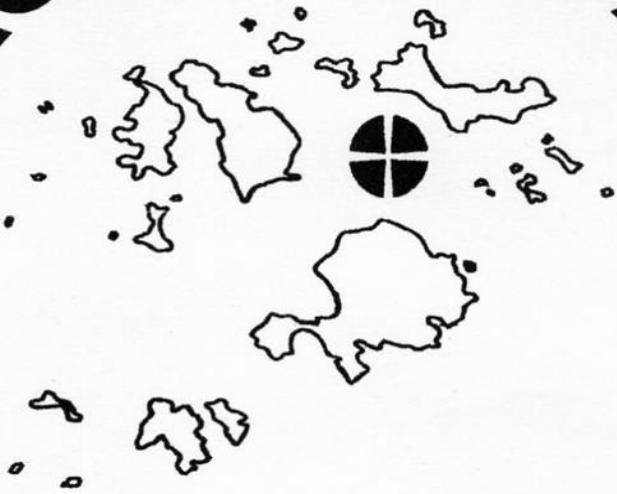


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Some thoughts from the St. Mary's Manse

Dear friends

We're approaching Easter and our celebration of God raising Jesus from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit (the Trinity in action!). Easter is taken from EOSTRE, a pagan goddess of fertility which may be a subconscious link to eggs and new life.

Pete Lewis has a song which includes the lyrics

**O Lord, all the world belongs to You
You are always making all things new.
What is wrong, You forgive,
and the new life You give
Is what's turning the world upside down.**

Christ's resurrection is the supreme example of making things new and new life. The Christ who appeared to Mary in the Garden was the Christ who died. He only became recognizable to her when he spoke. His resurrection body was different from his earlier one, as the scriptures tell us. He could eat food as well as appear in the midst of the disciples through a locked door.

We can share this new life here and now (as well as thereafter!) if we accept and know Jesus as our Lord and Saviour (allowing Him to be the Lord of our life and to take away our sins) – see Romans Chapter 10, verse 9.

Modern and older hymns remind us of these truths

I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today
You ask me how I know he lives, He lives within my heart

But this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom

Forbid it Lord that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my
Lord

Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.
He died that we may go to heaven, saved by His precious blood

The above echo the Scriptures:

“If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old has
passed away and everything has become new.”

2 Corinthians 5:17

A pantomime may offer new lamps for old; Christianity offers a
new life for an old one. If this is your experience and you can
look back and see what Christ did for you and is doing for you
today; seek opportunities to share this with someone else, day
by day, wherever you are and whoever you meet and ask the
Lord to give you the words and the confidence.

If it isn't your experience – consider that Christ died for you
because He loves you and God raised Him to show His love for
you.

May the experience of Christ make 2019 a Happy New Easter.

Michael

Easter Peace: it does not mean to be in a place where there is
no noise, trouble or hard work. It means to be in the midst of
those things and still be calm in your heart. – Anon

News from St Martin's

We have had a very mixed bag of weather since our last news update. We have had some services cancelled, have worshipped with our C of E friends and also, fortunately our own Chris Savill has taken services.

Many of our members have enjoyed their winter breaks and a few are now away. We are pleased to hear that two friends/relatives are recovering well from illness; Josie Rush and 'Mitch'; we wish them good health in the future.

This Sunday we have been honoured with a visit by Steve Wild; his evangelical enthusiasm is always inspirational. Perran accompanied on the organ with great gusto and it was pleasing to see a doubling of our regular congregation.

We have had to temporarily close our photo exhibition in the Sunday School, in order to replace and refresh some of the pictures. Sadly the ever present threat of 'West country damp' is taking its toll. We hope to open in time to welcome our summer visitors.

Val Thomas

Easter prayer of thanks

Gracious, loving Father,

Thank you for the wonderful reality of Jesus' resurrection on that first Easter Day.

Thank you that, because Jesus is alive, life has meaning and purpose.

When we don't understand why some things happen, when life is difficult, when we are struggling through pain and loss, help us to know your risen presence and love in our lives.

Help us to choose to trust you.

Help us always to be thankful for your amazing Easter gift of life and hope.

In Jesus name,

Amen.

Daphne Kitching

World Day of Prayer

Unlike last year, when the “Beast from the East” forced us to postpone the annual World Day of Prayer service, Friday March 1st dawned dry and bright and worship went ahead as planned. Here in Scilly twenty seven of us joined a wave of prayer which circled the planet, starting in Samoa and ending thirty eight hours later back in the Pacific, as the sun set over American Samoa. Each year we sing “The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended”, an apt hymn reminding us that “o’er each continent and island the voice of prayer is never silent”.

