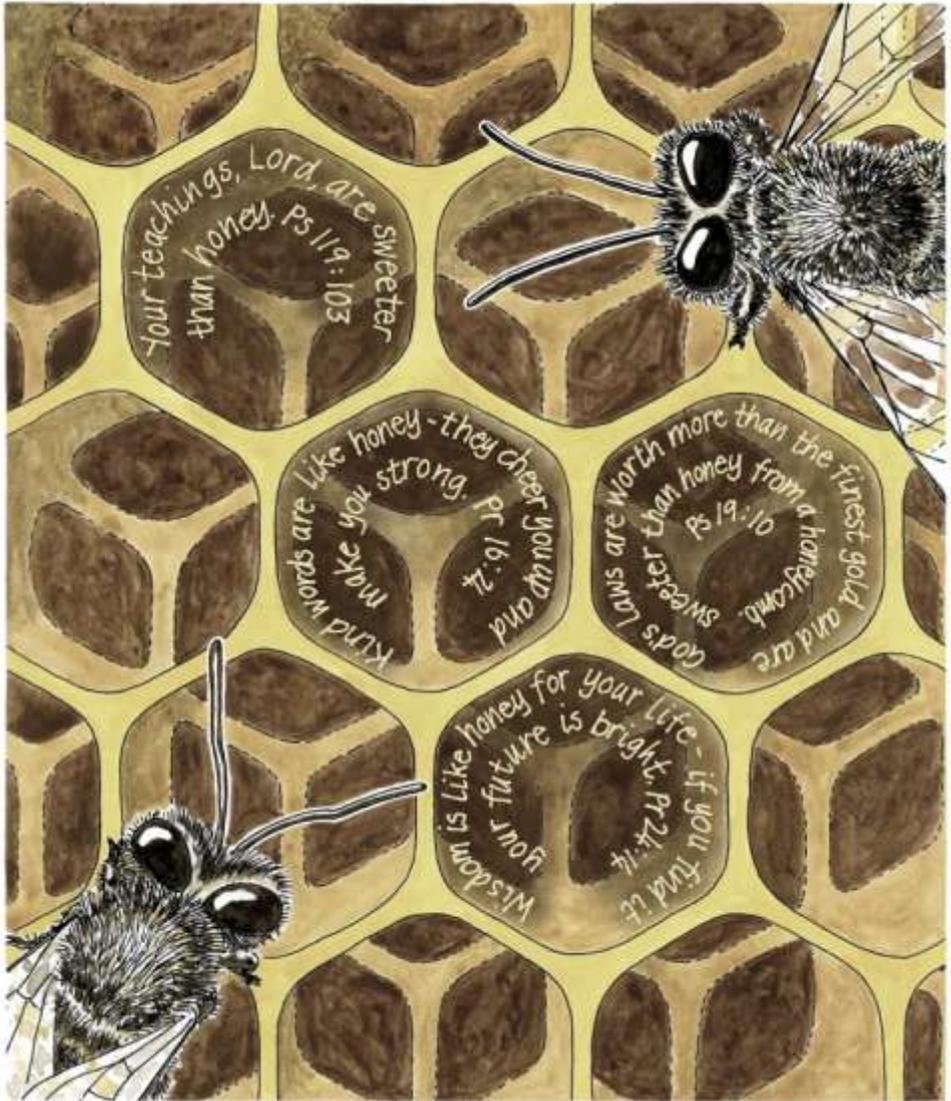


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The Parish Magazine for the parishes of
St Catherine and Holy Trinity Ventnor and St Boniface Bonchurch



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Morning Prayer

Tuesday - Bonchurch Old Church - 8am

Wednesday - St Catherine's Church and Thursday Holy Trinity Church - 9am

Friday - Bonchurch Parish Church - 8.30am

All Welcome

Sunday Services

Please see inside Link for details of Sunday Services

Midweek Services

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

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Hannah Fenton writes....

