

# April Newsletter

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on 2<sup>nd</sup> April*

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## Events around the Parish

### **APM & APCM**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 10.45am (after the Parish Eucharist Service)  
St Nicolas Church, Downderry**

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### **Last session of Lent Course 2017**

#### **A series of reflections and practices of Christian Prayer**

*"Master, teach us how to pray just as John taught his disciples." Luke 11.1  
weekly in Lent starting the week of 5th March*

Week 4 Ignatian meditation Matthew. 13.1-23  
27<sup>th</sup> March – Monday @ Margaret's, Hessenford 10.30am  
29<sup>th</sup> March – Wednesdays @ St. Nicolas' Downderry 7pm

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### **Pause in the provision of Wednesday Parish lunches in Downderry**

**Whilst the kitchen is being revamped, lunches will not be served. Notice will be given when the team are able to recommence catering.....**

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### **Next Coffee Morning and Soup and Pud Lunch**

*in aid of parish funds*  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
10.30am - 1.30pm

at St Nicolas Church, Downderry

**The March sale earned £154 for Parish funds – please support the May event.**

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Congratulations to Evelyn Reed for her award of the Cross of St Piran, which she received at St Pirrans church, Perranzabuloe on Sunday March 5th from Bishop Chris, along with nine other people from Cornwall. She has been recognised for all the work she has carried out in the church in so many ways, helping to forge links with the community between school and church, and also as a key member of St Germans Priory Trust

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## St Germans to St Michael's Mount Pilgrimage Trail

The inauguration of the St Germans to St Michaels Mount Pilgrimage Trail will take place on Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> March. The pilgrimage, led by the Bishop of St Germans, Christopher Goldsmith, will begin from St Germans Priory Church. Anyone can join him on this pilgrimage.

Proposed Itinerary	From	Via	Via	Via	Finish	Kms	Miles	Staying overnight at
								St Germans
Fri 31st March	St Germans	Sheviock			Downderry	12	7.5	Hessenford
Sat 1st April	Downderry	Looe	Talland		Lansallos	19	11.9	
Sun 2nd April	Lansallos	Lanteglos	Polruan	Fowey	Polkerris	12	7.5	
Mon 3rd April	Polkerris	Tywardreath	St Blazey		Luxulyan	12	7.5	
Tues 4th April	Luxulyan	Lanivet			Withiel	15	9.4	
Wed 5th April	Withiel	St Issey			Little Petherick	12	7.5	
Thurs 6th April	Little Petherick	Padstow	Trevone	St Merryn	St Eval	14	8.8	
Friday 7th April	St Eval	St Mawgan			St Columb Minor	13	8.1	
Sat 8th April	St Columb Minor	Newquay	Crantock		Cubert	12	7.5	
Sun 9th April	Cubert	Oratory			Perranporth	11	6.9	
Mon 10th April	Perranporth	St Agnes			Portreath	16	10.0	
Tues 11th April	Portreath	Gwithan	Phillack	St Elwyn	Lelant	19	11.9	
Wed 12th April	Lelant	St Ives	Ludgvan	Marazion	St Michael's Mount	20	12.5	

## Michael's Message

*Dear Friends,*





The antifouling paint has been applied, hulls waxed and the rigging restrung, the boats are back in the water and a new season begins. Spring is a real marker in the year and in April we receive its full benefit of sun, storm and warmth. The church also has its seasons. The most important of these this year happens in April. It is the festival of Easter, when we celebrate the gift of new life and future hope through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

The benefits of the Christian belief are many: they include not only a new everlasting life when we die to this world but also life now in the present. A life that is both challenging and rewarding. It gives guidance and comfort, a rootedness in the universal and a concern for the individual. As Christians we believe that God through Jesus interacts with each person as an individual. Not a one size fitting all; rather God crafts specific lives for us to lead, of benefit both to ourselves and also the community at large.

The boats are inert unless they have a captain and crew. All the work of preparation and polish are to no avail until the watery adventures begin. I wonder who is the captain of our lives and whether the journeys and adventures we embark on are his or some personal travel plan. May I wish to all those who are on the water this year a safe and joyous time, and to all those of us on our life journeys a good captain and attentive crew.

