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



1914-1918



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Morning Prayer

Tuesday at 9.30am and Thursday at 9.15am at Holy Trinity
Wednesday at 9.30am at St Catherine's
Friday at 9.00am St Boniface Parish Church

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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Lest we forget

November 11th 2018 is the 100th anniversary of the ending of the Great War – now called the First World War. The people of our community have the opportunity to mark this day at 2pm in St Catherine' Church on Sunday 11th November.

The Ventnor community owes a debt of gratitude to the Ventnor Branch of the Royal British Legion. It set up a small Commemoration Committee to be responsible for remembering every Ventnor man who died in the Great War. They remembered and honoured those who died in each month a century ago, over the four years, in a really meaningful way. It was an incredible & unusual undertaking. They have also taken on the task of refurbishing the names of the fallen, on our war memorial on Park Avenue. These names now stand out in gold.

A few years ago I had the privilege of visiting the beaches and some of the trenches of Gallipoli, where, in 1915-16, the forces of many Commonwealth countries fought Germany's Turkish allies, to break through the Dardenelles Straits to relieve Russia. The Ventnor Royal British Legion had given me poppies to take. I shared these with Australians and New Zealanders, as well as the Brits. in our party. It was like a pilgrimage as they remembered relations who had served there, and many who had died there, laying these poppies.

I was asked if I would do a memorial service at the great Gallipoli Monument in the Remembrance Garden, where all the nations were honoured and remembered. I felt daunted by the prospect but agreed to do so. We formed a congregation in front of the monument. Just before I began, a Turkish family came up to me, the father asking if they could join in. We welcomed them. This was one of the most memorable

events of my ministry. Many of us were moved to tears. There was an inclusiveness in that remembering and a real sense of love and peace. The Turkish family was completely overwhelmed, and then greeted everyone with thanks and hugs!

So what does all of this mean to us, 100 years later? There continues to be so much war and violence in the world, where desire for power, territory, water or oil rights lead to conflict. War is never a great and glorious undertaking. It diminishes families, communities and nations. It can draw out the very worst in human nature, though it can draw out the best in people too. But when all negotiations have failed, many would say that sometimes war becomes a last resort, so that a greater evil is opposed.

When we consider war today and the losses that this brings, we might ask what can we, as individuals, do about a world that seems so distressed and broken. Perhaps our remembering could be of the poor in the world – nearly three-quarters of the world's people - and then really care about them. They need us in the West to live with greater generosity, a fairer sharing of the resources of the world and less waste. We could also remember and delight in, the beauty of God's world. Then we could, perhaps, take greater care of it, limiting our waste of resources, and our pollution of air, water and land. And we could pray daily for wisdom for the world's leaders, that they may seek justice, since it is from justice that peace may flow.

May this month give you opportunities for remembering, and caring, about our community, our nation & the world's people.

Jenny Hopkins-Holder



Following Linda Maguire's article on Prayer last month, Ann Radcliffe sent in the following contribution.... The Ten Commandments, Layman's Style.

Someone has written these beautiful words.

They are like an addition to the Ten Commandments to follow in life all the time.

1. Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but is a "steering wheel " that directs the right path throughout.
2. So why is a car's windscreen so large and the rear view mirror so small? Because our past is not as important as our future, so look ahead and move on.
3. Friendship is like a book: it takes a few seconds to burn , but it takes years to write.
4. All things in life are temporary. If it's going well, enjoy it....that won't last long! If it's going badly, don't worry...that won't last long either!
5. Old friends are gold, new friends are diamond. If you get a diamond, don't forget the gold, because to hold a diamond, you always need a base of gold!
6. Often, when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says "Relax, sweetheart, this is just a bend, not the end!"
7. When God solves your problems, you have faith in His abilities; when God doesn't solve your problems, He has faith in your abilities.
8. A blind person asked St Antony, "Can there be anything worse than losing your eyesight?" He replied, "Yes, losing your vision!"
9. **When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them. Sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.**
10. Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles. **It takes away today's peace.**

Answer to prayer by Nava Young

When my sister who is not a Christian was in intensive care a few months ago with colon obstruction, pneumonia and kidney failure, doctors did not think she would pull through. Many of you kindly prayed for her. She made a good recovery and has now started chemo. She said it was all our prayers that brought her healing. She called 'it a miracle' and asked me to thank everyone for their prayers. So thanks for all your prayers.