I have really enjoyed being a part of St. Catherine's over these last two years, and am sad to be leaving. It's been a real challenge for me trying to set up some Christian youth work in Ventnor – not helped by the closing down of Café 34, as this was a fantastic place to meet young people and build relationships. However, despite the difficulties, I have had the opportunity to work alongside some of you, serving the young people of **this community. I'm intrigued to see what God is going to do with you and the young people here in Ventnor.**

At the start of the academic year, I was curious to know whether God would have me stay on the island I have fallen in love with, or move me on. He soon made it clear, when He told me at the end of October that He wanted me to leave. It was a scary thought, but God is so good and faithful. So as a result of getting on well doing my block placement in February/March, I have been given a job working with a Christian youth charity called The Wave, in Swanage.

I've always known in my head that God is faithful and delights to give the desires of the heart to those of us who love Him, but to actually see it happen right before my very eyes has helped cement this truth in my heart. I am staggered that He thinks of me, and I'm so happy that I get to live my life walking with Him.

I am very excited to step into this new role working alongside some fantastic youth workers. I already feel like part of the team, and the young people I will be working with are absolutely fantastic. It is a part time role, and so with my extra time, I will hopefully be doing some illustration for a friend of a friend – **so it's perfect for me.**

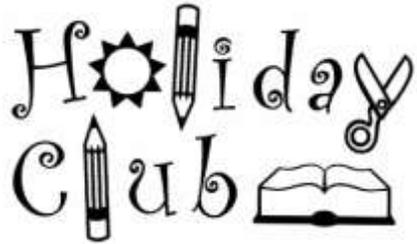
Thank you for having me, and investing in me both financially and spiritually. I am so grateful to you all.

Hugh adds...When Hannah came to us two years ago we were offering her and Youth for Christ (who have managed her placement) a lifeline which has enabled her to finish her course and qualify. I am proud of St **Catherine's' part in enabling a Youth Worker of such love, devotion and wisdom** beyond her years to serve the young people of this nation. I would particularly like to thank Nava and Mick for their hospitality and Nicola for her support and supervision of her in the last two years. At present we are seeking ways with Youth for Christ for Youth Work to continue in Ventnor in some shape or form.

Before she goes she will lead a team from all 3 churches in a children's holiday club called Landlubbers of which you will read elsewhere in this

edition. For this to work effectively, we will need lots of people to play their part by donating items for craft activities and helping during the week, so please get in touch with her! . This team will then lead our joint **worship at St Catherine's on July 30th. Do come along, both to support our children's work in Ventnor and to bid farewell to Hannah and wish her God's blessing for the future.**

Your friend and Vicar.



Lifesaving Station

On a dangerous sea coast where shipwrecks often occur, there was once a crude little lifesaving station. The building was just a hut, and there was only one boat, but the few devoted members kept a constant watch over the sea, and with no thought for themselves went out day and night tirelessly searching for the lost. Some of those who were saved, and various other others in the surrounding area, wanted to become associated with the station and give of their time, money, and effort for the support of the work. New boats and new crews trained. The little lifesaving station grew.

Some of the members of the lifesaving station were unhappy that the building was so crude and poorly equipped. They felt that a more comfortable place should be provided as the first refuge of those saved from the sea. They replaced the emergency cots with beds and put better furniture in the enlarged building.

The newly decorated and exquisitely furnished lifesaving station became a popular gathering place for its members, a sort of clubhouse. Fewer members were now interested in going to sea on lifesaving missions, so

they hired lifeboat crews to do this work. The lifesaving motif still prevailed in the club's decoration, however, and there was a liturgical lifeboat in the room where the club initiations were held.

About this time a large ship was wrecked off the coast, and the hired crews brought in the boat loads of cold, wet, and half drowned people. They were dirty and sick and some of them had black skin and some had yellow skin. They dripped on the rug and water stained the furniture in the beautiful new club. So, the property committee immediately had a shower house built outside the club where victims of a shipwreck could be cleaned up before coming inside.

