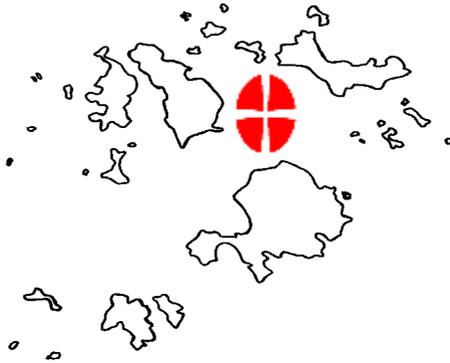


Isles of Scilly



In Touch

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April May 2018**

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Some thoughts from the St. Mary's Manse

Dear Friends,

I must begin by thanking you for your welcome to Mary and me, as we are completing our time on Scilly. It has been a rare privilege to "come back" and see you all and especially to worship with you. I am conscious that we are travelling through Lent, but we won't be here for Holy Week, and for the best day of the year, EASTER DAY.

As Christians we cannot see the Cross, except through the Resurrection. I draw your attention to St Paul's 1ST Letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 15 and verses 12-19. You will see that this is where the Gospel begins- through the telescope of the Resurrection. In verse 8 of Chapter 15 Paul writes:

"Last of all, as to one untimely born, HE APPEARED also to ME"

Is that not true for all of us? The Living Lord makes Himself known. I wish you all a blessed Holy Week and a glorious Easter Day.

For the future, we shall continue to pray for the Ministry of the Church. I shall also raise a few questions about your needs on these Islands. Perhaps those of us who have served you, know and understand the needs of the Church and community of the Isles of Scilly.

I thank God for Jane and John and their service with you. We shall be back if only to visit our families.

God bless you all,

Brian and Mary

News from St Martin's

Firstly, thanks to Christine for writing our news whilst we were in Australia with our son and family. It came as a shock when we landed at Heathrow in 4 deg having left Melbourne in 32 deg! We made a transit in Brunei, where they were experiencing an eclipse of the moon, so very exciting.

Some of you may be aware that on St Martin's we are hoping to build a small Community Observatory, which will allow us to study the heavens more thoroughly, and enjoy our amazing dark skies.

One of the best known scientists, Stephen Hawking has just passed on, and one of his well known quotes is 'Look up to the Stars, not down at your feet'. His determination and courage were an inspiration to us all. It occurs to me that we are all searching for more answers to the 'big' questions, and I would like to think that science and spirituality can coexist.

We have shared services in church and chapel this month, with our Mothering Sunday taking place in chapel, led by no less than three venerable gentlemen, a vicar, a minister and even an archdeacon. We felt truly blessed. The Chapel was almost full and it was lovely to welcome some of the local children, who gave out bunches of flowers to all the Mums. These had been put together at school on Friday with the

help of some of the chapel ladies, Julia, Christine and Jackie.

We have had a blustery month, with most unusually two days of snow. Some of our more senior residents were glad when it had all gone, but some of us reverted to our youth and enjoyed building snowmen, and towing a sledge! It certainly transformed the landscape providing great photo opportunities. Our chapel looked really special covered in the white stuff and reminded me of God's beauty here on earth.

We still hope for peace around the world, and an end to the ugliness being created in such war torn countries as Syria, Congo and Yemen. Our prayers are for the innocent victims of such tragedies. We now look forward to Spring and hope for a 'proper' summer!

We would also like to thank Mary and Brian Mavers for looking after us so well whilst Jane has been away.

Val Thomas

Lent Lunches.

The Lent lunches were as well supported as ever this year, despite snow and some very stormy days. We all enjoyed some lovely soups and a warm welcome as well as making money for Christian Aid. A grand total of £1,170 was made with a further £200 from Gift Aid.

Women's World Day of Prayer.

As was the case all over the country, the WWDP act of worship had to be postponed because of the icy conditions on March 2nd. However the service was still well supported a week later, with thirty one attending the Anglican Church, including Perran on the piano. Thank you Perran, for your time, skill and enthusiasm.

The service this year was prepared by the women of Surinam. It was titled "All God's Creation is Very Good", and the readings were from Genesis and Psalm 8. Unsurprisingly, there was an environmental theme when the congregation focused on the wonder of Creation and human's neglect of it. Individually, members of the congregation were asked to commit to one thing they would do in the future to help preserve God's Creation.