*Blessings, Michael*

## Parish Services in April

<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>5th Sunday of Lent</b> Parish Family Eucharist Healing Service <i>Readings: Ezekiel 37.1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8.6-11; John 11.1-45</i>	9.30am 5pm	Downderry Tideford	
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday</b> A Time for Prayer	7pm	Downderry	
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thursday</b> Parish Prayers	9.30am	Hessenford	
<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b> Eucharist after palm procession Parish Praise <i>Liturgy of the Palms: Matthew 21.1-11; Psalm 118.1-2, 19-29. Liturgy of the Passion: Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 319-16; Philippians 2.5-11; Matthew 26.14-27.66 or Matthew 27.11-54</i>	9.30am 11am	Hessenford St Germans	
<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday</b> A Time for Prayer	7pm	Downderry	
<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> Parish Prayers Eucharist and Stripping the Altar	9.30am 7.30pm	Hessenford Downderry (led by Bishop Tim)	
<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Good Friday</b> Vigil	3pm	Hessenford (led by Bishop Tim)	
<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter Eve</b> Eucharist – Letting in the Light	7.30pm	St Germans (led by Bishop Tim)	
<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter Day</b> Eucharist Eucharist <i>Readings: Either Acts 10.34-43 or Jeremiah 31.1-6; Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24; Either Colossians 3.1-4 or Acts 10.34-43; Either John 20.1-18 or Matthew 28.1-10</i>	7am 11am	Downderry School St Germans Priory	
<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday</b> A Time for Prayer	7pm	Downderry	
<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thursday</b> Parish Prayers	9.30am	Hessenford	
<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> Cafe Church Eucharist <i>Readings: Either Exodus 14.10 to end, 15.20-21 or Acts 2.14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; Either 1 Peter 1.3-9 or Acts 2.14a, 22-32; John 20.19-31</i>	9.30am 11am	Downderry St Germans	
<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday</b> A Time for Prayer	7pm	Downderry	
<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thursday</b> Parish Prayers	9.30am	Hessenford	
<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> Eucharist <i>Readings: Either Zephaniah 3.14-end or Acts 2.14a, 36-41; Psalm 116.1-3, 10-17; Either 1.Peter.1.17-23 or Acts 2.14a, 36-41; Luke 24.13-35</i>	11am	Tideford	

**Foodbank still needs our help.**

**Please place food, toiletries, baby food, nappies etc in the Foodbank box in your village church. Currently Foodbank always need basic stuffs such as toilet rolls, tinned fruit, tinned veg, dried puree potato (Smash), fruit juice, coffee, jam. Not, please, not Baked Beans.....**

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***Collection of Bottle Tops for Charity***

Margaret S-T is still collecting plastic bottle tops for charity. Please keep them coming in, but PLEASE – **only milk, fruit juice and soft drink bottle tops.**

**NOT, NOT** marmite, washing up liquid, clothes washing liquid bottle tops, or any other than the above approved tops. All others are the ‘wrong sort of’ plastic and contaminate the whole batch!

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***Thy Kingdom come***  
**25<sup>th</sup> May-4<sup>th</sup> June**

**Week of Prayer 24/7 promoted by Archbishop Justin Welby**

**Our parish will commit to pray for 24 hours from 10am on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May – 10am on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

*A rota will be published for you to sign up to commit to praying for one hour during that time wherever you are so that the parish is covered by prayer throughout that 24 hour period.*

*more info from* <http://www.thykingdom.co.uk/>

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**Christian Aid week**  
**14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> May**

This year’s theme for Christian Aid Week is the plight of refugees. Many of us have been truly appalled by the shocking conditions under which people are struggling to survive when they become homeless due to war and drought.

The St. Germans Christian Aid Group will be having a Meeting in St. Germans, at the Methodist Church, at 7.00p.m. on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Chris Jadav, Cornwall’s Regional Co-ordinator for Christian Aid is retiring after five years in the post. Her replacement, Ash Leighton Plom is coming down from Exeter that evening to talk about her work in Greece with one of Christian Aid’s partner groups that have been rescuing refugees from Syria and the area around.

Collecting tins for donations will be in the churches in St Germans, Hessenford and Downderry.

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An advance notice of **dates for the St Germans Priory Christmas Market** – to be held on the **16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> November**. Further information will be available in the next couple of months

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