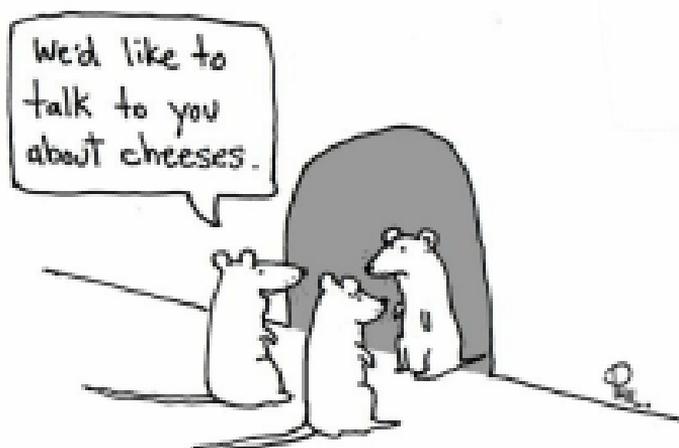


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the Week St Mary Circle of Churches

# Together

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*Church Mice.*



United we stand

# From the Rectory

The election seems such a long time ago – but its consequences rumble on. Whether it was reasonable aspiration or hubris that meant it happened in the first place is an open question. But what isn't up for debate is the way that as a result of it, the political landscape has completely changed.

'*The people have spoken*' we were told after the referendum, as if that settled things once and for all. But every single time people go to the polls it could be said that they've 'spoken' – and whatever the outcome, it never means the arguments come to an end.

A world in which religious questions *did* come to an end – would be popular with many people. A world when all the issues were 'settled' – and we were free from the burden of having to wrestle with them. But (just as in politics) it can never happen.

Neither politics nor religion are the sort of things that are capable of 'being resolved'. Both are ongoing conversations, both are ongoing reflections about how things are – and how they might be made better.

And just as the *kind* of Brexit that might be visited upon us is (at long last) now being seen as a topic of polite conversation (with some daring souls venturing to ask whether it might happen at all) – so the Church is continuing its conversations about sexuality (with some daring souls venturing to ask whether the moral stain on our society by the mere existence of food banks might be a more pressing issue).

In religion as in politics – it's all up for debate! Which means there are all sorts of possibilities, all kinds of ways to skin the proverbial cat. Nothing (apart from death and taxes) is inevitable – and to claim otherwise is either mischievous or blinkered.

But just as millions of people can't be bothered to vote – millions of people never get involved with religious questions. And given the way that religion is an attempt to take the Big Questions of life with the seriousness they deserve – it's regrettable that more people don't want to make use of it.

That might be partly down to laziness. But it might also be partly down to the way the Church often seems to demand a degree of credulity that is not available to many who are keen to think and ask questions.

The underlying assumption of much 'Mission' – is that we've got the answers, and need (somehow) to share them with those who haven't.

Not surprisingly this gets up the noses of those who think that's an absurd claim. So maybe we need to be a whole lot more circumspect in the claims we make – and offer people not a series of pat responses to the Big Questions, but an invitation to join with fellow-seekers in wrestling with them.

Maybe the sort of politics we've rather stumbled into (through this quasi-mystical 'will of the people' stuff) – can provide a useful template for the way we conduct our religious affairs.

Maybe the idea of a messy and fuzzy 'coalition of chaos' (which of necessity involves negotiation and compromise) is a necessary counter-weight to the hard-edged clarity of so much religion, with its (in effect) 'take-it-or-leave-it' approach. Maybe the rejection of the idea that one leader or party or group has got it all sewn up is a good way to approach all human issues.

Because unless we work on the assumption that we can learn from each other – all conversation and discussion is a sham, and simply a means for trying to get our point of view across. And not only is that a pain for those who have to listen to it – but also a very effective way of closing off a whole range of possibilities for ourselves.

Learning from one another involves respecting one another. It's about trying to see others as of infinite worth – no matter who they are or what they've done. It's about not judging or grading one another, but trying to empathise with them. It's often almost impossibly hard – but until and unless it happens, the Kingdom will never come.