I would like to thank those who attended the planning meeting for willingly taking parts, (including Jane Chiverton who could not be with us on the second date but helped provide costumes), the ladies of the Anglican Church who set the scene and provided the welcome tea and biscuits afterwards, and those who came along to worship with us .Eileen deserves a particular expression of thanks for leading us through the moving service, and so ably getting her tongue around the Sranan phrases!

An eclectic range of charities are supported by the WWDP organisation. It is good to report an offertory of £190 which will help boost the allocation of grants next year. For those of you reading this who do not attend the ecumenical world-wide WWDP worship, perhaps I could encourage you join us next year. The organisation is now in consultation with local groups

about dropping "Women's" from their title, as originally it was just World Day of Prayer. A letter of explanation has stated that the movement would still be entirely women led, and would continue to give women in some countries a rare opportunity to speak out about what matters to them. But there is a perception with the present title that men are not welcome, although they always have been, and to younger people it might sound old fashioned. Here in the Islands the group who regularly participate in the annual service have voted to support the recommendation. Eleven ladies were in favour of dropping "Women's" from the title and six voted against.

Heather Terry

A prayer for Freedom by Daphne Kitching

Almighty God,

Lord of life, we thank you for the life and death of Jesus. Most of all we thank you for His resurrection which changed the world and made it possible for us to know you as our loving, gracious Father.

Lord, when we feel locked in, imprisoned by fears and circumstances, help us to remember that locked doors mean nothing to you. You can set us free. You can help us. You give strength for today and tomorrow. You give us new life as your children, through faith in Jesus.

May we open our hearts to your help today; to receive from you the peace and power that we need - and then to share it.
In Jesus' name,

Amen.

Beneath The Cross of Jesus

I have been asked to write something about a favourite hymn, and, as Passiontide is fast approaching as I write, I have decided to write about my favourite Passion hymn.

There are a number of very powerful passion hymns in our Hymnbooks, but, in my view, '*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*' is the most powerful.

Found at No 197 in the 1933MHB, and 165 in H&P, it was written by Elizabeth Cecilia Clephane, a very descriptive hymn written, and is usually sung to a lovely tune composed by Ira David Sankey.

I set particularly great store by MHB verse 2, which was dropped in Hymns and Psalms. (A very great mistake in my opinion). This verse reads:

***Upon that Cross of Jesus
Mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One
Who suffered there for me.
And from my stricken heart, with tears,
Two wonders I confess-
The wonders of redeeming love,
And my own worthlessness.***

It is such a descriptive verse that, when I get the chance to sing it, I find I can picture the scene of My Lord on the Cross.

I went to Chapel in Plymouth some years ago, when the Rev Peter Bolt was minister, and he had included this hymn

in the service. He was so incensed that this powerful verse had been dropped from H& P that he had it printed out, and it was inserted as the 3rd verse, meaning that we sung four verses in all.

I conclude with the final verse which I hope we will all take to heart.

***I take, O Cross, thy shadow:
For my abiding -place!
I ask no other sunshine than
The sunshine of His face;
Content to let the world go by,
To know no gain nor loss-
My sinful self my only shame,
My glory all- the Cross***

Philip Lethbridge

The Smiths Across the Water

We are living at the top of Penzance, just off St. Clare Street near the Leisure Centre and College. A little research led me to discover that St. Clare (one of the first followers of St. Francis of Assisi) is the patron saint of Laundry Workers – rather apt for five of us sharing a house!

We are settling in comfortably to mainland life. Emily is into her second year of college and enjoying living a five minute walk from her lecture rooms. Becky has a little further to go, 20 minutes to Mounts Bay Academy and both Vicky and I have a 16 minute drive to our respective works, Cape Cornwall School and Land's End Airport. Josh has

settled in to working at the Co-op at the top of Chapel Street and already has had to deal with shoplifters and squirrels, though not at the same time!

There is much about the islands we miss, but I think for all of us the biggest part is the people, the community, our friends, though I don't think I have been into town once and not met someone I know, either from the islands, from my college days or my time at Chapel Street Methodist Church.

We have settled at "Hope Church" in Alverton, courtesy of Vicki. She did some mystery shopping and visited a handful of churches in the area before I moved, and, with no criticism of the others, there was just something about Hope that made her feel comfortable and warm inside. It just felt right. After having been for a few weeks we worked out that there were five or six of the congregation that we knew from our time at Chapel Street and Ian Curnow, who served as the PC to the islands in the mid 90's (now running a charity on the Treneere Estate).