Sometimes we are reluctant to tell non-Christians that we will pray for them. Yet when we take the courage and tell them, they do appreciate it. I remember the number of times people have come up to us when we were out as Street Pastors in Ventnor when people have thanked us for our prayers and how things have changed in their life. God wants us to pray for everyone not just for each other.

Linda and Patsy wrote an article on prayer a couple of months ago. Prayer is so powerful. It not only brings us closer to God but also draws people to each other. We are one family because we believe in one God. It is so important that we as a church meet and pray for our church and town. May I encourage you to make time and pray. I know I need to do more of it too.

Regards. Nava Young

St Catherine's Church **Christmas Fayre**

November 30th

10am-4pm



Thanksgiving Service

Our Service of Remembering Loved Ones will be held this year at St Catherine's Church, Ventnor, on November 3rd at 3.00p.m. Although those more recently bereaved may receive a personal invitation, we are aware that there is no limit of time or place in remembering our loved ones. I

f you wish anyone to be particularly remembered at this service, you are very welcome to come and give names in as you enter. They will then be read out as part of the service.

here will be light refreshments and a chance to talk, should you wish, afterwards.



‘Light up a Life’

5th December at 7:30pm

service at
**St Catherine's, Church.
Ventnor.**



MENS BREAKFAST REPORT

It's not just men eating breakfast it's a full on outreach to the men of this town.

It's been a while since I last let you know what been happening and I'm pleased to report its going from strength to strength. We've been blessed with generous donations which has allowed us to keep this a event for all.

We regularly average 11 people sitting down to a full English breakfast with lashings of tea and coffee. Topics discussed range from BREXIT to praying to the meaning of life, even the occasional health care issue!

Friendships have been forged with the guys attending and many look forward to next months breakfast. In recent months responsibility has rest upon Gareth for his efficient cooking skills and genuine warmth of character. He has taken the key role when I have been unavailable due to illness, a real blessing. Unfortunately as these things go, Gareth is soon to lose his home as his landlord has sold up the property and given notice to leave by 21st November. If anyone feels led to help out Gareth it would be most appreciated by both Gareth and the Men's Breakfast as a whole, as if he has to leave the island this important outreach may cease.

KEEP THE FAITH
Steve Northern



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

16th November

THE CHERUB.

Jesus is our breast plate, Jesus is our guide
with an almighty army of Angels by his side,
Never fear of loneliness or loss of who we are,
be sure and full of confidence, shine brightly as a star.

Cherub Billy is an Angel boy, our Cherub and our friend,
Accept his love and tenderness, on him we can depend.
He always is so close to us to help us through our fears,
Especially through our sorrows, our stopper up of tears.

As we drift on into winter mother nature says: "Be still",
Some trees stand bare and motionless as if to say: "we will",
The days are getting colder now, time to wrap up warm,
The garden is not quite as nice, it looks a bit forlorn.

There is always something very nice for all of us to see,
A cosy fire, some chestnuts and home-made cakes for tea.
Our life is as we make it our conscience is our guide,
Let us all enjoy ourselves with Billy by our side.

Colours of the autumn leaves scattered all around
All go to make a carpet on the hard and stony ground.
A reminder of much colder days, yes, colder days to come
With shorter days to follow, winter has begun.

The birds decide to migrate, to enjoy a warmer climb,
They fly so many, many miles to where the weather's fine.
I wonder how they navigate those distances so far
Do you think that they are guided by a distant star?

Ted.



A STORY OF HOPE.

