



# December Newsletter



The Parish is in Transition  
awaiting the appointment of a new Parish Priest

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The Parish Leadership are relying on the prayerful support of the whole parish at this demanding time.

## Parish Prayer

To be used in daily private devotions and services during the Transition:

*Heavenly Father, be with us as we pray for the future shape and direction of our Parish.  
We pray that by your Holy Spirit, we will be refreshed and renewed.*

*Guide our thinking and conversations:*

*strengthen our unity one to another*

*so that Your church may bring glory to you, our loving, generous, heavenly Father.*

*We pray, whatever decision is reached about the future,*

*that Your will be done and that Your Kingdom will come closer to us all.*

*May we all seek to discover the mind of Christ, in whose name we pray. AMEN*



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## Foodbank

During our Harvest Festival service we collected 59.8kg of food and other items. This week after my plea for all-parish participation in this mercy work, I handed in about 42kg. My thanks to you all for contributing to this important work for those in need. I will continue to collect from St Nicolas and St Germans churches on a weekly basis. Please enable me to take bags of useful items from both of these churches.

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At the time of writing this Newsletter (25<sup>th</sup> November) the Foodbank urgently needs:

- TOMATOES (TINNED), SUGAR, INSTANT MASH, RICE PUDDING (TINNED); BISCUITS/SNACKS/TREATS (INC. CHOCOLATES)
- They have plenty of: Baked beans; pasta; soup; tea bags; cereal

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### Appeal from Foodbank for items for Christmas Boxes

‘Many people have been enquiring about donating food in the run-up to Christmas. As usual we will be packing extra boxes to go alongside our standard emergency food boxes to provide families and individuals with something special this Christmas.

We are looking for the following items please:

*Quality tins of Meat, (i.e. ham or turkey), Christmas Puddings, Mince Pies, Biscuit Assortments, Variety Pack Chocolates, Christmas Cake/Yule Log, Crackers, Custard etc.*

- These will be packed with vegetables, soup, fruit and any additional items donated.’ (Margaret S-T)
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## Events around the Parish

### Parish Special Christmas Services

#### 6<sup>th</sup> December Wednesday

9 Lessons and Carols service with the East Cornwall Bach Choir -  
7pm St Germans

#### 16<sup>th</sup> December Saturday

Messy Church Christmas Party 3pm St Germans

#### 18<sup>th</sup> December Monday

Christmas Carol Service 7.30pm Downderry

#### 24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve

Christingle Service 6pm Hessenford  
Midnight Mass 11.15pm St Germans

#### 25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day

Parish Eucharist 9.30am Downderry

#### 31<sup>st</sup> December Sunday

Parish service with Carols 11am Tideford

### Wednesday Lunches continuing in December

weekly on Wednesdays at 12 noon at St Nicolas Church, Downderry.

The Christmas lunch will be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - all are sign up for it by contacting welcome and we would ask you to contact **Sandra Miles-Taylor** on

tel: 01503 250 798 or email: [smilestaylor@btconnect.com](mailto:smilestaylor@btconnect.com).

ALL WELCOME to enjoy this weekly free community lunch.....

*any donations go to parish funds*

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### Home Group Meetings in December

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

AND

on Monday evenings at 7pm  
at Bill's home in St Germans

Contact Margaret on 01503 241003 or [admin@stgermansparishes.com](mailto:admin@stgermansparishes.com)

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## Future events

### Transition

#### Parish Profile Document

The statistics and first part of the profile are being completed. PCC now wish to have a parish wide consultation to ask for ideas and visions that you might have on the future of the parish and its leadership. A meeting has been arranged on the morning of the **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January** for parishioners to drop into St Nicholas' Church for a cup of coffee and to discuss and share your ideas after chatting to members of the PCC who will be present.

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### Coffee Morning and Soup and Pud lunch

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January

10.30am-1.30pm at St Nicolas Church, Downderry

## Parish Services in December

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|------------------------|--|--------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>  | <b>Advent Sunday</b><br>Parish Eucharist<br>Evening Prayer                         | <b>11am</b><br>5pm | Downderry<br>Tideford    | <b>(PCC meeting 9.30am)</b>   |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Monday</b><br>A Time for Prayer   | 6pm                | Downderry                |    |
| <b>6<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Wednesday</b><br>9 Lessons and Carols service with the East Cornwall Bach Choir | 7pm                | St Germans               |   |
| <b>7<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Thursday</b><br>Parish Prayers  | 9.30am             | Hessenford               |    |
| <b>10<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b><br>Morning Prayer<br>Parish Praise          | 9.30am<br>11am     | Hessenford<br>St Germans |   |
| <b>11<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Monday</b><br>A Time for Prayer   | 6pm                | Downderry                |   |
| <b>14<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Thursday</b><br>Parish Prayers  | 9.30am             | Hessenford               |   |
| <b>16<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Saturday</b><br>Messy Church Christmas Party                                    | 3pm                | St Germans               |   |
| <b>17<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b><br>Eucharist<br>Eucharist                   | 9.30am<br>11am     | Downderry<br>St Germans  |   |
| <b>18<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Monday</b><br>A Time for Prayer<br>Christmas Carol Service                      | 6pm<br>7.30pm      | Downderry<br>Downderry   |  |
| <b>21<sup>st</sup></b> | <b>Thursday</b><br>Parish Prayers  | 9.30am             | Hessenford               |   |
| <b>24<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Christmas Eve</b><br>Christingle Service<br>Midnight Mass                       | 6pm<br>11.15pm     | Hessenford<br>St Germans |   |
| <b>25<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Christmas Day</b><br>Parish Eucharist   | 9.30am             | Downderry                |   |
| <b>28<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Thursday</b><br>Parish Prayers  | 9.30am             | Hessenford               |  |
| <b>31<sup>st</sup></b> | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas</b><br>Parish service with Carols            | 11am               | Tideford                 |   |

## News update

Revd Sacha Pearce has for several years been Associate Priest on the St Germans Group Parish team, and has helped us by leading services on many occasions when we have been without a priest. We owe much as a parish to his commitment and experience as Hospital Chaplain at Derriford - he trained the members of the Pastoral Care Team to an exceptional level. We are very sorry to hear that he is moving from Donderry. We shall enjoy his last few services with us; we thank him for his contribution to our parish life and worship and wish him well in the future.

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Matt Frost, one of our Parish Wardens, has started the first of three years' Reader Training. As a result of his vastly increased Church workload he has sent a letter of resignation as Parish Warden to the Bishop who has accepted it. Therefore the Parish needs to look for a new Parish Warden to work with Paul Gribble, our remaining warden. This matter will be discussed at the PCC meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Meanwhile if there are any volunteers for this position, please contact Margaret  
tel: 01503 241003  
email: admin@stgermansparishes.com

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## Parish Praying



Subject to approval by PCC on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, we shall be holding weekly Prayer Meetings at St Germans Priory Church on Monday mornings at 9.30am. The World, the Church, and our Parish and its parishioners need all the prayers that can be said. Come and join us each week at St Germans Priory Church on Monday mornings at 9.30am (from 22<sup>nd</sup> January), Monday evenings at 6pm at St Nicolas Church, Donderry, or St Annes Church, Hessenford at 9.30am on Thursdays for half an hour of prayer and reflection.

*Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.  
God listens to our prayers and will respond.....*

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## Christening Gown

One of our parishioners has offered as a gift an unused baby's (up to about 6 months) beautiful lawn embroidered christening gown and cap to anyone who is planning to have their baby christened.

Please contact Margaret for further information:

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