We are settling into the rhythm of mainland life with the opportunities it affords us in terms of places to explore and the chance to catch up with so many friends and family. I have taken full advantage of our proximity to the cinema and swimming pool and I'm gradually making my way back to Scilly, one swimming session at a time, keeping a record of my distances, I'm over half way there!!! and thankfully this is helping my health and continuing recovery immensely.

I have also got involved in the Street Food Project, a brilliant community effort to help the homeless and

disadvantaged in West Cornwall. It started a little over a year ago once a week, serving hot food and drinks to anyone who needed them and from there it has grown to a huge band of volunteers, all seven nights a week in a slick operation to help, feed and care for those that need it. Anyone is welcome as a guest, whatever their circumstances. Servers pitch up at the station at 6 p.m. with a couple of tables, chilli, moussaka, stew, vegetables, rice, apple crumble, custard, chocolate bars, tea, coffee and hot chocolate..... it varies from night to night. Between 20 and 30 guests are served, chatted to, listened to and, where possible, helped with things like warm clothes, sleeping bags and other items. Within 60 minutes, the area is tidy and our guests are making their way home, wherever that might be. Twenty to thirty.....

Twenty to thirty people of different ages, gender, nationalities and backgrounds, every night. Twenty to thirty people in need of help, a warm meal, someone to talk to..... They break the stereotype of the beggars and the homeless. They care for each other and share what they have. They have more manners than some in school uniforms I see (and hear) walking down Causewayhead and they have respect for everyone around them. And every story is different. I am hoping that over time I will be able to forge a link between the work we do in Penzance and the community of the islands, but for now I am just finding my feet and learning the ropes.

I look forward to writing to you all again in a few months and updating you with our news from the mainland community.

God Bless you all, from Merryn, Vicki, Katy, Joshua, Emily, Rebecca and Pickles.

Prayers for April and May

At a recent Editorial meeting, the team thought it would be a good idea to include some ideas for prayer. These might be on a global scale, or based on current events or be for our Church and the community here on the Islands. Should anyone wish to contribute an idea for the next magazine, simply let one of the Editorial team know.

Ideas for April and May

Gig weekend We pray for a happy and successful time for all those who come here to take part or who spectate.

We also give thanks for all those who help out with the refreshments on the Saturday which raise much needed funds for the Chapel.

Coffee mornings . May these be well supported and provide valuable outreach for the Chapel.

We give thanks for all those who have run and supported both **Saturday Seekers and the Holiday Club** over the years.

We pray for **an end to war and persecution**. We pray for support for all those in the world who suffer

We pray for the **homeless, the poor and the needy** in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. (Merryn's letter is very interesting and highlights the need for these prayers)

Valerie Parker

In Touch - Good News

Good news! Well, one piece of good news is that the season of spring and summer is just about upon us. Fields full of flowers, birds singing, sunshine and showers, spring awakening, smiles, early visitors, wonderful!

Some words of the Bible come to mind - "If we are in Christ, we are a NEW creation, old things have passed away, all things have become NEW." *2 Cor. 5.17.*

When my husband and I were married at the Methodist Chapel here on St. Mary's, our first hymn was "NEW every morning is the love, our wakening and uprising prove." It goes on to say, NEW mercies each returning day hover around us while we pray, NEW perils past, NEW sins forgiven, NEW thoughts of God, NEW hopes of heaven."

The Christian has a wonderful heritage - and best of all - "We look for a NEW heaven and a NEW earth in which righteousness abides." *2 Peter 3.13.*

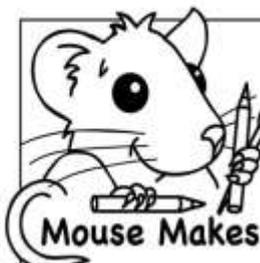
A NEW creation sings a NEW song, which God, by His grace, has put into our mouth. *Psalms 40.3.*

Pauline Jackson Cocking

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Gig Weekend

As usual, Chapel are intending to run refreshments on the quay on the Saturday of Gig Weekend. As well as providing drinks and food for the gig crews and spectators, the event raised valuable funds for the Chapel. Please contact Claire if you are able to give help on the day or provide cakes.

