

the Link

The Parish Magazine for the parishes of
St Catherine and **Holy Trinity** Ventnor and **St Boniface** Bonchurch



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Tuesday at 9.30am and Thursday at 9.15am at Holy Trinity
Wednesday at 9.30am at St Catherine's
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Midweek Services

St Catherine's - Wednesday - 10.30am Holy Communion
Holy Trinity - Thursday - 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday Services

Please see inside Link for details of Sunday Services

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ALL CHURCHES GREAT AND SMALL

I've just returned from a whistle-stop tour of Italy on a coach with an old friend. It included, as well as gorgeous scenery en route in France, Switzerland and Italy, guided walking tours of some of Italy's most famous and beautiful places. We visited Pisa (no, I haven't got one of those clever photos of me holding up the Leaning Tower), Florence (beautiful), Siena (exquisite), Rome (majestic), and Venice (delightful). I'm now fired with the desire to return for a longer stay, especially in Siena and Venice.

Each of these visits included a good look AT (and in some memorable cases, AROUND) the Duomo, the Cathedral of each place, nearly always complete with Baptistry and Campanile, or separate bell-tower. Where we DID have time to look inside each cathedral (sadly, the queues at Florence and Venice defeated us!) we were deeply impressed.

Pisa had a beautiful arrangement of Duomo, Baptistry and Campanile (the Leaning Tower) in a striking Cathedral Close.



Florence, ornamented with subtly contrasting shades of marble banding, had the same three buildings in a bustling city square, with Ghiberti's Baptistry doors, made in 1424, facing the west doors of the Cathedral, so that the newly-baptised could process through the "Gates of Paradise" to the Cathedral for the very first time.

Siena was exquisite, built between 1136 and 1382, and one of the most spectacular in Italy. The citizens of Siena all helped to cart the black and white stone that makes the striped interior so striking. Proud that a local man, Aeneas Piccolomini, became Pope Pius the Second, a whole library was filled with frescoes of his life, painted in the fifteenth century.



St. Mark's, in Venice, was remarkable, a church bridging East and West Christendom, as if an Eastern Orthodox Church, ablaze with onion domes, gold and mosaic, had been dropped from the sky to sit beside the Doges' Palace.



But it was St Peter's in Rome that impressed us most. NOT because of the architecture and the magnificent dome, NOT because of Michelangelo's statue of Mary cradling the dead Jesus on her lap, NOT even because it's the largest Church in Christendom and the burial place of St Peter.

No, it was because of the PEOPLE in it! Because it is part of the Vatican State, it's free to enter (the others weren't). Pleasant attendants welcomed us and helped us into a lift to avoid the myriad marble steps, when they saw our walking sticks. When we asked, we were courteously directed to the spotless toilets (also free). Chapels were reserved where people could pray, and because we were missing our Sunday worship, we were able to catch up in the peaceful atmosphere of these chapels. People moved about in a quiet and respectful way, children were made to feel at home, there were no chattering groups with tour guides and flags. And, most movingly, while we were there, a group of white-gowned pilgrims, from, I think, the Philippines, came into church and processed behind their crucifer up to the altar of St Peter, singing a Taize-style chant, and many people from different countries joined in

with the “Alleluias”. There was a palpable sense of worship, and we left refreshed and renewed.

So it is also with our churches here in Ventnor and Bonchurch. Of course, we need to clean, repaint, repair and decorate with flowers, but unless there is a welcome to all and a worshipful atmosphere conducive to prayer, then we become just a historical building, a museum rather than a church.

Above an arch in one of the Duomos were the words (in Latin) “This is none other than the House of God, this is the Gate of Heaven.” I pray that this is the same for us here as well.

FRONT PAGE

Florence Cathedral,

Above the main door is the colossal clock face with fresco portraits of four Prophets or Evangelists by Paolo Uccello (1443). This one-handed liturgical clock shows the 24 hours of the *hora italica* (Italian time), a period of time ending with sunset at 24 hours. This timetable was used until the 18th century. This is one of the few clocks from that time that still exist and are in working order.

