

May Newsletter

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Events around the Parish

Rev'd Michael Goodland

Notice of Retirement

It is with a certain sadness that I have to inform you of my intention to retire early due to health considerations. To this effect I shall be relinquishing my title on 31st October 2017.

Ruth and I have enjoyed and hope to continue to enjoy the time spent with yourselves. It has been a privilege to be your parish priest.

Ruth and I wish you all God's continued blessings in the future.

Ruth and Michael

Michael's last service will be on 22nd September.

Bishop Tim is leaving us as well.....

Tim Thornton has been appointed Bishop at Lambeth and Bishop to the Forces and so will be very sadly leaving the diocese this summer after eight years as Bishop of Truro.

He has been asked by Archbishop Justin to work with him at Lambeth and to help him move forward his emphases especially those of spirituality and prayer, reconciliation and evangelism. Among other areas of work Tim will be taking a role in the shaping and planning for the Lambeth Conference 2020 and will be continuing the work he already does at a national level in working with Bishops and others on leadership development. As well as working at Lambeth he will also be Bishop to the Forces and have a role on behalf of the Archbishop with the church in the Falkland Islands.

Please keep in your prayers Bishop Chris, Archdeacons Bill and Audrey, Dean Roger and Esther Pollard, the Diocesan Secretary as they take on the burden of sharing the leadership of the diocese until a new Diocesan Bishop is appointed which will be sometime next year (2018).

Bishop Tim will be taking up his new role at the beginning of September and plans to have a Eucharist of Thanksgiving on Saturday 22nd July at 4.00 p.m. in Truro Cathedral, though he will continue working as Bishop of Truro until the end of August.

Parish Prayer

For use during our time of uncertainty and concern

God of the outstretched and generous hand, we bring before you our Parish and its needs. We pray especially for Michael our priest in his illness and for Ruth as she supports him – grant to them peace of mind and your blessing of healing. We also pray for the future of St Germans Group Parish – send us a priest who will build on the work started by Michael in your Name; send a priest of integrity, generosity and love who will help us all uncover your purposes for our future together. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen and Living Saviour. AMEN

For your information – during this time of Parish uncertainty

Please feel free to talk to one of the Parish Wardens or Readers if you have any questions or concerns.

Information on the services will be in the Monthly Newsletter or on the Church Noticeboards.

Also on the parish website: stgermansparishes.com

Whilst we are without our full time priest we shall be reducing the number of Eucharists each month and the Readers will be leading more services of Morning Prayer. Bishop Tim has given us a temporary dispensation from the weekly parish Eucharist required by Canon Law. However we shall be welcoming to our churches some Priests who are looking forward to leading us in worship, including our own Revd Sacha Pearce who lives in our parish and works as Chaplain at Derriford Hospital, and Revd Garry Swinton who spends his holidays with us whenever he can leave his home and work in London. They will lead us in our twice monthly Eucharistic services. Hopefully Michael will before long be back with us until his retirement in October. Please pray for us all as we lead the parish in worship and prayer over the next few weeks/months.....

New PCC and Parish Office holders as from 2nd April

The Vicar	Revd Michael Goodland
Parish Wardens	Matt Frost, Paul Gribble
Readers	Richard Laugharne, Margaret Sylvester-Thorne, David Watters
Deanery Synod Reps	Rosemary Stevenson, Margaret Sylvester-Thorne

are automatically members of the PCC

Lay Vice Chair	Richard Laugharne
Secretary	Margaret Sylvester-Thorne
Treasurer	Fiona Liddicoat

Church Stewards:

Downderry	Steve Liddicoat
Hessenford	Fiona Bristow
St Germans	Richard Laugharne
Tideford	Matt Frost

Other Members of PCC:

Downderry	Sue Booth, Jenny Daniels, Andrew Pidgen
Hessenford	Yvonne Byles, Fran Moore
St Germans	Chris Bowditch, June Greaves, Evelyn Reed
Tideford	3 vacancies

Cashiers:

Downderry	Tim Pullin
Hessenford:	Fiona Bristow
St Germans:	Peter Daw
Tideford:	Ron Bradley

Home Group




Our new study book 'The Joy of the Gospel'

In May we shall meet on the 7th May at Bill Woods' home in St Germans, and on the 15th and the 22nd at Margaret's home in Hessenford.

Meetings at 10.30am.

All welcome; please ring Margaret on 01503 241003 for information

Parish Services in May

3rd	Wednesday A Time for Prayer	7pm	Downderry	
4th	Thursday Parish Prayers	9.30am	Hessenford	
7th	4th Sunday of Easter Parish Family Eucharist Evening Service <i>Readings: Genesis 7 or Acts 2.42-47; Psalm 23; Either 1 Peter 2.19-25 or Acts 2.42-47; John 10.1-10</i>	9.30am 5pm	Downderry Tideford	
10th	Wednesday A Time for Prayer	7pm	Downderry	
11th	Thursday Parish Prayers	9.30am	Hessenford	
14th	5th Sunday of Easter Morning Prayer Parish Praise <i>Readings: Genesis 8.1-19 or Acts 7.55-60; Psalm 31.1-5, 15-16; Either 1 Peter 2.2-10 or Acts 7.55-60; John 14.1-14</i>	9.30am 11am	Hessenford St Germans	
17th	Wednesday A Time for Prayer	7pm	Downderry	
18th	Thursday Parish Prayers	9.30am	Hessenford	
21st	6th Sunday of Easter Morning Prayer Morning Prayer <i>Readings: Either Genesis 8.20-9.17 or Acts 17.22-31; Psalm 66.7-18; Either 1 Peter 3.13-22 or Acts 17.22-31; John 14.15-21</i>	9.30am 11am	Downderry St Germans	
24th	Wednesday A Time for Prayer	7pm	Downderry	
25th	Ascension Day Parish Prayers	9.30am	Hessenford	
28th	7th Sunday of Easter Eucharist Eucharist <i>Readings: Either Ezekiel 36.24-28 or Acts 1.6-14; Psalm 68.1-10, 33-36; Either 1.Peter 4.12-14, 5.6-11 or Acts 1.6-14; John 17.1-11</i>	9.30am 11am	Downderry St Germans	
31st	Wednesday A Time for Prayer	7pm	Downderry	

PCC meetings

Extrordinary Meeting of the PCC: 7th May 10.45am St Nicolas Church, Downderry
 Scheduled meeting of the PCC: 4th June 10.45am St Nicolas Church, Downderry

Pause in the provision of Wednesday Parish lunches in DOWDERRY
Whilst the kitchen is being revamped, lunches will not be served. Notice will be given when the team are able to recommence catering.....

Next Coffee Morning and Soup and Pud Lunch

in aid of parish funds

Saturday 13th May 2017

10.30am - 1.30pm

at St Nicolas Church, DOWDERRY

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

All offers of help and provisions to Margaret and David

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.....

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. ~ and washed please ~

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!

Thy Kingdom come

25th May-4th June

Week of Prayer 24/7 promoted by Archbishop Justin Welby

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

A rota will be made available so you can sign up for one hour wherever you are so that the parish is covered by prayer throughout that 24 hour period.

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

Please speak to David or Margaret if you would like to commit to an hour of prayer.

Christian Aid week 14th-20th 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. Collecting tins for donations will be in the churches in St Germans, Hessenford and DOWDERRY.

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