

## The Benefice of St Germans with Antony and Sheviock

### THE MINISTRY TEAM

#### Sunday Services

##### 5<sup>th</sup> June, Pentecost

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

##### 12<sup>th</sup> June, Trinity Sunday

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

##### 19<sup>th</sup> June, Trinity 1

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

##### 26<sup>th</sup> June, Trinity 2

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

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#### ***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

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



### **A letter from Revd Canon Lynn Parker**

To the congregations of the parishes of the St Germans Group, with Antony and Sheviock

I hereby give you three months' notice that I intend to retire in August having reached the age of 68. My last working day will be 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022.

I shall be leaving the benefice, but I will be staying in the Deanery and therefore within the Diocese.

Working as a priest has been a happy and fulfilling time, and I now look forward to serving and ministering in a different way through retirement.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for all the help and support you have given me during my time serving you here.

It has not been easy with having a pandemic start 8 months after arrival in the new benefice, but we have all pulled together through it, and learnt new skills and ways of working and worshipping together.

As I leave, the benefice will be taking on change again as it goes through the On The Way process of joining with another benefice, but I am certain that you have the resilience and skills to do this in a positive manner and embrace the new opportunities that will be before you.

With love and best wishes for the future  
Lynn

### On The Way Deanery Plan

Our Deanery, East Wivelshire, started the Diocesan process known as On The Way in June 2021. During the process we were 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 plan was published on 30 May and sent to PCC secretaries and Deanery Synod reps. The Deanery will vote on the plan on 30<sup>th</sup> June. Please do speak to your Deanery Synod reps about the plan.

You can watch an update from Bishop Philip [here](#).

#### 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.

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

#### Archdeacon's Visitation Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm at St Ive

The Visitation Services present an important opportunity to encourage, support and pray for Churchwardens. In particular the 'Archdeacons' Charge' gives the Archdeacons a chance to thank Churchwardens for their ministry and to publicly endorse their crucial role in the leadership of our parishes.

**Churchwardens are required to attend one of the visitations in order to be admitted to office as officers of the Bishop and take up their legal responsibilities.**

This year in addition to the service and refreshments, there will be a 'marketplace' element with key resource providers and organisations including the Mothers' Union, Ecclesiastical (financial and insurance) advisers, members of the Safeguarding team and others. This will give our churchwardens a chance to ask questions, seek advice and access resources to support them in their ministry.

From the Diocese of Truro website:

**“Will we engage in the adventurous, risky faith God calls us to – or not?”**

That was the question Bishop Philip asked of members of Diocesan Synod on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May when it met for the first time this year.

In a speech that acknowledged the difficulties of the past few years and highlighted the challenges parishes faced, Bishop Philip emphasised the need to “attempt the impossible”.

“I want to say without equivocation or apology that what we are trying to do in the Diocese of Truro at the moment is to attempt the impossible. That is exactly what, as the Church of God, we should be doing. That is our core task, and our core business: to attempt the impossible.”

He went on to add: “This world really does need God’s church to be the very best it can be. The ‘On the Way’ process, which many of you have been involved with this year, is all about that – it’s about helping us, together, to be the very best we can be, for our God and for his world.”

He was unapologetic in his view that that work must start with the local “because the world experts in mission and ministry in any one place are the people of God already in that place... Most of the planning for fruitfulness and sustainability must happen locally – and although it’s been painful in some places, it’s been a real delight to see a number of deaneries find fresh vision, energy and indeed unity through the work of ‘On the Way’.

“This is emphatically not about top-down imposition, but local empowerment, as many people in this room can testify: and rightly so.

“This is about local communities, imagining, in the Spirit, just what different and better, just what fruitfulness and sustainability, might look like in the particular places to which we have been sent; to which we have been called. And that ought to be an exciting exercise to undertake. I believe that for many it already has been so, as exciting, bold plans are developed. And I’m delighted by that.”

While thanking people across the diocese for everything they have done, Bishop Philip also announced some new measures to support clergy and parishes.

“Life-giving leadership is a key element of both fruitfulness and sustainability. It matters hugely that we take good care of those who lead us in mission and ministry, both for their own sake and for the sake of the church they lead. We will be looking specifically at the issue of clergy well-being at our next meeting in September.”