Don't forget to put your clocks
BACK on SUNDAY
28th OCTOBER



Over the last few years prayer has been more important to me in both private and group prayer settings. I am part of a team of people offering prayer ministry in pairs after the services at St Catherine's Church. In the House Group I attend after our Bible study we pray for people and church issues on our hearts. Our group is also following a Study guide on Prayer. In these studies, we have looked at 'the friend of God' Abraham in conversation with God, the Prophetic prayers of Daniel, the intercessory prayers of a. David or a Paul and many other types or aspects of prayer warriors and contemplative or worshipful communications with God. Since joining the church in 1992 I have seen different forms of prayer groups 'rising and falling'. Predominantly the Agendas were peoples' welfare, prayer for support of ministries in the church, prayer for Ventnor and the Isle of Wight and the wider national and world concerns. A year ago, Ann Allen and Patsy Appleton began to pray together on Tuesdays at 2:30 at St Catherine's Church having felt called to this and being obedient. During this year a few others have joined them as circumstances permitted and I was one of them. At present we three attend and have begun to prayerfully consider the way forward for this time of prayer and now are asking our church members to help us. This request is to all three churches in Ventnor parishes. I have 'brainstormed' a few ideas challenging, traditional and hopefully encouraging;

Pray for Spiritual Growth and Revival as a committed group of believers.

This is historically connected to humility and repentance.

Encourage prayer triplets or other small groups for support of themselves and other burdens.

Stick with Prayer Ministry, Service Prayers and other established prayer gatherings.

Prayer support for 'evangelical ministries such as Men's' Breakfast, 'Messy Church', 'Come and See' and The Hub.

But what do my readers want? Please contact me at church, (St C's)] by email lindamaguire@hotmail.co.uk or come Along to our prayer time. I am also planning to distribute a more formal 'views and ideas' sheet. The last words will not be mine but from Jesus;

‘Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things [food, clothing, our needs] shall be Added unto you ‘.

Linda Maguire September 2018

THE MAKER'S INSTRUCTIONS.

‘Do not be anxious about anything, in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God’.

(Philippians 4: 6)

‘Pray for each other.’ (James 5:17)

‘Pray continually’ (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

‘For when two or three come together in my name, there am I with them’. (Matthew 18:20)

‘For I know the plans I have for you’ declares the Lord ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart’.
(Jeremiah 29:11-13)

On Thursday 4th October, St. Francis Day, Holy Trinity will host a gathering of The Portsmouth and Winchester dioceses Society of Catholic Priests. Despite its name, this is an Anglican association of liberal Catholic male and female clergy. The Day begins with a concelebrated Eucharist at 12 noon to which all are invited to attend. The service is expected to last for about 40 minutes.

Greg Clifton-Smith

BONCHURCH EVENTS



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

TUESDAY 2nd OCTOBER

ST BONIFACE PARISH CHURCH

10am TO 12 noon

TOMBOLA - GAMES - HANDICRAFTS - BRIC A BRAC

and of course

TONS OF HOME MADE CAKES, SAVOURIES AND JAMS

TEAS + COFFEES AND HOT SAUSAGE ROLLS

Please join us as part of the biggest coffee morning in the world!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday November 24th

BUMPER CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

Sunday December 9th

Nine Lessons and carols with Orpheus Singers

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

Holy Trinity Church
Autumn Fare
Saturday 10th November
10.am - 2pm

Lots of Christmas cards at
bargain prices
Plus Refreshments

Trinity Folk



**Trinity Church
Hall**

7.30pm - 10pm

19th October
16th November

THE CHERUB.

Rejoice my friends, rejoice, a new day has begun,
Count your blessings fully, count them one by one.
Cherub Billy is so happy he counts his blessings too,
Every single one of them, as he suggests you do.

Blessings are a gift from God to suit our special need.
They help us in our daily lives, to help us to succeed.
Our love for one another, for family and friends,
For animals and bird life, of all that life depends.

The blessing of the sunshine, then refreshing rain,
all go to help us in our stress to ease away our pain.
Yes, Cherub Billy feels these things, you are not alone,
God's Angels all surround you, you're not living in a cone.

We have had a lovely summer, Autumn will be good,
Look forward, be an optimist, Billy thinks you should.
Life goes on so quickly, lots of things to do,
it is all so interesting there is always something new.