At the next meeting, there was a split in club membership. Most of the members wanted to stop the club's lifesaving activities as being unpleasant and a hindrance to the normal social life of the club. Some members insisted upon lifesaving as their primary purpose and pointed out that they were still called a lifesaving station. But they were finally voted down and told that if they wanted to save the lives of all the various kinds of people who were shipwrecked in those waters, they could begin their own lifesaving station down the coast. They did.

As the years went by, the new station experienced the same changes that had occurred in the old. It evolved into a club, and yet another lifesaving station was founded. History continued to repeat itself, and if you visit that sea coast today you will find a number of exclusive clubs along that shore. Shipwrecks are frequent in those waters, but most people drown.

Provided by Patsy Appleton

Get your app!

Have you tried any of the apps on offer from Church House Publishing? You may be missing some good things: apps produced by CHP have been downloaded well over 200,000 times. The most popular, the Daily Prayer app, now has well over 13,000 users, enough to fill St Pauls Cathedral five times over. App downloads now account for around one in five Church House Publishing products.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

In the last month we have had two Patronal Festivals: St Boniface and Holy Trinity. Sometimes they have coincided and been celebrated on the same Sunday, but this year we were each able to celebrate separately. Which is good as it provides another opportunity for both congregation and choirs to join together and worship collectively. How lovely it was to see the church so full, and to have an enlarged choir to sing the anthems chosen. This year Duncan had to be away, so we were given the pleasure of hearing George play on our organ for a change. No two organists seem to play quite the same, and there were certainly some pipes having the cobwebs blown away!! Thank you George.

By the time you read this we will have held our 'fish and chip supper' evening to discuss the proposals put forward in the LYCIG programme.

Another jolly way to share our fellowship. Holy Trinity's individual list seems quite short compared to those of our sister churches, but I am sure that some of the other suggestions are equally valid, and are reflected in the suggestions covering all our churches. Lots of opportunity for taking a fresh look at how we get our message across, and engage with the local community.

Looking around our vestry the other Sunday I was prompted to think of another project which might be useful, although perhaps not in the way the LYCIG programme intended!

We use a lot of candles in Holy Trinity, and that means a lot of candle stubs. **What, I wondered, did we do with them? "Ah," said Jo, our churchwarden, "they are all sitting in boxes until I can think of what to do with them."** There was a not dissimilar response from David Tamcken **about St Catherine's old candles too. Cue for me to get busy I thought.** So I took them all home and I bought some new wicks and other handy candle-making gadgets, and hunted through the house for suitable receptacles. A trip to the charity shop proved fruitful too. I then had a very pleasant morning this week trimming burnt wicks, scraping off dirty bits of wax, and melting candles down before removing the old wicks; and making new candles! I made some vanilla scented ones, and some purple ones (made from the old blue and red advent crown candles) and then I ran out of containers! When I can get some more suitable jars or

containers I still have plenty of candles left to recycle. And some different perfumes to try, including citronella, which is good for keeping midges and insects away.

I do not plan to fill my own house with these lovely candles! My intention is to offer them for sale to raise funds for the church, either on Sundays **when we have our tea and coffee (alongside Tony's veg. and Gills' jams and pickles)** or at coffee mornings or fetes etc.

So my plea to everyone this month is this: all the jars that are too small for **Gill's (or Barbara's) jam, or any old candle jars that are used up, or anything else that you feel might be suitable to hold a candle, please send them my way. I am more than happy to use up anyone else's old candles too! Please pass the word around (they don't have to be old church candles!)**.

Please give me a ring and I will arrange to collect if necessary.

Thanks! Helen Slade (Tel: 01983 853504)

Dates for your Diary. Holy Trinity

FRINGE FESTIVAL WEEK

Tuesday 8th August 7.30pm Nick Page- The Isle of Wight Suite (Church)

Thursday 10th August

7.30pm Ventnor Guitar Club- Playing with History. (Church)

6pm Library Theatre Touring Company- Bed Among the Lentils

8pm Caroline Burns Cooke- And The Rope Still Tugging Her Feet.

