversaw the legal formation of the North Kernow Benefice from the four churches of Bude, Stratton, Launcells and Marhamchurch. As Rural Dean, he oversaw further reorganisation and a move to Week St Mary, where he became Rector, taking on the churches of Whitstone & Poundstock (including Widemouth Bay) alongside Bude and Marhamchurch. David retired last July with a farewell service in a packed church, well-loved by his parishioners and well-supported during his time here. Cornwall is also where David became a grandfather for the first time, he loved spending time with his grandchild Teddy, who kept him on his toes. David enjoyed a fun packed Christmas and Winter holiday with his family before his unexpected death.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory

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 9 am.

St Marwenne's House Group

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

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INCLUSIONS FOR THE WEEKLY PEW SHEET

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Mothers' Union Make A Mother's Day Appeal 2024

This Mothering Sunday could you give the Gift of Dignity? Through your support more women could grow their independence, take on leadership roles and build a better future for their children. By choosing a Gift of Dignity you'll be making a difference for mothers and their families through the ground-breaking work Mothers' Union does around the world. You might want to buy directly for your mother, choose to dedicate your gift in memory of a loved one, or help the grandchildren to surprise mum with these alternative and very special gifts.

Make A Mother's Day is our annual Mothering Sunday fundraising campaign raising funds to support our global community projects which transform lives every day.

We know how important mothers, caregivers and grandmothers are and how much they do to help their children, families and communities thrive, often unnoticed and without thanks..


For Mothering Sunday (10th March) we are asking you to buy a 'Gift of Dignity' to help empower women to transform their lives and reach their full potential. When buying these life-changing gifts you will receive a card that explains your gift along with a Mothering Sunday greetings card, which you can give to a loved one. You are also able to give a gift in memory of someone special.

*We have been running the **Make A Mother's Day** campaign since 2006 to celebrate all mothers and caregivers - how they nurture, love and help us to flourish.*

Gifts of Dignity: Money matters £36 - Choosing brighter futures £42 - A powerful voice £11 - Flourishing families £28 - Tackling gender-based violence £60 - Dealing with disaster £110 to be received by 1st March to be despatched before Mothering Sunday.

Please send a cheque payable to "Mothers' Union" and your choice of gift to: Simon Waring, treasurer: 01288 321813: Tumbles Cottage, Hersham, Bude, EX23 9LZ.

MU Kledh Kernow – please support your Mothers' Union for Northern Cornwall.



Tackling gender-based violence

This is a Mothering Sunday gift with a difference – bought for you to help more women and girls live in safety and respect.

Mothers' Union in Uganda are responding to the growing threat of gender-based violence in their communities. By creating safe spaces where survivors of abuse can come forward and speak openly about their traumas, the essential healing process can begin through our presence. It is from within members' deep-rooted community presence that they can advocate against harmful practices which enable and perpetuate violence against women and girls to a better future.

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