We often hear of weddings, someone takes a wife,
And then a new born baby, a new addition to their life,
Next come anniversaries and birthdays to enjoy,
With teddy bears to play with or some other kind of toy.

Oh yes, dear friends, be thankful, rejoice be happy too,
But then, be merciful to others who are worse off than you.
Some have lost a loved one, their dearest, closest love,
Be sure that they are safe with God, high in Heaven above.

Ted Busbridge.



IT IS A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU.

I get a lot of pleasure from writing articles for our Link magazine, especially the Cherub. Perhaps it is because he is becoming of the biblical phrase: "And a little child shall lead us."

The cherub is, in my mind, a little boy Angel in the highly favoured position of living within the realm of Angels who is also capable of mixing with us earthly beings.

He is so full of love and understanding, attentive to our needs and always ready to guide our consciences.

An Angel of course, is a messenger of God but our Cherub seems to have slipped into a slightly different category, yet Maintaining his Angelical status within the Holy realm.

My other writings are usually of a more factual nature, often touching on personal experiences with a subtle twist of extra inspiration to enhance the situation.

I love life in all its aspects: the joy and the beauty of nature at all times of the year. Every season brings its own delight.

Like everyone, I do have my favourite such as Christmas, set in the heart of winter in our case, with that lovely story of the nativity: the birth of Jesus. Time to really rejoice in our Lord as a new born child, a Cherub, nay, even more than that!

Born within the most humble place on earth: a simple stable among the animals.

.....From Ted Busbridge.

Articles for the **NOVEMBER Magazine** should be handed in by **October 10th** please. You can hand it in at the Hub or email it to Joan Garlick at **ventnorcofe@hotmail.co.uk**

Hand written reports/articles are accepted if you **do not** have access to a computer.

Carisbrooke Priory

Open Door Speakers for October 2018

Open Door Meeting every Thursday at 12 Noon

4 th October	Alan Brown (Communion)
11 th October	Kelvin Burke
18 th October	Elizabeth Lilley
25 th October	John & Gillian Ryeland

A light lunch will be served after the service

Activities @ The Priory

Poetry Past & Present with Anne Linington

Friday 12th October – 10.30-11.45 a.m.

Music and Melodies with June Cox

Date to be confirmed – please see our website for details

Crochet Café: Every Friday from 11.00 a.m. until 1.00 p.m.

Prayer Ministry available by arrangement –
Please contact the Priory for an appointment.

Phone: 01983 523354

Email: opendoor@carisbrookepriory.org.uk

Website: www.carisbrookepriory.org.uk

ST ALBANS THE MARTYR CHURCH

Sundays - Sung Eucharist - 09:30am - 10:30am

7th, 14th, 21st and 28th October.

+ 4th November.

Wednesdays - Holy Communion - 09:30am - 10:30am

3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st October.

+ 7th November.

'Pitch up at the Pub!'

At the Winter Gardens, Ventnor.

A friendly social afternoon!

Last Monday of the month, 29th October

2pm - 4pm, Free.

Don't be shy, pop in for a friendly welcome.

Chat and put the world to rights, make new friends.

Contact Nina for information/transport

07736151630

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## **'The Everything Cafe'**

At the GREEN ROOM, SALISBURY GARDENS

Dudley Road, Ventnor.

2nd Monday of the month, 2pm - 4pm. Free.

**\*\*1st October, 12th November, 10th December.**

Plenty of chat and a bit of everything chosen by you!

Regular speakers and guests giving you opportunity

to try new skills such as creative writing, arts and crafts, languages or history.

Bring a CD for our CD jukebox.

Volunteers welcome.

**\*\* Except October when it is the First Monday**

Contact Nina for information/transport

07736151630

## **Say a ‘thank you’ prayer at home.**

A line in the Lord’s Prayer asks God to ‘Give us this day our daily bread’. When we say that line, we’re asking God to provide the basic things in life that keep us healthy and happy. It can start with the food we need to eat each day, but for lots of different reasons, not everyone has enough.

So saying thank you for our food is important – we might thank the person who cooked it, and we might go back further and think of the people in the shops where we bought the ingredients, and even trace it right back to the farmers who grew the crops in the first place.

