

August Newsletter

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August in the parish

Services in our church buildings have resumed, and the churches are being very careful to ensure all Covid 19 regulations are adhered to, such as social distancing and the wearing of face coverings. You can keep up to date with the latest parish/diocese/national church news by visiting our websites;

stgermansparishes.com
achurchnearyou.com

August services – all services now start at 10.00am:

1st Sunday	2 nd August	Sheviock Downderry	Communion Morning Worship
2nd Sunday	9 th August	St Germans Antony	Communion Morning Prayer BCP
3rd Sunday	16 th August	Downderry Sheviock	Communion Morning Worship
4th Sunday	23 rd August	Antony St Germans	Communion BCP Morning Worship
5th Sunday	30 th August	United Benefice at St Germans	

Every Tuesday at Tideford – There is a Communion Service at 10.00am

Benefice Zoom services: led by members of the Benefice Worship Team:
to join please send a request to Canon Lynn (email address above) to be added to the invitation list.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Service</u>
Sundays	7pm	Evening Worship with Hymns
Mondays	7pm	Evening Prayer or Compline
Wednesdays	10am	Morning Prayer
Thursdays	7pm	Evening Prayer or Compline
Fridays	10am	Morning Prayer
Saturdays	7pm	Evening Prayer or Compline

Morning, Evening Prayer and Compline can be found on the app which can be downloaded from <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

Other Parish Zoom events

Pub Theology Tuesdays 4th and 18th August 7.30-8.30pm.

for info and emailed links: Richard Laugharne. richard.laugharne@nhs.net

FOODBANK



Please now resume filling up the collection boxes in our churches. We shall collect from all our churches on a weekly basis – all contributions very welcome. Contributions of money instead of /as well as food are also much appreciated.



At the time of writing this Newsletter (30th July) the Foodbank especially needs:

- **SQUASH - ORANGE/BLACKCURRANT**
 - **COOKING OIL**
 - **LAUNDRY POWDER (SMALL)**
 - **WASHING UP LIQUID**
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- *They have plenty of baked beans, tea, cereals, soup and pasta sauce, pasta and sanitary items.*

Note from Margaret: marmalade now available in St Nics, DOWDERRY . A donation to parish funds gratefully received in the wall box or collection plate.

Vicars Letter

It has been really lovely to see so many people taking the opportunity to get together and worship via the internet using zoom. There is now a regular pattern of services, and the weekday morning or evening prayer are led by the readers or worship leaders. These are always interesting as I have given them a chance to be creative, and so we have seen them using videos and music and homilies to enhance the daily prayer time.

Now that we have the opportunity to be back together in church on a Sunday morning for “real” services, I have added the Sunday evening worship for those people who are not able yet to come out, or who feel that joining together on a Sunday evening is a good way to round up the weekend in praise and thanks giving.

You will notice on the pattern of services that your church has a service now every other week, with the week in between having a service at another local church in the benefice. I do hope you will take this opportunity to find new friends and services as you travel around the benefice to find Sunday worship that suits.

Weddings will also be starting up in August and although we have to adhere to current government guidelines with no singing, the wearing of masks and social distancing, it will be lovely to welcome the wedding couples and their families and friends into church for a time of celebration, and we will endeavour to make these occasions a day to remember.

Another new occurrence in the benefice is that we are delighted to welcome Laura Bushell-Hawke here as our new curate. She would normally have been ordained Deacon by now, but with lockdown this has not happened, but nevertheless she is starting to work with us joining in on services and getting to find her way around the churches.

Please say hello when you meet her and welcome her and her family to our benefice.

Yours in Christ

Lynn

Who is the new curate?

I'm Laura and I'm married to George. Until recently George and I lived in Saltash with our children Isabella and Sebastian. We've have been married for thirteen years, having run away to get married by a minister over the anvil at Gretna Green. George works in the manufacturing sector and is responsible for Quality Assurance and Health & Safety within a company based in Saltash. He is currently completing a Masters degree with the Open University.

Issy goes into Year 7 this September, she is a keen Guide and loves animals. Seb is heading into Year 3, he is a Lego expert and a fast runner. Issy and Seb share a love of biscuits, mummy's baking and making mischief when it will make mummy most embarrassed!

My faith journey has been quite rapid: having experienced a strong and sudden unexpected desire to attend church on Christmas Eve 2012 I've taken a very steep learning curve into Christian life, starting with taking the children to Messy Church, through to regularly attending on a Sunday morning, doing the Alpha Course and on to being confirmed. On Christmas Eve 2015 during the midnight Eucharist I realised that God was leading me on the path to Ordination. The Bishop of Truro agreed to me starting training for Ordination and I attended the newly opened St Mellitus College South West. This is a national college that primarily trains candidates for Ordination in the Church of England. I was fortunate to be allowed to train for three years studying for the BA (Hons) in Theology, Ministry and Mission. St Mellitus College emphasises the practical application of the teaching, so part of each week was spent out in placement with the Tamar Valley Benefice, in addition I did a long placement at Liskeard and with Marjon Uni's Chaplaincy Team.

I came to Ordination training having owned my own business teaching accredited courses such as First Aid, Health and Safety and Safeguarding which was a very rewarding job helping people to have the confidence to save a life. Since 2002 I have also volunteered with the RAF Air Cadets, which is how I met George and later on we were both commissioned into the Training branch of the RAF Volunteer Reserve. My final post was with the National Media Communications Team at RAF Cranwell, co-chairing the Volunteer Recruitment Committee. I really enjoyed working with the Team and learned a lot about press releases, social media and how to raise the profile of an organisation.

As a family we are delighted to be joining the St Germans, Antony and SheviocK Benefice and look forward to getting to know you all as we continue discover God's Kingdom here in South East Cornwall.

With love and prayers – Laura