Friday 11th August

6pm Library Theatre Touring Company- Bed Among The Lentils.

8pm Caroline Burns Cooke- And The Rope Still Tugging Her Feet.

Saturday 12th August 6pm Tell Tale Theatre- Uncle Richard.

Sunday 13th August

11am String Theatre- The Water Babies

1pm The Water Babies

4pm The Water Babies

6pm Tell Tale Theatre- Uncle Richard.

St Boniface and Bonchurch

ST BONIFACE DAY

We celebrated St Boniface day a day early on June 4th this year on a **beautiful English summer's day.**

We had our usual Eucharist service in the morning with just our church family which was rather nice. In the evening however it was a rather different scenario. We started the celebrations with prayers at the **Old Church at 6 o'clock and then processed up to the grotto in the village,** James leading with the cross and Hugh resplendent in the cloak that **Joan Wolfenden made for Father Ted out of her husband's old ties!** **At the Grotto, we filled it with freshly picked flowers from people's gardens.** Luckily this year there were no impatient motorists roaring through to disturb the peace of the moment. We then processed up to the Parish Church for a wonderful Festal Evensong. It was interesting to hear more about the personal history of St Boniface from Hugh. Congratulations to George and the choir for such beautiful music. It made for the perfect end to our celebrations.

For the first time this year St Boniface had a stall at the Bonchurch Village Fete. It was good to raise our profile and we were able to tell visitors and islanders a little about what goes on in our churches. We were also able to highlight the summer services which commence on **Sunday July 2nd at 8 O'clock in the Old Church.**

Tuesday July 4th Coffee Morning 10am – noon

Tuesday July 18th Sewing Bee 2-4pm

Tuesday August 1st Coffee Morning 10am – noon

Tuesday August 15th Sewing Bee 2-4pm



THE SIGNALMAN - Thursday 10th 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm August Bonchurch Old Church

DOUG ALLDRED & THE SILVER LINING - Thursday 10th August 9:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Bonchurch old Church

www.vfringe.ventnorexchange.co.uk/

ST CATHERINE'S NEWS

JULY

Sunday 2nd: The Halsey Family concert 1.00pm
Wednesday 5th: Fran's afternoon concert 2.00pm
Wednesday 26th-Sat 29th: Holiday Club 9.00am-1.00pm (3.00pm on Sat)

AUGUST

Wednesday 2nd: Fran's afternoon concert 2.00pm
Monday 7th Ventnor Carnival event Holiday Princess, Glamorous Granny etc.

FRINGE EVENTS

BRIGHDE CHAIMBEUL - Thursday 10th August 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm
BOTTLED UP - Saturday 12th August 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
ARTHUR SAWBRIDGE - Saturday 12th August 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
CHARLIE DORE - Saturday 12th August 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
BOTTLED UP - Sunday 13th August 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
LITTLE MAMMOTHS - Sunday 13th August 7:00 pm - 9:00pm

Thursday 17th: La Folie Orchestra concert, 7pm

Do you enjoy public speaking, and also love the Bible? Then why not consider becoming a Bible Society volunteer speaker? The **Society explains: "We're always on the lookout for gifted public speakers** to share our stories of how God is brining the Bible to life around the **world."** **We may send you to take anything from a small speaking slot to a full-on sermon, or even a midweek event."**

Bible Society will provide all the training and resources you need to talk about their work and you'll also have the chance to meet up with other volunteer speakers. We'll be there to support you every step of the way. So if you love the Bible and love public speaking, find out more at:

www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer-for-us/

St Catherine's Church

The HUB Coffee Shop
10.30am - 12.30pm Monday - Saturday

BACK TO SCHOOL AGAIN.

Not many people go back to school at the age of 88, However, I did just that, I talked to some of the students of our Island Free School during March and April. They were all very bright children, very willing to learn.

Firstly they wanted to know about my early childhood, in the 1930 s what games we played and about life generally in those days, this was followed by questions about my teenage Years and eventually leaving school and my hobbies.

