

July Newsletter

St Germans Group Parish

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Events around the Parish

Rev'd Michael Goodland – news

Michael will be on holiday in July until his return to take services on Sunday 9th July. And after that he will be in the parish until his final service on 24th September and retirement at the end of October.....

Next Coffee Morning and Soup and Pud Lunch

in aid of parish funds

Saturday 8th July 2017

10.30am - 1.30pm

at St Nicolas Church, DOWDERRY

The May sale earned £200 for Parish funds – please support the July event.

All offers of help and provisions to Margaret and David

We serve coffee and drinks from 10.30 with cakes and shortbread, and from noon a selection of breads, soups and puds. We welcome contributions of all these foods And we welcome help to 'man' the tables - i.e. we need YOU even for a couple of hours.....

Coffee evening with book 'sale'

Michael and Ruth Goodland are preparing for their move from the parish by disposing of their library of books acquired over many years. Please come round to the Vicarage on

Friday 21st July from 6.30-8.30pm

and with a cup of coffee/tea in one hand, rummage through the books with your other hand for that gem of a book you have always wanted to read. Token donations may be made.....

Bishop Tim's invitation to his last service

*From Bishop Tim: **Saturday 22nd July** is the day when I am going to preside and preach at the Eucharist in the Cathedral for the last time as the Bishop of Truro. I am therefore inviting you to come and join me at **4.00 p.m.** on that day.*

At the end of the service I will hand over the pastoral staff to be kept in the care of the Dean of Truro and the Cathedral until a new Diocesan Bishop is welcomed. Following the service there will be refreshments and some short words will be exchanged, I fear!

We are planning to hire the Community Bus and take a group down to Truro for this event. Please contact David Watters if you would like to go.

Further from Bishop Tim: You may recall we agreed that to build on the priority we have set for prayer in the diocese, we will have an annual day when we call people together to pray. This year we are in Truro Cathedral on **Saturday 22nd July**.

You are invited to come and join us for the event entitled **The Journey**. It will begin at 11.00 a.m. and close with an act of worship at 2.00 p.m. As last year in Bodmin, feel free to come and go for part or all of the time, as you can and wish. There will be prayer stations and, of course, plenty of space to pray in the Cathedral. I am very grateful to all those who have worked so hard to prepare for this. I do encourage you to come and spend some time praying for the diocese, for the mission of the Christian churches here in Cornwall, and for the coming of the Kingdom.

At St Germans Priory

Monday 10th July 7.30pm Dante Summer Festival

with the Dante Quartet and the East Cornwall Youth String Orchestra, playing Russian Themes, supporting Children's Hospice South West

PCC, Parish Office holders and Parish Teams

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, David Watters

are automatically members of the PCC

Lay Vice Chair: Richard Laugharne Secretary: Margaret Sylvester-Thorne Treasurer: Fiona Liddicoat
are elected by the PCC

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

Parish Safeguarding

Contacts: The Vicar aly

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Pastoral Visitors

Team Leader and contact:

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Team members:

Downderry: Pat Paxton, Fiona Liddicoat, Steve Liddicoat	St Germans: Brenda Daw
Hessenford: Fiona Bristow, Yvonne Byles, Dawn Couling	Tideford: Brenda Crago

Open the Book Team

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Messy Church

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Parish Services in July

2nd	3rd Sunday after Trinity Parish Family Eucharist Evening Service <i>Readings: Jeremiah 28.5-9; Psalm 89.1-4,15-18; Romans 6.12-23; Matthew 10.40-42</i>	9.30am 5pm	Downderry Tideford	
5th	Wednesday A Time for Prayer	7pm	Downderry	
6th	Thursday Parish Prayers	9.30am	Hessenford	
9th	4th Sunday after Trinity Eucharist Parish Praise <i>Readings: Zechariah 9.9-12; Psalm 145.8-15; Romans 7.15-25a; Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30</i>	9.30am 11am	Hessenford St Germans	
12th	Wednesday A Time for Prayer	7pm	Downderry	
13th	Thursday Parish Prayers	9.30am	Hessenford	
15th	Saturday Messy Church	3pm	St Germans	
16th	5th Sunday after Trinity Eucharist Eucharist <i>Readings: Isaiah 55.10-13; Psalm 65.1-8, 9-13; Romans 8.1-11; Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23</i>	9.30am 11am	Downderry St Germans	
19th	Wednesday A Time for Prayer	7pm	Downderry	
20th	Thursday Parish Prayers	9.30am	Hessenford	
23rd	6th Sunday after Trinity Eucharist Eucharist and Baptism <i>Readings: Either Wisdom of Solomon 12.13, 16-19; or Isaiah 44.6-8; Psalm 86.11-17; Romans 8.12-25; Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43</i>	9.30am 11am	Downderry St Germans	
26th	Wednesday A Time for Prayer	7pm	Downderry	
27th	Thursday Parish Prayers	9.30am	Hessenford	
30th	7th Sunday after Trinity Eucharist Festival Eucharist <i>Readings: 1 Kings 3,5-12; Psalm 119.129-136; Romans 26-29; Matthew 3.31-33, 44-52</i>	9.30am 11am	Downderry St Germans	

Richard's Reflections

Do you ever go through periods in your life when everything is a bit of a grind? When it is hard to get out of bed and face things, and life seems an endless list of things to do, and none of them seem that pleasurable?

One of the mediaeval mystics Meister Eckhart spoke of the 'via negativa' (a complicated term!), times when God often seems a million miles away.

It is interesting how there are many references in the Bible to perseverance and endurance. We don't like to dwell on this often as it can seem a bit negative, but it must be important as it is a recurring theme in the Psalms, in Jesus' teaching and the letters of Paul. Elijah was so despondent after his greatest triumph that he became suicidal. Many early Christians faced persecution, as do modern Christians in Egypt, North Korea and other parts of the world. Our problems may appear trivial compared to these, but we can allow our problems to dominate us if we let them. We also face a spiritual battle, and we need to be prepared to fight.

Life is not always like this, and we have easier times, a 'via positiva', when it is easier to feel joyful. Jesus was accused of being too much of a party animal- he knew good times and enjoyed them, and so should we. There is a time to feast, as well as fast.

It is in the via negativa, when God seems furthest away, that our faith develops most as we learn to keep going- and is not dependent on how we feel. It is easy to believe when life is going well. But if our faith endures the via negativa it will become more robust. We should recognize the importance and value of difficult times. When we look back over our lives, these times are often the most meaningful- and in a strange way the most joyful.

Next PCC meeting – Sunday 6th August at 10.45 at St Nicolas Church, Downderry

Pub Theology

Second Wednesday of the month at the Eliot Arms 7.30pm-9pm
All welcome to the discussion.

Home Group Meetings in July

Mondays at 10.30am – at Hessenford
ALL WELCOME

Hessenford Village Fete and Duck Race

in aid of the Hall maintenance funds and the Friends of St Annes
2-4pm Saturday 5th August in the Church Hall and grounds
and in or by the Seaton river at 4.30pm!

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