

🌿 The Benefice of St Germans 🌿  
with Antony and Sheviock

## THE MINISTRY TEAM

**December Services****Sun 5 Dec Advent 2**

10am Holy Communion @ Sheviock  
10am Morning Prayer @ Donderry  
7pm Sunday Worship on Zoom

**Sun 12 Dec Advent 3**

10am Holy Communion @ St Germans  
10am Morning Prayer @ Antony  
7pm Sunday Worship on Zoom

**Sun 19 Dec Advent 4**

10am Holy Communion @ Donderry  
10am Morning Prayer @ Sheviock  
7pm Readings, Carols & festive jumpers on Zoom

**Daily Services:**

Monday 7pm on Zoom  
Tuesday 10am at Tideford  
Wednesday 10am on Zoom  
Thursday 7pm on Zoom  
Friday 10am on Zoom  
Saturday 7pm on Zoom

Email: [Parker30@hotmail.com](mailto:Parker30@hotmail.com) for the Zoom link

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**SAFEGUARDING**

Any safeguarding concerns should be passed to the Safeguarding Officer via the Vicarage:  
01503 230676

The Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser is:  
Sarah Acraman  
01872 374351



## Christmas in the St Germans Group with Antony & Sheviock

Thurs 16th 7pm - Downderry Carols

Sun 19th 3pm - St Germans Carols

Tues 21st 6.30pm - Portwrinkle Carols

Weds 22nd 7.30pm -

St Germans, Remembrance at Christmas

### **Christmas Eve**

2pm Carols on the Beach, Downderry

4pm Carols at Sheviock

6pm Christingle at Hessenford

9pm Holy Communion at Sheviock

1130pm Holy Communion

at St Germans and Downderry

### **Christmas Day**

10am Holy Communion at  
Antony and Downderry

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Information correct as at 1 Dec 21

### Covid-19 Safety at Church Events

Please continue to wear masks and do consider taking a free NHS Lateral Flow Test (LFT) before attending events, in line with current Government guidance. LFT's can be obtained from this website: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> or by ringing 119.

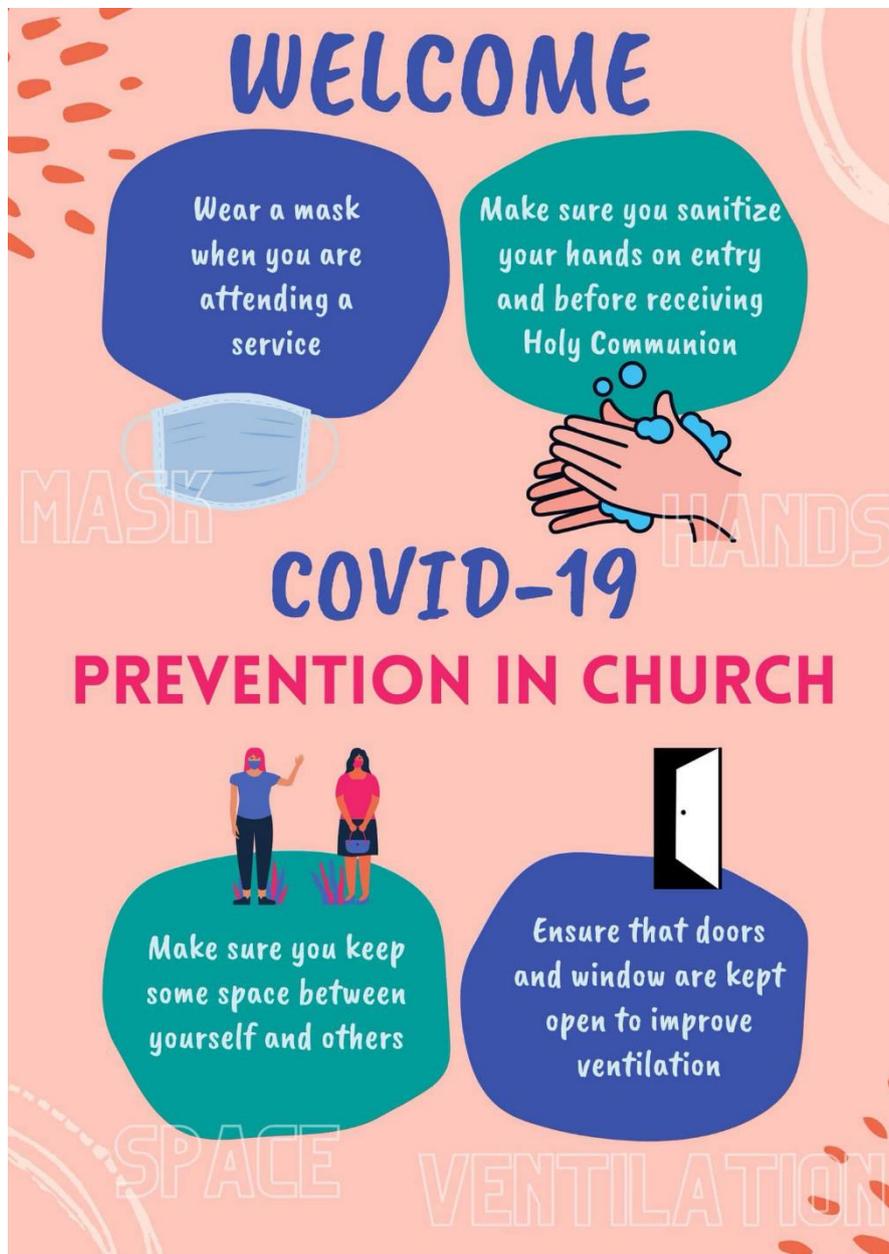
In England the advice is to take a Lateral Flow Test:

- if you will be in a high risk situation that day
- before you visit [people who are at higher risk of severe illness](#) if they get COVID-19

You are at higher risk of catching or passing on COVID-19 when:

- in crowded and enclosed spaces
- there is limited fresh air

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### Christmas Decorations

Over the next couple of weeks the churches will be decorated for Christmas. The flowers and items are purchased thanks to donations, if you would like to donate please speak to the flower team. Thank you to the very talented teams who make our churches look so beautiful at this time of year.

### Foodbank

Ideas for contributions to the foodbank this month:

- Tinned meat
- Deodorant
- Sanitary towels
- Colour Catcher laundry sheets (to allow for mixed loads of laundry, reducing the need to run expensive washing machines)
- Washing liquid and softener
- Hot chocolate powder
- Gluten free goods (pasta, cakes, snacks)
- Snacks

Please remember that the school holidays start later this month, and although Cornwall Council will provide children who have free school meals with one meal a day, this is only a small proportion of what children will want while they are home. Snacks will be in great demand!

### Downderry Christmas Lunch

At the time of going to press the Downderry Christmas Lunch is fully booked! Thank you to all who are involved in making this event happen. We do ask that anyone attending considers the Covid advice in the article above.



## School News



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Year 2 had a fantastic time at the Plymouth Ski Centre this week. On a beautiful and sunny Tuesday morning, the children and teachers were given the fantastic opportunity to try three different winter activities. We could not pick a favourite between the tubing, tobogganing and skiing challenges because they were all brilliant! This was just one of the many trips that Antony School enjoys each term to help widen the experiences and passion for each of the pupils.



### The St Germans Priory Trust

The Priory Trustees would like to thank everyone who supported the Christmas market on 26 and 27 November. A wonderfully buzzing day, Covid compliant and suitably chilly inside but warmed up with delicious soup and baking by kind volunteers. Whether you cleaned, cooked, helped with messy church, sold raffle tickets or came to buy and catch up with friends and neighbours- thank you. The market raised £1,483.30 for the Trust. Any proceeds will go to keeping the Priory open.



## Help needed

The Christmas season brings lots of extra events. If you are able to help with any of the following, please speak to Revd Laura – Tel. 01752 851187

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec, 10am** – join the team to parcel up 200 Christingles in a bag for delivery to the schools

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec, 7.30pm** – the Out of the Darkness service is for those from across the Benefice who may find Christmas difficult this year. We are offering the service in conjunction with Pengelly Funeral Service. Help to welcome people and to serve tea, coffee and mince pies would be most appreciated.



### Diocesan Synod

The recent Diocesan Synod saw the 2022 budget approved. A report from the Synod and a link to Bishop Philip's Presidential address can be found here <https://trurodiocese.org.uk/2021/11/2022-diocesan-budget-approved-by-synod-members/>

## Once Upon A Christmastime

Once upon a Christmastime  
The angels sang with joy,  
To herald the coming  
Of a precious Baby Boy.  
Their shouting filled the heavens  
And shook the mighty earth,  
And sent the sheperds searching  
For the place of His glorious birth.  
And when they found the manger  
And gazed upon His face,  
They knelt in adoration  
In that low and holy place.  
Oh, Father, fill me with the love  
That filled the earth that night,  
A love that reaches throughout the world,  
And fills it with your light.

Dona M Maroney

**And finally...**

Why did Santa's helper see the doctor?  
Because he had a low "elf" esteem!

What kind of motorbike does Santa ride?  
A Holly Davidson!

What do you call a cat in the desert?  
Sandy Claws!

Who delivers presents to cats?  
Santa Paws!

What do you call a dog who works for Santa?  
Santa Paws!

What do you call Father Christmas in the beach?  
Sandy Clause!

What do you get if you cross Santa with a detective?  
Santa Clues!

What did the sea Say to Santa?  
Nothing! It just waved!

What do you call a man who claps at Christmas?  
Santapplause!

Where do elves go to dance?  
Christmas Balls!

**Newsletter Deadline**

If you have any articles or information for the January newsletter, please email it to: RevLauraBH@gmail.com by 18 December.

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St Germans Church – The Priory