The service was prepared by the ladies of Slovenia and was called Come – Everything is Ready. The theme of the worship was an open invitation for all to come to God’s table, grounded in the parable Jesus told about a great dinner attended by those called in from the streets, because the invited guests had excused themselves. (St. Luke Ch 14 v 15 to 24).

We heard from five Slovenian women who had come to the table of bread, wine, water and salt. Their stories were the voices of the refugee, migrant worker, mother, grandmother and the Roma people, and reflected the political and economic situation from the time when

Slovenia was part of a communist/socialist state until the present. The focal point for the reflection was a painting by a Slovenian artist showing aspects of her country coupled with the parable. The marginalised were depicted underneath the table and we were asked “who are missing from the table in your community?” In prayer we sought forgiveness for when we are silent in the face of injustice, and for open, understanding and compassionate hearts.

As a result of everyone's generosity, I have been able to send £159 to the World Day of Prayer movement. Our contribution will help to fund the grants distributed by the organisation to a wide range of charities across the world.

To conclude, I would like to thank all the ladies who agreed to take part, those who came to worship with us and the members from St. Mary's Chapel who served tea and lovely cakes to suit all tastes. Also there is a special word of gratitude to Fiona (Maybrey) for willingly agreeing to lead the service and so ably focusing our thoughts during the reflection, and to Perran for his musical accompaniment and guidance with the songs and sung responses.

Next year we will be following a service prepared by the women of Zimbabwe, so do join us if you can.

Heather

Can you help?

Easter Saturday

On Easter Saturday on St Mary's we decorate the Chapel with as many local flowers and foliage as are available. ready for Easter Day. The Chapel always looks glorious on Easter Sunday – a real celebration for our risen Lord.

Any help with this would be very welcome. We will start at approximately 1:30/ 2 pm in the Methodist Church Hall. Donations of flowers and/ or foliage would also be very welcome.

Can you help?

Easter Day Morning

As usual there will be a sunrise service on the Buzza on Easter morning. Following this, it has been suggested that the St Mary's Methodist Church host breakfast as has been the case in the last few years. This year it will be in the Methodist Church Hall rather than the Wesley Room.

However volunteers are needed to help with setting up on the Saturday, and on Easter Day for serving teas and coffees and/ or clearing up afterwards.

Please speak to Barbara James if you are able to help at any of these times.

Rainy Days

At the last Church Council meeting on St Mary's, Gordon suggested that it would be a good idea to open the Hall on wet days for those tourists who might need a dry place to get out of the rain. In particular those who are camping, especially those with children may well find this helpful as being under canvas with children for a day is not a lot of fun for anyone. The idea is that this service will be offered as the need arises.

In the Church Hall there is plenty of space so we can put out games and jigsaws so families can still have a pleasant day out of the rain. However volunteers will be needed.

If you are able to help, please contact Gordon.

You are what you think about

Negative thoughts can actually harm you, physically. In a recent study by the universities of Exeter and Oxford, it was found that if you listen to that critical inner voice, you will end up with an increased heart rate, consistent with feelings of being under threat and distress.

On the other hand, positive thoughts have the opposite effect. Those in the study who were encouraged to be kind to themselves when things went wrong, reported more self-compassion, connection with others, and had feelings of relaxation and safety.

No wonder that Paul urges us:

“Brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things... And the God of peace will be with you.”
(Philippians 4: 8, 9)

Tactful

There was once a minister who was determined that things should be done properly during each service, yet he had a great gift for being gentle and tactful.

The congregation often read the 23rd Psalm together. One Sunday before they started, he said smilingly: “Oh, may I ask the lady who always arrives at the still waters while the rest of us are in the green pastures, to wait for us this time?”

Good News

A Sure Salvation

This, I am told, is a true story regarding Queen Victoria. The Queen was deeply moved during a Church service – so much so that she asked her Chaplain, “Can one be absolutely sure in this life of eternal safety?” The Chaplain was nonplussed, the Queen of Great Britain asking him this question.

An evangelist name John Townsend heard about the Queen’s question and prayed about it, asking God for wisdom. He felt compelled to write to her, and so, sent a note

“With trembling hands, but heartfelt love, and because I know that we can be absolutely sure now of our eternal life in the Home that Jesus went to prepare, may I ask your Most Gracious Majesty to read the following passages of scripture – John 3:v16 and Romans 10:v9 & 10?”

Two weeks later the evangelist received his letter

“I have carefully and prayerfully read the portions of scripture referred to. I believe in the finished work of Christ for me and trust by God’s grace to meet you in that Home of which He said, ‘I go to prepare a place for you’ – Victoria Guelph.”

Townsend was confident that we can have assurance of eternal safety. Read again John 3:v16 and Romans 10:v9 & 10. God desires to give each of us the confidence that our sin is forgiven – and after death we will be with Him forever.