For children who are old enough, try talking about this together one meal time, taking each item on the plate and thinking about where it came from and all the people and work that has gone into bringing it to your table.

Saying grace before a meal is a way of saying thank you to God for making the earth and everything in it – all good things come from God, and it’s up to us to use them in the very best and most generous way. Try singing this grace: “One, two, three, four, five, thank you God that I’m alive. Six, seven, eight, nine, ten, thank you God for food. Amen!”

One of the most traditional graces goes like this: “For what we are about to receive, may the Lord make us truly thankful and keep us always mindful of the needs of others.”

Some families hold hands while they say grace – this reminds us that we are thankful not only for our food, but that we can share it with people we love, as in this prayer: “Thank you God for food, and family, and friends. Amen. or “Thank you God for food, and family, and friends, we remember those who have no food today, and those who have food, but nobody to share it. As you have blessed us, help us be a blessing for others. Amen.”

## ***Decorate a ‘grace’ table mat:***

Take a piece of A4 paper, and in the middle draw round a medium sized plate to make a circle, then in that circle draw round a smaller plate. You should have something that looks a little bit like a plate. Then draw a fork outline on the left, and a knife outline on the right, and a spoon above – don’t worry about the quality of the artwork!

Now, have some fun decorating your plate with pictures of their favourite food – you can draw pictures yourself, or cut them out of magazines, or use pictures from food packets – and you can even label them if your child is old enough to start learning to read. Somewhere on your paper, perhaps at the top or in a corner, write ‘Thank you God’ in big letters and colour it in – this is your ‘thank-you’ place mat, a reminder of all the good things that God gives us.

Once you've finished decorating, you can either laminate your artwork, or slip it into one of those plastic folders and seal up the end with sticky tape. Use your place mat at family meal times as a reminder of your thankfulness for all God's blessings, and particularly for food.

This is such a fun activity, that you can create a new one every so often, with updated favourite foods, and perhaps even write a little 'grace' prayer of your own to go on it? Or simply include one of the prayers on this page. Make food fun! If your child is a bit of a fussy eater, you could try making their food more fun. Maybe arrange the veggies in the shape of a smiley face?

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**First Thursday of the month at 9am**

**St Catherine's Church.**

**A warm welcome to breakfast and a friendly chat. For further information contact**

**Steve on 856953**





# **Ventnor Townswomen's Guild**

**17th October - 2.15pm**

**American Tea At Three in aid of the HOSPICE**

**Wear something YELLOW**

Resident's Lounge. Knights Court, High Street, Ventnor.

Secretary - Mrs J Walters - 855892

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21st November - Decorations for Christmas.

Presenters - Betty McNeice & Jo Scott

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## **Social Studies Group**

**1st October - 2.15pm**

**From Woolly Jumper To Woolly Jumper**

**With Mrs Mary Groves.**

**(Includes demonstration of spinning)**

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5th November, "Some Mothers do 'ave 'em". Ray Allen

Held in the Resident's lounge at Byrnhill Grove, Park Avenue

For more information contact Mrs Barbara Joyner - 651577

£1 per meeting including refreshments

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VENTNOR WEATHER

Weather for August

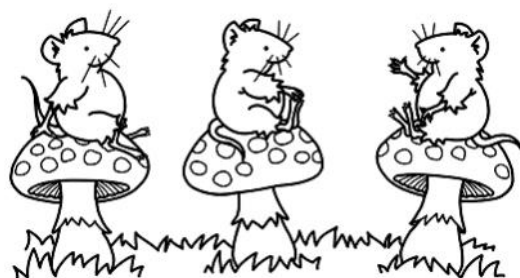
Rainfall of 51.10mm (2.01ins) was 105% of the average of 48.48mm (1.91ins). Rain fell on 12 days. The wettest day was the 26th with 21.6mm (0.75ins). This was the wettest day since September 3rd 2017.

The mean temperature of 18.6C (65F) was the 6th hottest in the last 35 years. Average maximum temperature was 21.5C (71F). Hottest day was the 4th with 28C (82F). This was the hottest day since July 18th 2006. 21 days had more than 20C (68F). The minimum was only 8.9C (48F) on 25th.