So when *The people spoke* – it was a reminder that we need to listen

*Rev'd Tony*

# DIARY DATES

Further details at listed page no.s For Church services see centre pages

## JULY

**Sun 30th** Deanery Service at St Materiana's Tintagel 11am  
followed by Bring and Share Lunch

## AUGUST

**Wed 2<sup>nd</sup>** Widemouth Bay Summerhouse Study Group (p11)

**Thu 3<sup>rd</sup>** WSM Coffee Morning at 5 Market Place 10-12

**Sun 6<sup>th</sup>** St Gennys Church 5 Kilometre Fun Run  
start at Crackington Institute 10 am Register at 9 am.

**Wed 9<sup>th</sup>** Poundstock Gildhouse, Antique valuations – Phil Walter  
7.30pm (p12)

**Wed 9<sup>th</sup>** Widemouth Bay Summerhouse Study Group 2.15 (p11)

**Fri 11<sup>th</sup>** 7.30pm Poundstock Gildhouse, (p 12)  
Music for a Summer's Evening, with The Other Band

**Wed 16<sup>th</sup>** 9.00am - 2.00 pm Big Breakfast in Poundstock  
Gildhouse (p12)

**Wed 16<sup>th</sup>** Widemouth Bay Summerhouse Study Group 2.15 (p11)

**Thu 17<sup>th</sup>** Widemouth Summerhouse, Summer Fete 2pm (p 13)

**Thu 17<sup>th</sup>** WSM Coffee Morning at Meadowside, Week Green 10-12

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup>** CAMEO at Wyke House WSM 2.39 (p 5)

**Sat 19<sup>th</sup>** A Wander Round Wonderful Warbstow, Gardens and  
Garage Sales, Meet at the School for instructions

**Sun 20<sup>th</sup>** St Gennys Church Fete Coxford Farm 3 pm

**Sun 20<sup>th</sup>** Week St Mary Cream Teas in the garden at  
Clifton 2.30-5.30pm

**Wed 23<sup>rd</sup>** Widemouth Bay Summerhouse, Study Group 2.15pm  
(p11)

## SEPTEMBER

- Sun 3<sup>rd</sup>** Dog Show Higher Tresmorn 2pm
- Mon 4<sup>th</sup>** Week St Mary Parish Hall - Meet and Eat 12.30 (p 5)
- Tues 5<sup>th</sup>** Adv. Church Orienteering at Penhallym (p 2)
- Wed 13<sup>th</sup>** Poundstock Gildhouse - Custard powder in the garden  
Nick Bacon 7.30pm
- Wed 13<sup>th</sup>** Widemouth Bay Summerhouse Study Group (p11)
- Thu 14<sup>th</sup>** Deanery Holy Cross Day Pilgrimage at Whitstone  
(p 10)
- Sat 16<sup>th</sup>** Themed Supper St Gennys House 7 pm
- Sat 16<sup>th</sup>** Week St Mary Revel 3pm till late



### WEEK ST MARY ADVENTURE CHURCH

This term we have been dogged by bad weather on Tuesdays it seems! So the last two sessions eventually had to be cancelled because we wanted to go to Penhallym to learn about Orienteering with Rob Dickenson but it rained heavily on both Tuesdays of an otherwise glorious couple of weeks. Nevertheless, we have had some good days too and kept the children active and learning.

We meet again at the start of the new term in September and will be Orienteering as soon as we get a dry enough day! Children are welcome to join in our activities on Tuesday afternoons in term time; for more information please search for Week St Mary Adventure Church in Facebook Groups and ask to join so that you can see what we are up to in advance and how much fun we have. Phone 01288 341 221 to give us your mobile number if you would like to receive text alerts each week.

## **Meet'n'Eat**

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

**THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN AUGUST**



## **CAMEO**

Come And Meet Each Other

At Wyke House, home of Linda Cobbledick  
on Friday 18th August 2.30 Everyone most welcome.  
*Contact: Linda Cobbledick (01288 341 468).*



## **MOTHER\* & TODDLER COFFEE POT CLUB**

Meets every Tuesday from 10.00 to 12.00  
in Week St Mary Parish Hall

Tons of toys, carafes of coffee, loads of laughter.  
Babes bring your Mum and have some fun!  
Want more info? Contact Amy Holding (01566 785 580)



## **STRATTON DEANERY BOOK CLUB**

Will be discussing:

*'Friendship with God' by David Hope*

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> August** at 14 Monterey Close, Bude, EX23 8DX

New members always welcome.