**BLESSED ASSURANCE, JESUS IS MINE!
OH, WHAT A FORETASTE OF GLORY DIVINE!
HEIR OF SALVATION, PURCHASE OF GOD,
BORN OF HIS SPIRIT, WASHED IN HIS BLOOD.**

*Frances Jan van Alstyne 1820-1915
(Hymns and Psalms 669)*

Kenneth Jackson Cocking

Where did the Easter Bunny and Easter eggs come from?

The Easter bunny is a gentle figure of folklore, who seems to have first come from the German Lutherans. They depicted him as a rabbit who brought coloured Easter eggs to children. The idea of an egg-giving hare went over to the US in the 18th century, when Protestant German immigrants in the Pennsylvania Dutch area told their children about the 'Osterhase'. *Hase* means hare, and according to the legend, only good children found the hare's gifts of coloured eggs, placed in the nests that they had made in their caps and bonnets before Easter.

The Easter bunny became a prominent symbol of Easter. Rabbits, prolific procreators, are an ancient symbol of new life. Easter eggs are said to represent Jesus' emergence from the tomb and resurrection.

Decorating Easter eggs dates back to at least the 13th century. One possible reason for the custom was that in those days eggs were forbidden during the Lenten season. So people would paint and decorate them to mark the end of the period of penance and fasting, and then eat them on Easter as a celebration.

Recipe for Loving

With a number of different 'cooking' programmes on the TV at the moment, herewith:-

RECIPE FOR REAL LOVING

Take A few cups of kindness
 A dash of humanity
 A sparkle of laughter
 A teaspoonful of patience
 A tablespoonful of generosity
 A pint of forgiveness
 A quart of love
 A gallon of faith in Jesus

Mix in determination and a lot of courage. Stir very well. Spread it over the span of your lifetime and secure it to each and every person you meet.

Can you help? 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. Last year Gig weekend raised £692.80. It is an all day event so the more people who are able to spare an hour or two the better. If you can't help on the day perhaps you could bake a cake beforehand.

Please contact Claire if you are able to give help on the day or provide cakes.

Quiet

A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to Church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church? One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping"

Birthday Celebration

On Monday 29th April 2019 family and friends will be with me, Gwendolen Jean Clarkson to celebrate my 90th birthday.

Born to a Christian pacifist parents my years have been spent in churches of different denominations producing a range of commitments.

The celebrations will be enhanced by a mention of them during the 11 am service in the Methodist Chapel here on St Mary's on Sunday 28th April. After the service, tea and cakes will be served in the Methodist Hall. Only contributions to that food and/ or donations to the charity Action for Children are requested. Gwen has a long running commitment to this charity, through which she adopted her younger daughter Shanon.

This will be a weekend of abundant blessings from our Lord and for all the family and friends.

Gwen Clarkson

Editor: We all wish Gwen a very happy birthday and give thanks for her continuing and practical Christian witness. If anyone is able to bake a cake or biscuits it would be very helpful.

Quote

'There's not much practical Christianity in the man who lives on better terms with angels and seraphs, than with his children, servants and neighbours.' – **H W Beecher**
May we all be practical Christians

CAMEO

Come And Meet Each Other

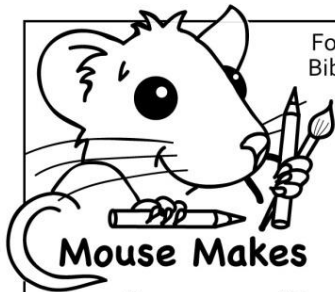
Coffee mornings have been running once a month over the winter and have been well supported. These provide an opportunity to meet each other as well as raising some funds for various charities. This winter we have supported: the Christian Aid Island to Island Appeal which Lent lunches have also been supporting; Action for Children and Fair Trade.

- 12th February £50 was raised for the Christian Aid Island to Island Appeal (Philippines)
- 12th March £40 raised for the Tradecraft Exchange programme that supports Growers and many other projects around the world to improve quality of life.

The next CAMEO is on 9th April, 10.00 – 12.00 in the Wesley Room. Donations will go to the Tear Fund. Money raised for this charity is doubled by the Government.

CAMEO reverts to the Church Hall on Tuesday May 7th and each Tuesday 10:00-12:00 for the summer season. Please come along and have a cuppa and a chat. It is a good opportunity in the summer months to meet with those on holiday whether they are new to the Islands or old friends returning. We will be drawing up a rota again so please give your name to Barbara if you are able to provide cakes and/ or set up and make the tea and coffee on the day. It is also a good fund raiser for Church funds. Last year £652.70 was made.

