

January Newsletter

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Happy New Year

Events around the Parish

Next PCC meeting 5th February after the Parish Eucharist

Rev Gary Eve departs for pastures new.....

Rev Gary Eve has been appointed Assistant Curate of the parishes of Lanteglos-by-Fowey, Lansallos and Talland, Lanreath and Pelynt. He will be licensed on 5th February at 4pm in Pelynt Parish Church.

Gary's last service with the parish will be
on **8th January at 11am in Hessenford Church Hall**,
followed by a parish bring and share meal.
All are invited and encouraged to come to say 'goodbye'.

Pub Theology

A chance to discuss ideas and thoughts about all matter of things. After a short introduction of five minutes, the conversation is open. We meet on the second Wednesday in the month (SWIM for short) in the Eliot Arms, St Germans between 7.30pm and 9pm, Dates: January 11th, February 8th. Topics for discussion: heaven, money

For any enquiries -
ring Richard Laugharne (01503 230333) or Michael Goodland (01503 230275).

All welcome!

TTTT in DOWDERRY

Third Tuesday Tea and Toast

Not a misprint - we are changing the day to TUESDAY from January as the school has asked for an additional weekly assembly on Thursday morning, and we are delighted to provide the meeting place for them in St Nics.

So January's TTTT is on *Tuesday* 17th January at 8.45 - 10am

**Parish at Prayer at Hessenford changed to Thursdays
(as a result of the above change to TTTT)**

Home Group

We shall meet on the the second and fourth Mondays, 9th and 23rd January, at 10.30am at Margaret's home, St Annes, in Hessenford, **all welcome.** Phone Margaret : 01503 241003 email: margaret.sylvesterthorne@gmail.com
We shall continue with our series on discipleship, in John Stott's 'The Sermon on the Mount'.

Wednesday Lunches at St Nics continue

This weekly event is greatly enjoyed by a small group of local people - numbers vary between 10 and 20! Lunches are free and meals are distributed to the housebound. **All of St Germans Group parishioners** are welcome (i.e. any and every one from St Germans, Tideford, Hessenford and Downderry and associated hamlets) and those who attend from any part of the parish can take meals to distribute to their fellow housebound villagers.

Coffee Morning and Soup and Pud Lunch

in aid of parish funds

Saturday 11th February 2017

10.30am - 1.30pm

home produce stall, books, raffle,

PLEASE offer your support for this parish fund raising event with either soup, pud, or goods to sell for the stalls. *Margaret really needs your help this time as many of the regular helpers will be away.*

THIS IS IN AID OF FUNDS FOR ALL THE PARISH SO WE WOULD APPRECIATE CROSS PARISH SUPPORT

Foodbank and the Syrian Refugee Appeal

still need our help.

Please place food, toiletries, baby food, nappies etc in the Foodbank box in your village church. Currently there is a real shortage of basic food stuffs such as tinned potatoes, vegs, fruit, meat, fruit juice, coffee, as well as life's little treats such as chocolate and biscuits. Not, please, not Baked Beans.....

Clothes etc for the refugees need to be bagged and labelled with contents - i.e. ladies' medium sized, men's small etc. etc. - and left in St Nicolas, Downderry

Curate's Corner

Sadly it is time for me to move on: I can't begin tell you how difficult it is to describe just how sad I am to be leaving. When I arrived a few years ago, as a fresh out of Bible college deacon, I would never have guessed how close I would become to such a warm and loving congregation.

On so many occasions now I have been humbled by the kindness of your hearts and your willingness to throw yourselves behind new initiatives in worship, and schemes such as the clothes aid for refugees. When I look back on my time in the parish, I know it will be the friends I have made here which I will remember most fondly. Soon I will be living a new life in a new parish, full of exiting new experiences and opportunities, yet empty of your company; it will be strange to say the least.

You have helped me through some difficult times, sometimes without even knowing it, and it has been a privilege to have shared in so many of your important times, especially things such as baptisms, weddings, funerals, services of remembrance and so forth.

I would ask that you continue support, with actions and prayers; Michael, David, Brenda, Margaret, Richard and each other in your ministry, both inside and outside of the church buildings.

I had hoped to end with an inspiring word from scripture, but I've come up blank, so I will have to make do with Shakespeare;

"And whether we shall meet again I know not.

Therefore our everlasting farewell take:

For ever, and for ever, farewell, friends!

If we do meet again, why, we shall smile;

If not, why, then this parting was well made. "

So may God bless you all richly, dear friends, and if you can make my licensing on 5th February at St Nun's Pelynt (4.00pm) I will look forward to seeing you there.

Gary

Parish Services in January

1st The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

Parish Family Eucharist 9.30am Downderry
Readings: Numbers 6.22-27; Psalm 8; Either Galatians 4.4-7 or Philippians 2.5-11; Luke 2.15-21

4th Wednesday

A Time for Prayer 7pm Downderry

5th Thursday

Parish Prayers 9.30am Hessenford

8th Epiphany

Parish Eucharist

(Gary's final St G's parish service) 11am Hessenford Church Hall

Readings: Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14; Epheisans 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12

11th Wednesday

A Time for Prayer 7pm Downderry

12th Thursday

Parish Prayers 9.30am Hessenford

15th 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Eucharist 9.30am Downderry

Eucharist 11am St Germans

Readings: Isaiah 49.1-7; Psalm 40.1-11; 1 Corinthians 1.1-9; John 1.29-42

18th Wednesday

A Time for Prayer 7pm Downderry

19th Thursday

Parish Prayers 9.30am Hessenford

21st Saturday Messy Church

3pm St Germans

22nd 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Cafe Church 9.30am Downderry

Eucharist 11am St Germans

Readings: Isaiah 9.1-4; Psalm 27.1, 5-13; I Corinthians 1.10-18; Matthew 4.12-23

25th Wednesday

A Time for Prayer 7pm Downderry

26th Thursday

Parish Prayers 9.30am Hessenford

29th 4th Sunday of Epiphany

Parish Eucharist 11am Tideford

Readings: 1 Kings 17.8-16; Psalm 36.5-10; 1 Corinthians 1.18-34; John 2.1-11