Hope is a form of optimism, it is a verb or doing word to express our desire i.e.: "I hope you have a lovely holiday! "

Hope can be referred to as a noun but I prefer it as a verb, being an optimist.

Hope is very important in our lives, it gives out a feeling of great expectation, it is a booster in many ways not only to ourselves but to other people as well.

hope comes next to faith in the trilogy: 'Faith, Hope and Charity'.

It is often mentioned in the Holy Bible, hymns and prayers. 'Hope'.

Advent is now here, brim full of hope, the time that we are looking forward to the coming of our dear Lord Jesus as a babe Christ-mass. It is good to think on these things.

I hope to write to you again soon.....Ted Busbridge.

Holy Trinity Church

Simon Langton Boys School Chamber
Choir Advent Concert -30th November 7pm,



Choristers for Advent Carol service practices
on 24th November and 1st December
at 10am at Holy Trinity.

Carisbrooke Priory

Open Door Speakers for November 2018
Open Door Meeting every Thursday at 12 Noon

1 st November	Brian Harley (Communion)
8 th November	Lillian Bean
15 th November	Stella Hardiman
22 nd November	Anne Linington
29 th November	Worship in the style of Taizé

A light lunch will be served after the service

Activities @ The Priory

Poetry Past & Present with Anne Linington
Friday 9th November – 10.30 a.m.

Music and Melodies with June Cox
Thursday 15th November – 2.00 p.m.

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

Christmas Fayre **Saturday 10th November 2018** **10.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.**



Tea Room open for refreshments and lunches. All Welcome

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

'Pitch up at the Pub!'

At the Winter Gardens, Ventnor.

A friendly social afternoon!

Last Monday of the month, 26th November

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.

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.

Contact Nina for information/transport

07736151630

# HOLY TRINITY NEWS

What do you think of when you hear the name Ralph Vaughan Williams? Many people will no doubt say 'The Lark Ascending' or the 'Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis'. Both these works feature regularly on Classic FM and have been voted two of the most popular musical works by listeners to that station. Others may think of the Sea Symphony, or perhaps one of his eight other symphonies or his arrangements of English folk songs. He was also intimately connected to the Leith Hill Music Festival, which he helped to establish in 1905 and of which he held the post of principal conductor until 1953.

He knew well a number of composers whose names will be familiar to many people such as Hubert Parry, Charles Villiers Stanford, Max Bruch and Ravel, amongst others, and was a close friend of Gustav Holst. And when at Cambridge, he met and socialised with the philosopher Bertrand Russell, and the historian G M Trevelyan.

In addition, he was the great nephew of Charles Darwin, and here lies the enigma. Because although he was the son of an Anglican clergyman, and his mother's family were evangelical Christians, RVW (as he is affectionately known) was to become an atheist and, later, and agnostic. Nevertheless, many people will know that he was absorbed by both English folk music and traditions, and used them for many of his compositions, which includes hymn tunes and other sacred music.

I was prompted to read up about him following a recent service at Holy Trinity. Although we do not get to do an evensong very often, the evening Eucharist once a month does provide the opportunity to sing some evening hymns which might not otherwise get much of an outing. On this particular occasion we sang the hymn 'God be with you till we meet again', written by an American congregationalist Jeremiah E Rankin in 1880. It was originally set to a gospel tune written for it by a fellow American called William Tomer, but it was later included in the first edition of The English Hymnal set to a tune written especially by Vaughan Williams.

RVW was appointed as the editor of the The English Hymnal and worked on it with the likes of Percy Dearmer between 1904 and 1906, both of them composing and adapting some of the hymns and tunes themselves. The tune 'Randolph' was written by RVW for 'God be with you' and was named after one of his cousins, Randolph Wedgewood (descended from the Wedgewood of pottery fame) and is a beautiful haunting melody. It is one of those tunes which you find yourself humming for some time afterwards (often nowadays called an 'earworm'), and although it is written to be sung in unison, the organ harmony more than makes up for that.