## ***Together - Your Help is needed***

A new editorial team is being formed for future issues of *Together*. Material for the **September** magazine by

**Weds 16<sup>th</sup> August** please, to:  
**weekstmarycircle@gmail.com**

This will be the address for all magazine correspondence.

We are looking for volunteers to join the new editorial team, please make contact by email as above. In the meantime we would all like to thank Peter Mitchell most sincerely for his years of dedication to the job of producing our much valued, Benefice Magazine. Thank you Peter



## **Widemouth Bay Summerhouse Study Group**

meet on **Wednesdays at 2.15pm**  
and will be reading

***God So Loved the World by David Atkinson.***

Ring Hilda on 01288 361323 for more details

The monthly **Diocesan Newsletter**  
can be found at: <http://www.trurodiocese.org.uk/press-office/news/archive/our-news-monthly/>

## **Poundstock Gildhouse**

The Gildhouse is open to visitors every Wednesday from Easter to  
October 10.00-4.00 pm More details 01288 361525  
[www.poundstockgildhouse.co.uk](http://www.poundstockgildhouse.co.uk)

## Persecuted Christians in Laos August 2017

with thanks to Michael Davey

Laos, in South East Asia, is one of the poorer, least developed countries of the world. With a population of about 7 million, it has a small Christian community of between 150,000 and 200,000. Buddhism has been the main religion there for over a thousand years, mixed with ethnic-animism among the hill tribes. It used to be a monarchy, but was overcome by Communist forces in 1975 who have ruled it ever since. This has led to very tight controls over the activities of Christian churches and Christian discipleship. There are three main Christian groups. The Laos Evangelical Church, The Catholic Church, and the Protestant Churches.

The Communist Party in Laos maintains close links with Vietnam and China, and levels of persecution seem to follow what happens in those countries, particularly China. Although the constitution upholds freedom of religion, in effect Christianity is seen as a 'Western Import', and so all who adhere to it are viewed as suspicious, foreign agents, or betrayers of the country/tribe.

While government persecution tends to be pressure through administration, licences, permissions, buildings etc. the main challenges for Christians comes at local and family level, leading to harassment, being disowned by families, being ostracised and being expelled from villages. Arrest, beatings, torture and imprisonment, along with destruction of Christian literature, Bibles etc. is becoming more commonplace.

In spite of this the Churches continue to grow.

### Prayers.

Give thanks to God for the growth of the Church in Laos.

Give thanks for those coming to faith in Jesus Christ, and for a strengthening of that faith.

Pray for a change in the attitude of the Communist authorities towards Christians.

Pray for increased openness and acceptance towards Christianity at all levels of society, especially at local level.

Pray that Christians will have wisdom and discernment on how to witness to their Buddhist neighbours.

Pray for a strengthening of believers' faith in the face of persecution, to stand firm.

Pray that Christians in Laos will be able to freely have access to Bibles, Christian literature, and to register new churches.

Pray that discrimination in schools and the workplace will grow less.

## Week St Mary Circle Services August 2017

(**AMW**: Revd Tony Windross, **RD**: Revd Canon Rob Dickenson, **RY**: Revd Rob Yeomans, **PJ**: Revd Peter Judson, **MM**: Methodist Minister, **GS**: Gloria Street, **CG**: Carol Goundry, **DP**: Drue Pratt, **AA**: Audrey Atkin, **WT**: Worship Team **HC**: Holy Communion, **MP**: Morning Prayer, **ES**: Evening Service; **FS**: Family Service, **AM**: Anglo-Methodist Service, **COMP**: Compline, **UBS**: United Benefice Service)

*Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August*                      0830    Widemouth B    HC        RD

*Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August*                        1100    St Anne's            HC        RD

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August

**Transfiguration of Our Lord**  
*white*

0800    Widemouth B    HC        AMW

0930    Week St Mary    FS        WT

0930    Poundstock        HC        AMW

Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14;

1100    St Gennys        HC        AMW

2 Peter 1: 16-19;

1830    Jacobstow        ES        DP

Luke 9: 28-36;

