

The Benefice of St Germans with Antony and Sheviock

THE MINISTRY TEAM

Sunday Services

1st May, Easter 3

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

8th May, Easter 4

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

15th May, Easter 5

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

22nd May, Easter 6

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

29th May, Easter 7 – United Benefice Service

10am Holy Communion @ The Priory, St Germans
7pm Sunday Worship on Zoom

Daily Services:

Monday 7pm on Zoom

Tuesday 10am Holy Communion @ Tideford

Wednesday 10am on Zoom

Thursday 10am Morning Prayer @ Hessenford,
7pm on Zoom

Friday 10am on Zoom

Saturday 7pm on Zoom

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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:
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On The Way

Our Deanery, East Wivelshire, started the Diocesan process known as On The Way in June 2021. During the process we are required to look at various models of mission, church, leadership and ministry (staffing) and consider various pioneering approaches to form a vision for the Deanery for the next 5-10 years. The Deanery will vote on the proposal on 30th June 2022. Please do speak to your Deanery Synod reps.

On the Way Teams Steering Group	Working Group
Revd Chris Painter (Rural Dean) Revd Helen Baber (Diocesan Adviser) Julian Briscoe (Diocesan Adviser) Revd Canon Lynn Parker Richard Margetts Paul Gribble Revd Dr Joe Lannon Revd Laura Bushell Hawke Paul Gribble Steve Guffick Revd Annabel King	Fr Michael Brown Keith Browne Revd Di Burrows Jane Hutton Linda Myles Hugh Parker John Preece Amy Wheeler

ON THE WAY PRAYER

Faithful God, as you led your people of old,
 into a new and fruitful place,
 So, lead us too today we pray.
 Show us the way to go,
 and help us on the way with the courage and the faith
 and the imagination that we need
 that we may be the church that you are truly calling us to be.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

On the Way Dates For Your Prayers

Monday 16th May 4pm Episcopal College will meet with the Rural Dean
 Monday 20th June 1130am Bishop's Sign Off
 Thursday 30 June 7pm Deanery Synod Sign Off

The **Deanery Website** will carry the latest news for On The Way
<https://sites.google.com/view/east-wivelshire-deanery/on-the-way>

Home Groups

Home Groups will be launching in the Benefice this September. Those of you who have previously been involved in such groups will know that Home Groups are an important part of nurturing a church community, they keep the fire of faith burning between Sundays and therefore raise the spiritual temperature that we start from on a Sunday.

The groups will meet weekly at a time to suit the group members and each group would have 6-8 people. The groups can use the time to discuss that week's sermon, for prayer and fellowship.

Home Groups need a leader and a host, this may be the same person or it may be two people who pair up to run a Home Group. Hospitality (Gospeltality!) is a key part of this; however it doesn't need to take place in someone's home. Zoom could also be used to help accessibility for a group - although that does make offering coffee and cake slightly harder!

Thank you to those who have responded, we do have space for more groups though. Once our leaders are in place, we will be looking for group members. If leading is not for you, at this moment, do keep an eye out for information on how to join a group.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting APCM

These will take place after the morning service:

St Mary's, Sheviock – Sunday 1st May

The Priory, St Germans – Sunday 8th May

Please mark them in your diaries, they are open for anyone to attend. There are a number of roles that need filling this year, so please think about how you would like to serve the parish.

A Week at Windsor

I have just returned from one of the most challenging, stretching and affirming courses that I have ever encountered.

The Windsor Leadership Trust (WLT) has its roots in St George's House, Windsor which has now been immortalised by episode 7, season 3 of The Crown on Netflix where the Duke of Edinburgh and Dean Robin Wood start a process to "effect change for the better in our society by nurturing wisdom through dialogue". From this WLT was created to focus on the top levels of leadership as the need for exceptional leadership to tackle the big issues in society become apparent.

The Emerging Strategic Leaders programme is set for leaders who have the potential, ability and ambition to reach influential strategic leadership positions within the next 5-10 years. The WLT carefully selects each cadre so that the Civil Service, Military, Corporate, Charitable, Faith and Public Sectors are all represented. This diversity was key, to hear the challenges of other sectors was eye opening, but seeing the commonality in our challenges was strangely assuring. For example, some sectors had enormous old buildings that caused them all sort of headaches and were difficult to work in – as you can imagine I had empathy with that situation!

Our guest speakers also represented different sectors:
Anthony Ainsworth, Chief Operating Officer of E.ON
Rabbi Rebecca Birk, Finchley Progressive Synagogue
Air Vice-Marshal (Retired) Warren "Bunny" James
Jane Burgess, Civil Service Commissioner

The location was such a joy, the history all around us was inspiring. I was able to attend Mattins in St George's Chapel sitting in the Quire and one evening we were invited to Evensong. It was wonderful to see how many people from the course chose to attend, the Gospel was John 15 and the next day I slipped in a tiny reflection on pruning, with my syndicate group. We also had a 10pm private tour of St George's where we were able to see things that are not normally open to the public. I asked why the tour was so late - it all hinges on the Organist who has priority every day until 10pm.

It has been an incredible experience, I have come away with an action plan for me, for the next six months. In October we meet again in Cumberland Lodge to report back on our progress and to be held accountable. This is just as well, it will take me months to process all I have seen, heard and encountered. I now join 4,000 alumni of the WLT which is a mix of Senior Leaders across the globe, the Alumni network also provides continuing professional development opportunities.

I was only able to attend this incredible programme thanks to a very generous bursary from the WLT. If you would like to donate to their bursary fund, so other faith leaders can attend, the details can be found here:

<https://windsorleadership.org.uk/donate>

Revd Laura



Breaking Bread at St Nicolas, Downderry

The next lunch is Wednesday 18th May.

Contact Sandra to book a space on 01503 250798 or smpearce25@btinternet.com

There is no fee for these events, but donations are appreciated.



Messy Church

The next Messy Church at St Germans Priory will be **Saturday 7th May** from 10.00 am until 12 noon.

Messy Church Plus is taking place on Saturday 4th June on the Platinum Jubilee weekend. Many helpers are needed so if you would like to help or find out more email reed.evelyn@gmail.com

The foodbanks have recently requested:

Hair Conditioner
Deodrant
Small Sponge Puddings
Sugar
Laundry Powder
Bags for Life



There is a drop off point in the porch of St Nicolas, |
Hessenford.

The app BanktheFood is being used by our local foodbanks to show the Priority Items they need, it is in real time so is always up to date.

More information here <https://www.bankthefood.org/>



Platinum Jubilee

Our local communities have lots of plans for this celebration. The final day of the four day Platinum Jubilee celebration, **Sunday 5 June**, is also **Pentecost Sunday**. We are asked to invite our community to church – that's where the Queen spends time in worship each Sunday, so it makes a perfect end to four fantastic days celebrating her faith and service.

Make the connection between the Queen's 70 years of service, her Coronation anointing and the Holy Spirit anointing available to everyone.

Our services that day will be:
 10am Holy Communion at Sheviock
 10am Morning Prayer at Donderry
 7pm Evening Worship on Zoom

And finally....

One day three Christians decided to go fishing. They got in their boat and rowed their way over to the middle of the lake.

The first remarked, 'I've forgotten my hat,' so he got up, got out of the boat and walked across the water.

He returned and the second person said, 'I've forgotten the fishing bait,' so he got up, climbed out of the boat and walked across the water.

He came back and the third person murmured, 'I've forgotten the beer.' He got up, jumped out of the boat and was standing in the water then he sank.

The first man turned to the second and asked, 'Do you think we ought to tell him where the stepping stones are?'

A joyful heart is good medicine - Proverbs 17: 22