They were very interested in my work at St Catherine' s School in Grove Road, Ventnor, of my activities and training during that time which involved work both in and out of the classrooms.

My main subjects were: Child care, English grammar, Playwriting, model making and In later years, all types of stage work, Carnivals, etc. In which we were often drawn into the local events in Ventnor town. Those 40 years working at St Catherine's Home were the happiest years of my life. It was there that I met my Dear Wife Irene. Our own Children grew up there and now we have eight grand Children and ten great grand Children.

Another session was " The War," the nightmare situations, living in air raid shelters buried several feet down in our garden, The incessant bombing and real fear. Ration books restricting our access to food, clothing and sweets. Although we did manage very well considering the appalling circumstances.

The following session involved " Fashion", My first thoughts were what do I know about fashion? And then I realised that I knew a great deal about the subject: The fads and often outrageous fancies during the years: Long haired Hippies, the bald looking skin heads, Flared trousers, Drainpipe trousers, Miniskirts, the Beatles, Mods and Rockers, Teddy boys and many more. Fashion intrudes into all walks of life and places: Music, Speech, Furniture, buildings etc. Fashion will continue to amaze. Even fashions at Ascot need an update occasionally , fashion can become out dated and old fashioned in the blink of an eye.

Our last session **included: "The Seaside,"** of how we should respect the mighty power of the sea, of the creatures that live in the sea and depend upon it. How to treat or handle them Without causing them harm or distress. Which creatures are safe to handle or those which are poisonous, such as the jelly fish known as the Portuguese man of war, this Jellyfish does occasionally visit our coastline and must be avoided at all times It's sting can be lethal. We often had picnics among the rock pools at Castle Cove and other places close to the sea. The pleasures of swimming in the sea. It's dangers of rocks, tides and other

hazards. Always seek advice.

Even a very calm looking sea can prove fatal, fraught with underwater currents and tides.

NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF THE SEA.

It gave me great joy to meet the students of our Island Free School. Children of such intelligence with a huge thirst for knowledge, I am already looking forward to my next opportunity to meet them again.

HOME GROUPS

Monday Evening 7.45pm Contact Jenny Holder 852575

Wednesday Evening 8.00pm - **At Mick and Nava Young's** -

St Andrews, Belgrave Road. 852680

Thursday Afternoon 4.pm The Hub.

Contact Hilary Davis 855797

During summer months Home Groups will be taking a break.

Please phone to find out when they will stop and restart.

THE CHAPLAINCY service at St Mary's Hospital

has celebrated its 25th anniversary.

A special service, which coincided with Pentecost Sunday, was led by Kelvin Burke, Senior Chaplain, and was attended by more than 125 **people including volunteers, staff and the Island's faith community.**

The service was a celebration of the work of chaplains and chaplaincy volunteers who, over the past 25 years, have taken to the wards of **St Mary's Hospital every day to comfort patients and to reassure families** and support staff.

Last year, chaplains supported more than 11,000 people, offering friendship, a listening ear and opportunities for prayer and spiritual guidance to any patient, including people from other faith communities and those with no faith at all.

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THE CHERUB

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Cherub Billy flew to Bonchurch, quite near Bonchurch chute,
He saw a small, red squirrel it did look rather cute,
It sat up on its haunches and looked him in the eyes,
It showed no fear of Billy, a really nice surprise.

That tiny little red coat, a rodent of the trees,
It lived high in the branches, swaying gently in the breeze.
Suddenly it leaped away, up and over a garden wall
And then it quickly vanished high in a tree so tall.

Nature is so wonderful it's beauty stands supreme,
especially on the Isle of Wight, such a lovely scene.
We must preserve this beauty with everything we know.
God gave it all to us and we must never let it go.

Billy flew on past the Land slip to the hamlet of Dunnose,
An isolated place to live, few people living close,
All sheltered, so tranquil, peaceful and so quiet,
A place of natural wonder, no traffic running riot.