1830    Whitstone        COMP    RD

Psalm 97

*Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August*                      0830    Widemouth B    HC        AMW

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August

**Ninth Sunday after Trinity**  
*green*

0800    Widemouth B    HC        AMW

0930    Jacobstow        MP        CG

0930    Warbstow        HC        AMW

1 Kings 19: 9-18;

1100    Whitstone        HC        AMW

Romans 10: 5-15;

1100    Poundstock        @ Bangors

Matthew 14: 22-33;

1100    St Gennys        MP        CG

Psalm 85: 8-13

1830    Week St Mary    ES        AMW

## Week St Mary Circle Services August 2017

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 0830 Widemouth B HC RY

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August  
Tenth Sunday after Trinity  
green

Isalah 56: 1, 6-8;  
Romans 11: 1-2, 29-32; 1030 United Benefice HC AMW  
Matthew 15: 10-28; At Poundstock  
Psalm 67

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 0830 Widemouth B HC PJ

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August  
Eleventh Sunday after Trinity  
green

0800 Widemouth B HC RY  
0930 Jacobstow HC RY  
0930 Warbstow MP AA  
0930 Poundstock MP CG  
1100 Whitstone MP WT  
1100 Week St Mary HC RY  
1830 St Gennys ES GS

Isalah 51: 1-6;  
Romans 12: 1-8;  
Matthew 16: 13-20;  
Psalm 138

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 0830 Widemouth B HC PJ

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**email: [adultcare@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:adultcare@cornwall.gov.uk)**

## **HOLY CROSS DAY**

**Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup> 2017**

### **Pilgrimage - Prayer - Fellowship and Exploring The Holy Cross AT WHITSTONE**

12 noon Gather at Trelawne - ( narrow entrance to the drive on the other side of the Parish Hall to the hall car park entrance) Coffee and a chance to explore Maggie Coopers Garden.

1:00 pm Prayer and a Bring and Share lunch - please bring some food to share - drinks will be provided.

1:30 - 2:00pm Find something in the garden to make you own cross to carry with you on the pilgrimage to St Anne's Holy Well

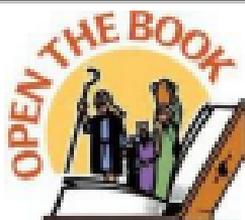
2:00pm walk along the foot path from the drive at Trelawne down through the trees & up to St Anne's Church. For those for whom this short walk might prove difficult transport will be provided to the church.

3:00pm Gather at the Calvary just beyond the Lychgate to think about the Holy Cross and its significance the walk slowly down to the Holy Well for prayers, sprinkling and to offer our crosses. A chance to explore the church yard and the church.

4:00pm Evensong in Church followed by tea before we journey back to our homes.

*Please email [robyeomans30@gmail.com](mailto:robyeomans30@gmail.com) or phone 01566781570 to let us know if you are joining this pilgrimage so we know how many to expect!*

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## Open the Book Help needed

Have you ever thought that children in schools might be missing out on what the Bible has to show them? They could go through their entire school life without ever

learning about Adam and Eve, Noah, David, Jonah ... or even the life of Jesus and the stories of the New Testament.

Well now you can do something about it by joining a small team drawn from the churches & chapels in the area who go into the three primary schools in the Benefice (Jacobstow, Warbstow and Whitstone) once a fortnight to tell the children a story from the Bible. We go as a team and follow an excellent structure as given by the national *Open the Book* charity and spend about 15 minutes, starting with an introduction and then act out the Bible story (often with the help of some children) and finish with a brief summary and prayer.

We need a few more volunteers to join the team, either to take part at the schools or act as 'backroom staff' making costumes or props.

For more information please ring Graham Jones (01288 361147) or Lesley Booker (01288 341221)



## **Poundstock Gildhouse**

There is a lot going on at the Gildhouse over the next few weeks so I thought it a good idea to remind everyone of the summer events that have been arranged.

### **Wednesday talk – Antiques valuations 9 August 7.30**

August's talk is on Wednesday 9th at 7.30. Phil Walter, our local auctioneer, will be with us to talk about any antiques that we take along. So dig out that old spoon that your aunt left you and which she said was worth hundreds. Phil will be able to tell you more about its history and most importantly give a valuation.

