



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



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.

At the time of writing this Newsletter (25th 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

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

6th December Wednesday

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

16th December Saturday

Messy Church Christmas Party 3pm St Germans

18th December Monday

Christmas Carol Service 7.30pm Downderry

24th December Christmas Eve

Christingle Service 6pm Hessenford
Midnight Mass 11.15pm St Germans

25th December Christmas Day

Parish Eucharist 9.30am Downderry

31st 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 20th 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.

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

any donations go to parish funds

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

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 6th 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.

Coffee Morning and Soup and Pud lunch

Saturday 13th January

10.30am-1.30pm at St Nicolas Church, Downderry

Parish Services in December

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

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 3rd December. Meanwhile if there are any volunteers for this position, please contact Margaret
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Parish Praying



Subject to approval by PCC on 3rd 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 22nd 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.....*

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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