RVW was responsible for other hymn tunes, more well-known perhaps, and equally as memorable. He was born at Down Ampney and you will surely know the tune of the same name which he wrote for 'Come Down O Love Divine'. He also wrote a tune called Monk's Gate, which he named after a village in Sussex where he had collected the original folk song on which he based his adaptation. The tune was used for a setting of 'He Who Would Valiant Be' which was adapted from John Bunyan's original words by Percy Dearmer.

In fact a quick look at the index of composers in 'The New English Hymnal' shows that RVW was responsible either for writing or harmonising 34 tunes, but disappointingly this does not include 'Randolph'. The hymn and the tune were unaccountably omitted from the newer edition. But never fear! The assiduousness of lovers of a good tune have ensured that it is in the regular repertoire of Holy Trinity choir and if you want to hear it for yourself you will have to attend evening services at HT where I am sure it will be included again in the near future.

Alternatively, you could seek it out on YouTube, but it won't be so good as singing it yourself!!

(...and by the way, RVW also wrote the music (and adapted the original words) for the lovely song 'Linden Lea' which I am sure you will have heard sung by many a local choir, for whom it is a regular standard.)

Helen Slade

# **Ventnor Townswomen's Guild**

**21st November 2.15pm  
Decorations for Christmas.**

**Presenters - Betty McNeice & Jo Scott**

Resident's Lounge. Knights Court, High Street, Ventnor.  
Secretary - Mrs J Walters - 855892

*December 19th. Christmas Tea Party*

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Social Studies Group 5th November, 2.15pm “Some Mothers do ‘ave ‘em” with 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.

3rd December - Pre-Christmas Party

The HUB Coffee Shop

10.30am - 12.30pm Monday - Saturday

St Catherine's Church

**Christmas cards
and gifts now on sale.**



Monday Evening 7.45pm

Contact Jenny Holder 852575



Tuesday Evening - 8.00pm

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

852680

VENTNOR WEATHER

September.

Rainfall of 38.1mm was only 65% of the average of 58.18mm.

Most of the rain, 28.0mm, fell on the 22nd. This was the wettest day since the 12th January 2017.

The mean temperature of 16.0C was just above the average 15.7C. The maximum temperature was 19.5C, well above the average of 18.5C. 12 days had more than 20C. The minimum temperature of 12.5C was just below the average of 12.7C.

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



FRIENDS of ST. CATHERINE'S present a **KEYBOARD EXTRAVAGANZA**

On Friday **November 9th 7.00pm** at St. Catherine's,
there is to be a concert which will showcase our lovely
organ and piano.

(Michele, Doug and Richard) will be playing a variety of
music **BROCK, POTTS and WILKINS.**

There will be organ solos, piano solos, piano duets and
piano trios.

All three musicians have been or
still are conductors of Island
choirs.



Tickets for the concert are £8,
which includes wine or juice.

All the proceeds will go towards church improvements,
such as the churchyard enhancement, improvements to
the lighting and sound system.

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

Issued quarterly.

Come and
join us for:



NOVEMBER

See poster for date

3pm - 5pm

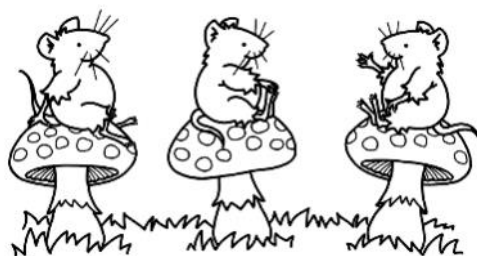
St Francis Academy - Upper Ventnor

"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.





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

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11th November 2.00p.m.
TOWN REMEMBRANCE
SERVICE

St Catherine's Church
followed by service at the
Ventnor War Memorial.



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Articles for the **December/January LINK** should be handed in by **NOVEMBER 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.