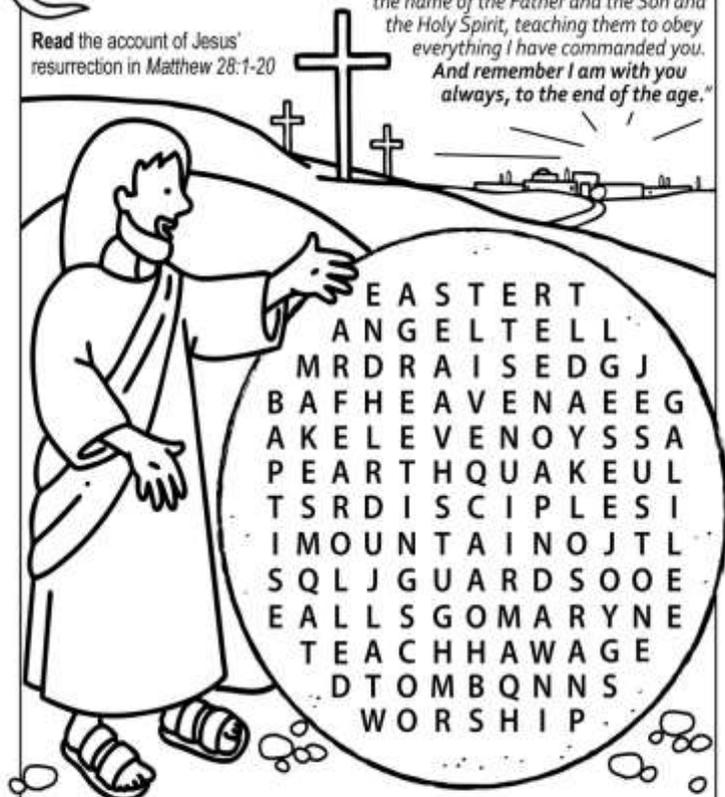


JESUS IS ALIVE!

After Jesus had been raised from the dead He met Mary and Mary Magdalene "Greetings," He said, "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee. They will see me there."

When the disciples met Jesus in Galilee He said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. **And remember I am with you always, to the end of the age.**"

Read the account of Jesus' resurrection in Matthew 28:1-20



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Cornwall District
Methodist Women in Britain

Spring District Days

“Strangers in our Midst”

Led by

Rev Margaret Oxenham

Tuesday 15th May 2018
Camborne Methodist Church
Chapel Street TR148EG

And

Wednesday 16th May 2018
Bugle Methodist Church PL26 8PE
10:00AM – 4:00 PM

Followed by a Cream Tea.

*Please bring a packed lunch.
Tea coffee etc will be provided*

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Coffee Morning

Coffee mornings will start again for the summer months shortly. These provide an opportunity to meet each other and holiday makers as well as raising some funds for the Chapel. Please come along and have a cuppa and a chat.



Birthday Greetings for April

April

Gwen Clarkson, Mary Gibbs,
Barbara Hasler, Stephen Morris,
Jenny Nightingale.

May

Mervyn Bird, Andy Brooks, Chris Hensleigh, Michael Jenkins,
Nick Jenkins, Harriet Pender.

Children's Birthdays

April : Alex Schwarz, Aurelia Schwarz

May: Frazer Clark.

God's blessings to you all.

In Memoriam

As an Editorial Team, we wondered whether anyone would like to remember those no longer with us. If so, please just let one of the team know either by email or by writing us a note or speaking to us.



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For the Prayer Chain to be effective it is essential that requests are forwarded to the person in the column beneath your name. If that person is not available, please, ring the next person on the list.

If anyone else would like to join in this special ministry, please, contact Revd. Jane Willcock on 422406.

We thank God that we can be channels of his grace.

MAY SERVICES

St. Mary's

6th	10:30	Rev. Jeremy Dare Communion
13th	09:15	Beryl Read
	11:00	Rev. Jeremy Dare
	20:00	Old Town Epilogue Rev. Jeremy Dare
20th	09:15	Rev . Jeremy Dare Communion
	11:00	Len Michell
	18:00	
27th	9:15	Gordon Bird
	11:00	Chris Savill
	18:00	

St. Martin's

6th	11:00	Len Michell
13 th	15:00	Rev. Jeremy Dare
20th	11:00	Beryl Read
27 th	11:00	Revd. Jane Willcock

Park House

6 th	16:00	Rev. Jeremy Dare
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April Services

St. Mary's

1st Easter Day	10:30	Revd Jane Willcox Sacramento
8 th	09:15 11:00	Revd Jane Willcock Sacramento Revd Jane Willcock
15 th	09:15 11:00	Gordon Bird Revd. Jeremy Dare
22 nd	09.15 11:00 20:15	Cannon Perran Gay Revd. Margaret Brock Old Town Epilogue Revd. Jeremy Dare
29 th	09:15 11:00	Revd. Jeremy Dare Revd. Jeremy Dare

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