He was also keen to stress that the work and changes weren’t confined to the local level. “Proper emphasis on the local does not mean we are passive at the ‘centre’.” So, he outlined some critical decisions that are being rolled out to accompany ‘On the Way’.

Church House costs are being reduced by at least a quarter of a million pounds. “That amounts to some 12% of our shared costs budget. That has not been done without some pain, including redundancies of some fine members of staff, and it will reduce our central ability to serve our parishes, but I’m sure it’s the right thing to do. When people complain about central costs then please remind them those costs are decreasing, not rising.”

Then again, the diocese has committed to ensure that £800,000 of the funds received from the Archbishops’ Council to support ministry in areas of economic deprivation, money known as Lowest Income Community Funding (LICF), is spent in, and with, the communities for whom it is intended. “It will be targeted where it is needed, and the decisions about which those places should be are being taken locally through the ‘On the Way’ process.”

“Finally, as a matter of integrity, having received support from national reserves to set up the TM projects, we want to replicate that by drawing from our own reserves to invest in those deaneries that have not so far received TM funding. The Bishop’s Diocesan Council has committed to investing at least £2 million over the next five to seven years from our reserves to support creative local initiatives in mission.

Those funds might be used to increase staffing in deaneries, whether of lay or ordained people. Equally in some deaneries clergy numbers might reduce but if they do that will be as a result of a local decision to do so. There is no diocesan plan to reduce them.”

Bishop Philip was clear in his support of parish ministry. “I believe in the ministry of the parish church, I’ve devoted many years of my life to it, and I want to see each and every one renewed and revitalised in discipleship, evangelism, growth, service, confidence, hope and love – because it’s just wonderful when that happens.

“It’s because I believe in the ministry of the parish church that one of our five priorities is that we should be, ‘a Church that is confident in its calling’. And in so many ways that is just what ‘On the Way’ is enabling and calling us to be: ‘a Church that is confident in its calling’.

“Change; fruitfulness and sustainability, are impossible for us, but possible for our God, and therefore for his Church, if we will trust him. I think that is the simple and the biggest test we face. Will we trust our God for the future or not? I assure you that is a challenge I feel very keenly myself. Will we trust our God for the future – or not? Will we engage in the adventurous, risky faith he calls us to – or not?”

The full address is available on the Diocesan website [here](#).



### Jubilee Lunch at St Nicolas, Downderry

There will be a bring and share lunch for the Jubilee on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> after the service.

Thank you to the team who are putting this together, including the flower team who are providing appropriately themed decorations.



### Messy Jubilee Church

The next Messy Church at St Germans Priory will be **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June** from 11am.

There will be craft activities, Giant Jenga, Connect 4, ride on carts, circus skill toys as well tea, coffee and cake.

Everyone is welcome to join in at 12.30pm for bring your own teddy bears picnic. This will be outside if dry, with overspill into Port Eliot.

The foodbanks have recently requested:

- Fruit juice
- Jam/Marmite/Peanut butter
- Spaghetti hoops
- Tinned carrots
- Tinned fruit
- Washing powder
- Anti bac cleaning spray
- Hair conditioner/shampoo
- Jars of pasta sauce
- UHT milk



There is a drop off point in the porch of St Nicolas, Downderry and St Anne's, 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](#)

You can donate to the local Foodbank [here](#)



### 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 Dowderry  
 7pm Evening Worship on Zoom

### Weddings

Congratulations to two couples who are marrying in our Benefice this month:  
 Philip & Grace and Miles & Georgina  
 Please do pray for them as they prepare for their big day.

We have had a flurry of enquires for next year, which is booking up fast! You will see some of the couples over the coming months as they establish their qualifying connections and come to hear their banns being read.

### And finally....

The Sunday School teacher began the week's lesson with a recap of the previous week's topic by saying, "We have been learning about how powerful the kings and queens were in Biblical times. But there is a higher power. Who can tell me what it is?"

Six-year-old Peter blurted out, "I know, Aces."

A joyful heart is good medicine - Proverbs 17: 22