BONCHURCH EVENTS



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Tuesday November 6th Coffee Morning 10 am - NOON

Tuesday November 20th Sewing Bee 2 -4 pm

Tuesday December 4th Coffee Morning 10 - NOON

Sunday December 9th Orpheus Singers Nine lessons and carols followed by tea and cake

Christmas Eve December 24th Crib Service 4 pm



BUMPER CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 24th 10-NOON

Christmas Cakes Christmas Puddings

Mince Meat Chutneys

Coffee/Tea Cakes Tombola Raffle Bric a Brac

Handy Work Christmas Decorations Books

And lots of Fun. **Entry Free**

Worship for November

November 4th All Saints' Sunday

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

November 11th Remembrance Sunday

9.30a.m. Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church
10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Catherine's Church
10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Boniface Church

2.00p.m. TOWN REMEMBRANCE SERVICE,
St Catherine's Church,
followed by Ventnor War Memorial.
No Evening Service this Sunday

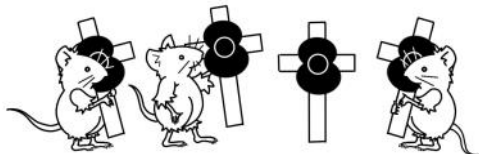
November 18th The Second Sunday before Advent

9.30a.m. Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church
10.45a.m. COME AND SEE, St Catherine's Church
10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Boniface Church

November 25th

Christ the King, and St Catherine's Patronal Festival.

UNITED SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
AT ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH at 11.00a.m.



Bible Readings for November

November 4th All Saints' Sunday

Isaiah 25:6-9

Revelation 21:1-6a

St John 11:32-44

November 11th Remembrance Sunday

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Hebrews 9:24-end

St Mark 1:14-20

November 18th The Second Sunday before Advent

Daniel 12:1-3

Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

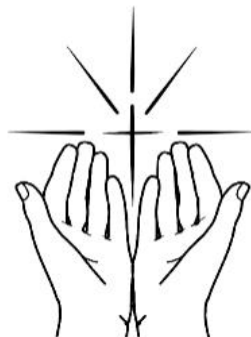
St Mark 13:1-8

November 25th Christ the King

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Revelation 1:4b-8

St John 18:33-37



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?**

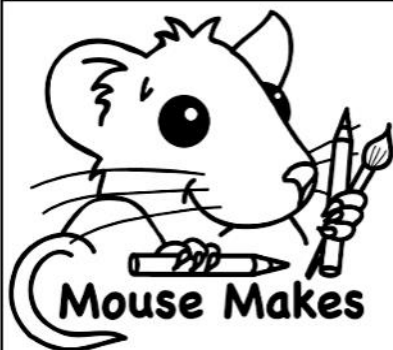
Come in on Mondays - 11am - 2pm.

at

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

PRAYER CHAIN

**All requests for the Prayer Chain
should be first directed to Ann Radcliffe
on 731142**



**Remember
all the
commandments
of the Lord
and obey them**

Colossians 3:25



Remember the words Jesus said:
*"It is more blessed to give
than to receive."*

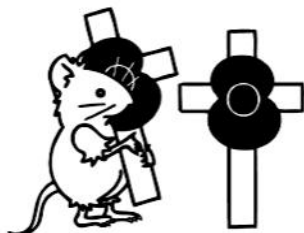
Colossians 3:25

Jesus took bread,
gave thanks,
broke it and said,
"This is my body
which I am giving
for you, do this to
remember me."

Luke 22:19



Jesus said:
"No one can have
greater love than
to give his life for
his friends."



John 15:13

**Remember to keep
the Sabbath day Holy**

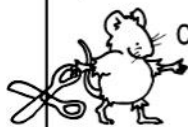
Exodus 20:8



**Remember what you are taught,
and listen carefully to words
of knowledge.**



Proverbs 23:12



Cut out, colour and keep
these cards to help
you to remember
God's words to us.

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*...his constant droning from the pulpit
is really getting on my nerves!*