He saw lots of wild creatures: some rabbits and a stoat,
he then flew up on the downs and saw a wild goat.
Birds came out to meet him, Crows, Robins and a Wren,
Pheasants and some Thrushes and a Seagull now and then.

We are all so blessed with wild life, nature everywhere,
Our Blessings are so paramount, say a little prayer.
Thank God, our Heavenly Father for everything we see,
and whilst we are about it say: " dear God, please bless me."

With love from Cherub Billy and Ted.



July and August at Carisbrooke Priory

Open Door Speakers for July and August 2017

Open Door Meeting every Thursday at 12 Noon

6th July	Community Communion
13th July	Heath Monaghan (tbc)
20th July	Elizabeth Lilley
27th July	Ian & Pat Attrill
3rd August	Dennis Lloyd
10th August	Special Service for Colin & Marja Thornton
17th August	Lynn New
24th August	Phillip Dixon (tbc)
31st August	Worship in the style of Taizé

A light lunch is served after the service

Activities @ The Priory

- Poetry Past & Present with Anne Linington – Friday 14th July 10.30 a.m.
- Creative Writing with Lynn New – July meeting to be confirmed 10.00 a.m.
- Music and Melodies with June Cox – Monday 24th July 2.00 – 3.30 p.m.
- Walking with Maggie – Wednesday 26th July 11.00 a.m.

Some of our Activity Groups may be taking a break in August – please contact the Priory for information.

All enquiries to Carisbrooke Priory Trust Phone: 01983 523354
Prayer Ministry available by arrangement – Please ring 01983 523354 for appointment

Email: opendoor@carisbrookepriory.org.uk
Website: www.carisbrookepriory.org.uk



Messy Church newsletter – June 2017

www.messychurch.org.uk

Messy Church surveys

We want to hear about what's happening in Messy Churches! We've launched our annual surveys for leaders and families for 2017 – please pass these links on to people in your Messy Church and encourage them to fill them in.

Martyn writes:

There is no doubt that Messy Church has helped many of us re-imagine how we best run a gathered service so that everyone can come close to God. By stepping outside of Sunday morning, it neatly by-passes those inevitable tensions that arise when traditional shapes of Sunday church try and accommodate the presence of children and young people.

Many people probably feel that Sunday morning all-age or family service can leave both young and old feeling short-changed, patronised and spiritually undernourished. Old wine is good, but mixing it with new wine in the original wineskins can lead to disaster. So how can we, as Messy Church teams, best influence Sunday morning worship that has families and children present? And what can we learn from Messy Church that might be helpful?

Messy Church is being used by God to do many things. As a church planting model that grows a new worshipping community from within, it has so much to recommend it. It has a proven track record already, even after such a short time, of welcoming many on to a journey of faith from backgrounds with no connection with church. And, because it was established as something outside of Sunday morning, it always has that particular evangelistic dimension to offer the church which is so timely for our post-Christian, though not post-spiritual, western world.

But Messy Church does have this another dimension too - that of influencing how we reshape our traditional all-age services. **It's worth noting in this** context that those new families who do come on Sunday morning to more Messy-like services are largely those who are to some degree already warm towards the gospel. And so I suppose, in that sense, Messy Church has also helped to create a sort of family discipleship service for them. This is a good **thing and is to be encouraged. However, in all this, let's not forget the Great Commission** of which we were reminded in the readings at the beginning of **this month. A 'standard Messy Church' outside Sunday morning particularly picks up the challenge to 'go into all the world and make disciples'; to go** where people are and not simply to wait for them to turn up on Sunday morning, however messy-friendly those places may be.

Messy Church

We had 33 people this month. Despite a shortage of helpers we did cope very well. There was a good variety of craft and yummy cakes to decorate. Hugh then got everyone to sing and gave a short message. The afternoon was finished with pizza, garlic bread, jelly and ice cream. Nava



RIDE and STRIDE 2017

This year's sponsored Ride and Stride in aid Hampshire & Isle of Wight historic churches is on Saturday 9th September, 10am to 6pm. Please take part weather on foot, by bike, bus, horseback or even car and help raise funds towards the upkeep of the region's 900 historic and beautiful church buildings. Half the money you raise goes to the church of your choice. The other 50%, plus Gift Aid, will enable Hampshire & the Island Historic Trust (HIHCT) to allocate much-need grants and loans to churches of all denominations.