*Thanks to Mike Wood
for our weather information
for Ventnor.*



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Don't forget to pick up your **free** copy of
the new look **@CofE Portsmouth.**

Issued quarterly.

Messy Church

27th October

3pm - 5pm

St Francis Academy - Upper Ventnor

"Come and share a meal with us"

Children must be accompanied by a parent/
guardian or carer.

Do please tell any families you know about this

Free event.



The theme was "He's got the Whole World in his hands." The next one is on October 27th, and in future there is going to be a Messy Church Noticeboard at St Francis Academy to display some of the items made during the activities!

Worship for October

October 7th The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30a.m. Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church

10.45a.m. Morning Worship, St Catherine's Church

10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Boniface Church

October 14th The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

9.30a.m. Morning Worship, Holy Trinity Church

10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Catherine's Church

10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Boniface Church

6.30p.m. Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church

October 21st, The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

9.30a.m. Holy Communion and Dedication of Doors,
Holy Trinity Church

10.45a.m. **COME AND SEE**, St Catherine's Church

10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Boniface Church

October 28th St Simon and St Jude

9.30a.m. Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church

10.45a.m. Holy Communion with Baptism,
St Catherine's Church

10.45a.m. Morning Worship, St Boniface Church

Bible Readings for October

October 7th The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 2:18-24

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

St Mark 10:2-16

October 14th The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Hebrews 4:12-end

St Mark 10:17-31

October 21st The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 53:4-end

Hebrews 5:1-10

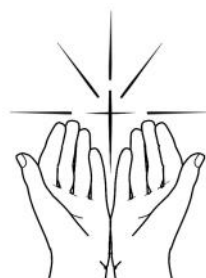
St Mark 10:35-45

October 28th St Simon and St Jude

Isaiah 28:14-16

Ephesians 2:19-end

St John 15:17-end



BEREAVEMENT GROUP....Can we help you?

We are aware that there are a number of people who have been bereaved and might like someone to talk to.

If this is YOU or someone you know, please contact any of the Bereavement Group from St Catherine's, Holy Trinity and St Boniface, by telephoning 01983 853729 or visit the Hub at St Catherine's any morning between 10.30 am and 12.30pm. If you'd rather leave a note, there's a box in the Coffee Shop. Anything you wish to discuss will be treated with absolute confidentiality.

**Is something worrying you?
Want someone to listen to you?**

Come in on Mondays - 11am - 2pm.

at

The Living Room - 82-83 High Street, Newport
We have trained Acorn Christian Listeners you can talk to.

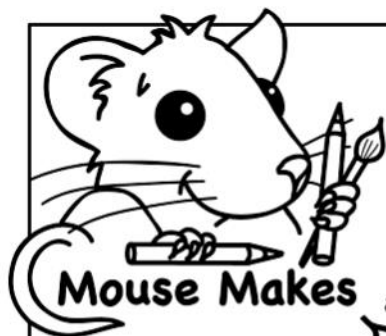
Monday Evening 7.45pm

Contact Jenny Holder 852575

Tuesday Evening - 8.00pm

At Mick and Nava Young's St Andrews, Belgrave
Road. 852680





Mouse Makes

READ the whole story
in 1 Kings 18:16-40



God's prophet **Elijah** built a big bonfire and had the prophets of the god **Baal** build one too.

Elijah said "*Call on Baal to light the fire and burn the sacrifice*" ... but Baal did not answer because he was just an idol made of stone.

Elijah had his bonfire drenched in water then he called on the Lord God. The fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the water around it. All the people saw

this and cried:

"The Lord -
He is God!"

T N
G O D
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U L F W A T E R
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I S R A E L T

How
many
stones
did Elijah
use to
build the
altar?

How
many
jars of
water
were
poured on
the altar?

Can you find these words from the story in the word search?
ELIJAH • ISRAEL • PROPHETS • BAAL • CARMEL • GOD
BULL • WOOD • LORD • TEST • ALTAR • SHOUT • STONES
WATER • POUR • FILL • FIRE • SKY • CONSUMED • DIRT

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*...and the theme of this morning's service is... 'Preaching
a Gospel of Simplicity'...*