

The Benefice of St Germans
with Antony and Sheviock

THE MINISTRY TEAM

November Sunday Services

1 Nov All Saints' Day

10am Holy Communion @ Sheviock
10am Morning Prayer @ Donderry
5pm All Souls @ Tideford

8 Nov Remembrance Sunday

10am Holy Communion @ St Germans
10.45am Remembrance Service @ Sheviock
10.45am Remembrance Service @ Tideford

15 Nov

10am Holy Communion @ Donderry
10am Morning Prayer @ Sheviock

22 Nov Christ the King

10am Holy Communion @ Antony
10am Morning Prayer @ Tideford

29 Nov Advent Sunday

10am United Service at St Germans

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Daily Services:

Sunday 7pm on Zoom
Monday 7pm on Zoom
Tuesday 10am at Tideford
Wednesday 10am on Zoom, 5pm at
Donderry
Thursday 10am at Hessenford, 7pm on Zoom
Friday 10am on Zoom
Saturday 7pm on Zoom

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Remembrance Services

Wednesday 11 November

1050 Hessenford

1045 Donderry

Due to Covid restrictions attendance at these services will be limited and allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Introducing..... Matt Frost, Licensed Lay Minister

Hi – my name is Matt Frost and I am a (very) recently licensed reader for the Benefice of St Germans Group with Antony and Sheviock. My story started however when at the age of 17, having had no religious upbringing, I was invited to a meeting at a church in Nottingham where I heard the Christian Gospel proclaimed clearly for the first time. I was converted not long after. I don't have space here to speak of all the times before then that showed God was working in my life without me even knowing.

I soon became involved with children's and youth ministry before, in 1991, moving to Peterborough to oversee the youth and children's work there on a part-time basis whilst working with a marine dive team for my day job. I then got an opportunity to go and live and work out in the USA for a short time where I was involved in Youth ministry whilst also studying at a bible college in Missouri. My life then took another unexpected turn that saw me returning to the UK and onto Plymouth to study for a degree in Marine Biology. I found university to be a very formative experience. I became President of the Christian Union and loved being exposed to a much wider range of theological opinions than I had been up to that point. I also met Louise at the Christian Union who I went on to marry after university!

My wife and I eventually moved to a church closer to where we lived in Cornwall where I was involved in worship leading and some preaching and teaching. In 2004 I also set up a south-west branch of Christians in Science and I have given many talks over the years in numerous churches on science-faith issues, apologetics and also more recently I have re-engaged with my life-long interest in the Middle East. In 2013/14 I felt challenged to be more involved in my immediate locality and began attending the monthly services in Tideford in 2015 before being confirmed into the Anglican Church on the 20th June 2016. I was invited shortly after that to apply to train as a reader as I was really keen to be more involved. I had been leading the worship for the monthly Parish Praise meetings but doing my preaching and teaching in other churches and venues.

This sounds in parts like a 'me and God' story but of course we are not called to walk this journey alone. My wife and I have walked this journey together including running a bible study group on Friday nights for many years. I have three amazing children and the biggest challenge continues to be juggling family life, a full-time job (Deputy Director of the Marine Biological Association) and church. My faith walk hasn't all been plain sailing with some ups and downs along the way but God has always brought me through and I am enjoying being in a church where we support and encourage each other in our faith journey. I look forward to being part of what God is doing in SE Cornwall and beyond!

Advent Course We will be exploring the carol 'O Little Town of Bethlehem' over four weeks starting on Thursday 27th November at 7pm on Zoom, ending with Compline. Look out for further details on email!

Vicar's News

Remembrance Services

Due to Covid restrictions we may not be able to do all that we usually do to mark this important date in our calendars. But mark it we must, whilst complying with the regulations of no parading, no singing and no gatherings of more than 6. (This is how the regulations are as I write this 17/10/20 – so everything is subject to change)

Therefore, I propose holding a service of Remembrance at 10.45am on Sunday 8th in **St Lukes Church Tideford**, where we can accommodate 30-40 people safely distancing. Crosses and wreaths can be placed at the memorial before or after the service. The Legion will also lay wreaths at the memorial.

Also, there will be a Remembrance service at **St Mary's Shevioc** on Sunday 8th at 10.45am; this service will be by ticket only.

The monthly communion service on Remembrance Sunday will be at St Germans – which will also include an act of remembrance, and afterwards people can walk across and lay their wreaths at the memorial cross.

On the 11th there will be a Remembrance service in **St Nicolas Donderry** at 10.45am, and after the service people can take their wreaths and crosses to the memorial without exceeding the "rule of 6".

There will also be a small gathering at the memorial at **Hessenford** at 10.50am

There will be a lot of people who cannot attend, and for them it will be good just to stand in their homes, or at their front door, or in the garden, at 11.00am on the 11th; knowing that others in all parts of the country will be doing the same. Whilst we are at war with Covid, we must not forget those who have given their lives in previous wars to give us the lives that we lead now.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

BENEFICE REGISTER

For your prayers:

The marriage of:

Sacha and Sandra Pearce
at Donderry, 25 Sep

Lee and Emilia Pritchard at St Germans, 26 Sep

The families and friends of those who have died:

David Mashford
Lindy Walters
Margaret Congdon
Joe Bersey



Pumpkin Trails

You may have seen the Pumpkin Trails in the villages, the churches took the opportunity to share a little light with their pumpkins! Rev Laura, Issy and Seb created the cardboard pumpkins with help from friends in half term.

Hopefully the pumpkins were a good reminder that All Hallows Eve is not at all scary, because our life with God extends far beyond the grave.



Christingle

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions our usual Christingle services will be unable to take place.

However, plans are shaping to distribute 350 "Christingles in a bag" through the schools in the Benefice. This will allow the children to make their Christingle at home and join in with the Church Of England's online Christingle Service on 13 December.

Newsletter Deadline

If you have any articles or information for the December newsletter, please email it to: benefice.newsletter12@gmail.com by 20 November.

And finally..... in a time before Covid-19, a new vicar moved into the village and went out one Saturday to visit her parishioners. All went well until she came to one house. It was obvious that someone was home, but no one came to the door even after she had knocked several times. Finally, she took out her card, wrote on the back 'Revelation 3:20' and stuck it through the letterbox. The next day, she found her card in the collection plate. Below her verse was written the words 'Genesis 3:10'. Look it up.

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St Germans Church – The Priory