On Ride and Stride day itself there are various ways you can help and join in: Cycle, walk, run, drive - or even use your bus pass - to visit a many churches as you can: invite family, friends, and colleagues to sponsor you (or your dog). Be a "meter and greeter" in your church for part of the day or provide cakes and refreshments for the Riders and Striders Sponsor friends or family taking part.

HIHCT is run entirely by volunteers. www.hihct.org.uk



Evening Services at Bonchurch

The very popular 8 p.m. Sunday Candle-lit Evening Services will begin on 2nd July in Bonchurch Old Church and will continue until Sunday 3rd September. These are short services, with music and are led by different people each week. They are usually well-attended by both holiday-makers and local people, and give a chance to worship in an ancient and beautiful church in lovely surroundings.

All are welcome

St. Catherine's Church wish to present to you...



Landlubbers—pirates searching for hidden treasure

Wednesday 26th July to Saturday 29th July

10am—12.30pm

For 5-11 year olds

at

ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH, VENTNOR

Email hannah.fenton47@gmail.com

or call Hannah 07500448116 for more details and to register your children

Don't forget to pick up your free copy of

The Pompey Chimes

Christians Working Together in Shanklin.

Worship in the Open Air each Sunday 7.30pm at Rylstone Gardens (turn left just past the Old Village) an informal service for everyone led from the Bandstand by Local Churches. From May Day Bank Holiday until the end of August. We have lots of singing, a very short word and a prayer to open and close with. It lasts about an hour. Toilets and Café available. Really nice after a walk on the beach or a cool down on a hot day!!



Is your dog going to heaven?

A lot of Christians think so. Especially in America. For there, three-quarters of pet owners who believe in an after-life also believe that their pets are going to be there, too.

The survey, 'Do All Dogs Go to Heaven?' was carried out for Anthrozoos, the journal of the International Society for Anthrozoology, in California. It was found that people believe more readily in an afterlife for dogs, cats and horses than in any sort of future for insects, fish and reptiles.

In the UK, the chair of the Anglican Society for the Welfare of Animals, **the Revd Dr Helen Hall, said: "There is nothing new or strange about the idea that animals have a place in God's Kingdom. Scripture teaches that Jesus came to bring redemption and healing to the whole of creation.... How could a loving and just God create sentient beings able to think and feel, then condemn them to share in the suffering of this present world without permitting them a share in the joy of the world to come?"**

VENTNOR WEATHER

MAY

Rainfall of 54.3mm (2.14 ins) was 118% of the average of 45.87mm. (1.80ins). Rain fell on 12 days, mostly in the 8 days from the 10th to the 18th. Wettest day was the 17th with 19.4mm (0.76ins). The mean temperature of 13.5C was warmer than average of 12.5C. The warmest day was 26th with 21.0C. This was the only day above 20C. The coldest night was the 9th with 5.6C.

Thanks to Mike Wood for our weather information.



St Francis Primary School
SUMMER FAYER
Saturday 15th July 2pm
Entertainment.
Fun & Games
for all the Family!

Ventnor Townswomen's Guild

July 19th - 2.15pm

'Being a Police Woman' - Betty McNeice

Common Room at Knights Court, High Street, Ventnor.

Secretary - Mrs J Walters - 855892

No meeting in August

St Albans the Martyr Church

SOLEMN SUNG MASS each SUNDAY 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th July and 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th AUGUST at 9.30am.

HOLY COMMUNION (said) Traditional Rite on WEDNESDAY 5th and 19th JULY and 2nd, 16th and 30th August at 9.30am. On these days not only will the Church remain open until 12 noon for local residents and holidaymakers to enjoy but at 6.45pm EVENING PRAYER (B.C.P.) will be said. A welcome awaits!