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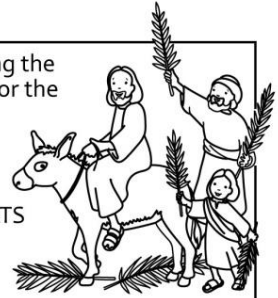


Follow the **Easter story** using the Bible references, then look for the words in the puzzle.

Into Jerusalem

read *Matthew 21:1-11*

DONKEY • ROAD • COATS
BRANCHES • PALMS
KING • HOSANNA



The Last Supper

read *Matthew 26:17-30*

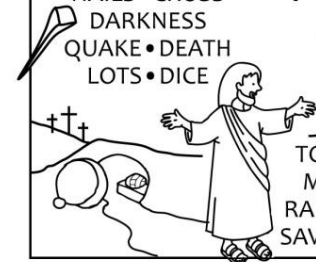
TWELVE DISCIPLES
PASSOVER
ROOM • BREAD
WINE • SON • MAN
BODY • BLOOD
CUP • MEAL



Betrayal and Death

read *Matthew 26:36-27:56*

GETHSEMANE
PRAY • BETRAY
KISS • ARREST
MESSIAH • CHRIST
SON • ACCUSED
CRUCIFY • JESUS
CROWN • THORNS
ROBE • TREE
NAILS • CROSS
DARKNESS
QUAKE • DEATH
LOTS • DICE



Burial and Resurrection

read *Matthew 27:57-28:20*

TOMB • STONE • LINEN • BODY • BURY • THREE DAYS
MORNING • MARY • ANGEL • HEAVEN • LORD • GOD
RAISED • JOY • GO TELL • GOOD NEWS • PEACE • SPIRIT
SAVIOUR • PRAISE • EASTER • I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS

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A L T S K M E S S I A H J B O G
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Birthday Greetings for April and May

April

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

May

Mervyn Bird, Andy Brooks, Michael Jenkins, Nick Jenkins,

Children's Birthdays

April: Alex Schwarz, Aurelia Schwarz

May: Frazer Clark.

God's blessings to you all.



Three years after the Russian Revolution of 1917, a great anti-God rally was arranged in Kiev. The powerful orator Bukharin was sent from Moscow, and for an hour he demolished the Christian faith with argument, abuse and ridicule. At the end there was silence.

Then a man rose and asked to speak. He was a priest of the Russian Orthodox Church. He went and stood next to Bukharin. Facing the people, he raised his arms and spoke just three triumphant words: 'Christ is risen!'

At once the entire assembly rose to their feet and gave the joyful response, 'He is risen indeed!' It was a devastating moment for an atheist politician, who had no answer to give to this ancient Easter liturgy. He had not realised he was simply too late: how can you convince people who have already experienced God, that He does not exist?



*They could have either a procession of crosses,
or a donkey. But not both.*

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MAY SERVICES

St. Mary's

5th	11:00	Len Michell
12th	09:15 11:00 20:15	David Ward Revd. Michael Pullan Communion Old Town Epilogue
19th	09:15 11:00 20:15	Beryl Read Gordon Bird Old Town Epilogue
26th	9:15 11:00 20:15	Revd. Michael Pullan Stewards Old Town Epilogue Rev Michael Pullan

St. Martin's

5th	11:00	Chris Savill
12 th	11:00	Beryl Read
19th	11:00	Chris Savill
26 th	11:00	Revd. Michael Pullan

Park House

12 th	16:00	Revd. Michael Pullan
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PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact Revd. Michael Pullan (422406) who will pass on the prayer request to the first name in each of the groups.

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Sue Williams 422605

Claire Jenkins 423546

Margaret Snowball 422896

Gordon Bird 422550

Sonia Crompton 422854

Len & Sylvia Michell 422409

Pamela Thomas 423115

June Lethbridge 422404

Beryl Read 422977

Gwen Clarkson 423106

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. Michael Pullan on 422406.

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

April Notices

St. Mary's

- 7th 09:15 Canon Perran Gay
 11:00 Beryl Read
- 14th 09:15 Gordon Bird
 11:00 Revd. Michael Pullan
 Palm Sunday
- 21st 11:00 Revd. Michael Pullan
 Communion Easter Day
 20:15 Revd. Michael Pullan
- 28th 09:15 Revd. Michael Pullan
 11:00 Mrs Margaret Brock
 20:15 Old Town Epilogue Revd. Michael Pullan

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- 7th 15:00 Len Michell
- 14th 14:00 Revd. Michael Pullan Palm Sunday
- 21st 15:00 Revd. Michael Pullan
 Easter Day Communion
- 28th 11:00 Revd. Michael Pullan

Park House

- 14th 16:00 Revd. Michael Pullan