Phil has many years of experience of antiques and collectables so it is an ideal opportunity to confirm that your eye for a bargain from auctions and antique markets is true. All are very welcome.

As usual there will be a £2.50 entrance fee and tea/coffee is included.

### **Music for a summer's evening – Friday 11 August 7.30**

This summer's Gildhouse music event will be with the excellent local group The Other Band. Included in the ticket price are the refreshments of pizza, puddings and punch. Come along and celebrate summer with some great music, lovely surroundings and good company.

Tickets cost £10 and are available from Jen Spettigue, 01288 361525 or Graham Jones 01288 361147.

### **Big Breakfast – Wednesday 16 August 9.00–2.00**

Come along and enjoy a traditional breakfast in the Gildhouse to raise money for Poundstock church. As well as the usual sausage, bacon and eggs etc. there will be fruit juice, toast and coffee.

Entrance £6.50.

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## Poundstock Gildhouse (Cont'd)

Gildhouse open every Wednesday 10.00—4.00

Don't forget that the Gildhouse is open to visitors every Wednesday from 10.00 until 4.00. This is an opportunity for everyone to have a good look around the building and find out more about its fascinating history from volunteer guides. Tea and coffee is available.

This is an ideal place to send any visitors you have during the summer, or even come along yourself to soak up the wonderful atmosphere in our amazing building.

Remember that entrance is free.

Best wishes, Graham Jones - Gildhouse committee

### Village Fete

#### Widemouth Summer House

Leverlake Road, Widemouth Bay  
Bude, EX23 0AB

On 17th August 2017  
From 2pm Free Entry.

Come and enjoy a cream tea and have a look around the stalls.

The children can try their hand at Splat-The-Rat, as can some of the parents.

Donations this year will be split between  
The Long House - Holsworthy and  
The Hospice Beds at Stratton  
Hospital

### Cream Tea at Clifton in the Square, Week St Mary Saturday Aug 20th 2.30 - 5.30 pm



*Join Bob & Lesley for Tea in the Garden  
Dogs and fruit, chicken & bees to visit  
Plants and produce welcome for sale*

In Aid of Week St. Mary Church Funds

# THE CHURCH YEAR: Thoughts for August

with thanks to Hilda Walter

The month's first red letter day is Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> when we celebrate the Transfiguration. Luke 9 v 28-36.

We can see this transfiguration in our own lives. In our pilgrimage we have had wonderful times and have wished they could go on for ever. Jesus came down from the mountain with the disciples and He comes down with us. He is with us as we wash the dishes, make the bed, do some gardening go to the supermarket and even when we feel sad and could do with two new knees. Fortunately 'top of the mountain experiences' we can remember even if we have no idea what we did last Tuesday.

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> there is mention of John Henry Newman. He was part of the Oxford movement which greatly influenced some of the Churches in this area. Week St Mary, Poundstock, Whitstone Bridgerule Stratton Bude to my knowledge all had 'the reserved sacrament and incense at their services. Widemouth Bay also had the influence of the 'Kingdom brothers'. To a large extent the patterns have changed and with out wanting to go back to the 'good old days' we have to be looking forward to fresh paths. Being a Christian has two ways, forward or back, there is no standing still., I have just acquired a book (it is so easy to just press a button and it arrives) and I have only read the introduction where it gave me great joy to read 'Mission is about going out , not dragging in. We have had all that 'Bng a friend Sunday'(there was never a friend for me to bring and probably I would have lost a friend had I tried) We have seen all sorts of special events and still we see the pews empty.

In Zen they have a path which is called the Ox herd path. The pilgrim first finds the Ox and then learns to ride it. Eventually the Ox goes and the pilgrim is 'sent back to the market place to save all sentient beings. I can see parallel teaching in Christianity and I believe we need to realize that we must go back to the market place. There are far too many who think going to Church is an act of worship and an end in itself. It is not, it is a beginning. We go to be enabled to go out, we go to remember that Jesus sent his disciples out, just as we are sent 'to work and live to His Glory' But we do need the discipline of going to church, the companionships of other Christians, and the receiving of the Blessed Sacrament to enable us to go back to the market place.

## **Prayer.**

We pray for fresh insights, fresh thinking.

We pray that we may be worthy to be called Disciples of Jesus.

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