

September Newsletter

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Events around the Parish

Wednesday Lunches

starting again weekly from Wednesday 6th September at 12 noon
at St Nicolas Church, Donderry
ALL WELCOME to enjoy a free community lunch.....
any donations go to parish funds

Coffee Morning and Soup and Pud Lunch

- *the only regular event to raise funds for our parish -*

Saturday 9th September 2017

10.30am - 1.30pm at St Nicolas Church, Donderry

– **please support the September 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 run the tables - i.e. we need YOU even for a couple of hours.....

Please offer to help David as Margaret will be in Truro at Diocesan Synod.

Messy Church At St Germans Priory Church

SATURDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER

3pm – 4.30pm

Messy Church resumes again in September. It is open to all families of any religion or none. If you have not been before do come along and try it out. The session is very informal with a variety of craft activities relating to a theme, often very messy, a time of celebration and a sit- down meal together. It is all about having fun and enjoying being together. Put the date in your diary and come and join us.

The Messy Church Team

Concert at St Germans Priory Church

23rd September at 7.30pm the **Mevagissey Male Choir** will be giving a concert
tickets £6.00 each.

Proceeds after expenses to go to the PCC, the Priory Trust and the Bell Ringers.

Pub Theology

Second Wednesday of the month at the Eliot Arms 7.30pm-9pm

All welcome to the discussion

September 13th - work : October 11th – evil : November 8th - politics

Home Group Meetings in September

Monday mornings at 10.30am studying the Letters of Peter
at Margaret's home in Hessenford

AND

on alternate Monday evenings 11th and 25th Sept at 7pm
at Bill's home in St Germans, studying Not in God's Name by Jonathan Sacks
Contact Margaret on 01503 241003 or margaret.sylvesterthorne@gmail.com

Michael's last service

Sunday 24th September at 11am at St Germans Priory Church,
followed by a bring and share meal in Church.

Offers of food and help to Brenda and Peter Daw and the St Germans team, please

New arrangements for the Parish from October during the Transition

At our recent PCC meeting consideration was given to arrangements for the parish from October. Please note the pattern of services is changing and we have put in place contacts for each congregation so that if they have questions they will know whom to contact. This will hopefully prevent general emails to all and sundry which often lead to confusion. The contact list is below; each contact can then if necessary bring the question to the Leadership Group (Paul Gribble, Matt Frost, Richard Laugharne, David Watters and Margaret S-Thorne) who may wish to put it on the PCC agenda. Hopefully for most matters only a simple answer is required which can rapidly be dealt with.

List of Congregational contacts

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New Service Rota from October

week 1.	9.30am	Eucharist	Downderry
	11am	Eucharist	Tideford

(Tideford services: maybe only May-Oct and maybe bi-monthly in morning to allow for PCC meetings to take place – *to be finalised...*)

week 2.	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Hessenford
	11am	Parish Praise	St. Germans

week 3.	9.30am	Eucharist	Downderry
	11am	Eucharist	St. Germans

week 4.	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Downderry
	11am	Eucharist	St. Germans

week 5.	11am	United Eucharist	Hessenford
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followed by faith lunch in the Hall with donations for charity.

Parish Services in September

3rd	12th Sunday after Trinity Parish Family Eucharist Evening Service	9.30am 5pm	Downderry Tideford	
6th	Wednesday A Time for Prayer	7pm	Downderry	
7th	Thursday Parish Prayers	9.30am	Hessenford	
10th	13th Sunday after Trinity Eucharist Parish Praise	9.30am 11am	Hessenford St Germans	
13th	Wednesday A Time for Prayer	7pm	Downderry	
14th	Thursday Parish Prayers	9.30am	Hessenford	
16th	Saturday Messy Church	3pm	St Germans	
17th	10th Sunday after Trinity Eucharist Eucharist	9.30am 11am	Downderry St Germans	
20th	Wednesday A Time for Prayer	7pm	Downderry	
21st	Thursday Parish Prayers	9.30am	Hessenford	
24th	11th Sunday after Trinity Parish Eucharist	11am	St Germans	
<i>Last service for Rev'd Michael Goodland, followed by Bring and Share Meal in St Germans Priory Church</i>				
27th	Wednesday A Time for Prayer	7pm	Downderry	
28th	Thursday Parish Prayers	9.30am	Hessenford	

Michael's Message

Dear Friends,

I was reminded recently of the song "What a wonderful world", and what struck me was the line "The dark sacred night." We can all relate to "The bright blessed day" but the dark night being sacred is not a usual reflection. More commonly it is associated with nightmares and fear. The trouble is when it's dark we cannot see and understand what's around us, and that uncertainty breeds fear, defensiveness and anger. So what is it then about the dark night that could be understood as sacred? Maybe it's about a revelation of God. Within Icon painting black is the first colour applied and often some black remains in the final picture. For God reveals himself out of the darkness. When all our self help devices are of no use it is then that we see God's presence most clearly.

I have been deeply moved recently by the two programmes on the BBC about the partition of India and descendants of those affected returning to try and understand what happened. Stories from all sides were told; all contained horror and suffering. The wonderful thing now is that those who experienced it first hand could talk to the children of the other side with honesty, care and humility; the children themselves accepting blessings from their ancestors' enemies. Such grace and forgiveness was truly atoning given the stories told. The one common thing that seemed to help was the shared pain. Within that there was another shared concept, which was to give it all to God because it was too big, too complicated, and too painful to wipe away. Here maybe was the "Dark sacred night - when the nightmares were just too awful, there in the midst and the future God enabled not a forgetting but and acknowledgement of what happened and an ability to live differently in the future. I pray none of us shall have to face such horrors in the future but it is good to know God is also there in the darkness waiting to enabling us.

Blessings Michael

Looking ahead.....

6th December the East Cornwall Bach Choir **9 Lessons and Carols** evening,
in St Germans Priory Church
proceeds after expenses to go to PCC, the Trust and a charity.

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

The parish website has undergone an update, and will gradually over the next couple of months contain much more useful information.

Have a look at

Parish website: stgermansparishes.com