FRIDAY 21st July at 7.30pm "Merrie England" CONCERT with TROY PLAYERS ORCHESTRA, FRIENDS and Vocalists. No entry charge but retiring donations to Church and Orchestra. Refreshments available.

SATURDAY 29th July at 7.30pm. Oxford Friends - AKIKO and DOLLY THOMPSON'S inaugural Recital. Solo pianist and accompanist - AKIKO; Vocal soloist - DOLLY, award-winner with distinction in the 2017 Oxford Music Festival. FREE admission: retiring donation appreciated. Interval Refreshments.

SATURDAY 19th AUGUST from 11am - 3.30pm (with breaks for coffee, lunch and tea!) CELEBRATION of 'a ROSARY DAY' shared with Roman Catholic friends. This - the 'Fourth Apparition' - marks another appearance of Our Lady of The Holy Rosary of Fatima [centenary (1917-2010) events].

SUNDAY 20th AUGUST - the annual 'BETJEMAN BIRTHDAY PARTY' 3.30pm. SUNG EVENSONG. CELEBRATORY TEA. 5.15pm - *6.00pm (*approximate time) CONVERSAZIONE on the Life and Works of the Late Poet Laureate, Sir John. Donations for St ALBAN'S Church always appreciated.

www.stalbansiw.org.uk www.facebook.com/stalbansventnor

Ventnor Afternoon Townswomen's Guild

Social Studies Group

2.15pm - Summer Party

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

For more information contact Mrs Barbara Joyner - 651577

The benefits of Holiday Clubs

Are you feeling energetic? Then what about us holding a holiday club this summer for our local children of primary school age? We may be pleasantly surprised by how many people in our church would be free to help out!

Our holiday clubs could 'last' for as long as we like. Some clubs run all day, every day, for a week. Others run for only two to three hours each day, spread over a week. Nearly always a holiday club involves some sort of big festive meal at the end, to which parents are invited, and where children can show off their holiday club achievements.

Lots can happen at a holiday club: art, craft, drama, music, and games. There can be a story time, and a time to learn a new song. How about putting on a puppet show? Children also love team games and competitions.

What would be the point behind it all?

- to strengthen the relationship between our church and our community
- to bring local children into a caring environment where they feel valued
- to present Christian teaching in a relevant way through the activities
- to provide stimulating and creative activities outside the school environment
- to introduce children to the wider-age related programme of the church.

True, we may not see the children until next holiday club time... but who knows what seed may be planted in them for future growth?

Sea Sunday – 15th July

Look around your home. How much of the contents in your cupboards, wardrobe, rooms, and even garage came to you over the seas, via the great merchant ships? What would your home be like without them?

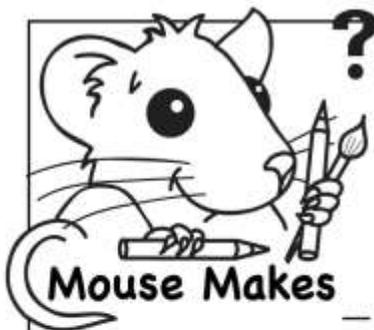
Yet when did you last give a thought to the people who bring them to you?

It is a curious fact that seafarers are one of the most important, and yet invisible people groups in our society. We all of us depend on them to fill our homes and businesses with an endless variety of goods, and yet we never see them, never speak to them, and rarely even remember their existence.

It suddenly makes Sea Sunday seem good sense: an annual opportunity to give thanks for the seafarers of the world, and to pray for their personal well-being. For going to sea is a lonely occupation. It separates families for months on end. It can sometimes be dangerous, and is always physically demanding work.

So this month, on Sea Sunday, let's pause and give thanks to God for the seafarers of the world. Let's remember how their work so enriches our lives. Let's pray for them, for their families, and let's support the organisations that offer them care and support through their chaplaincy work.

In doing so, we will join with thousands of other Christians, from London to Lagos, Manila to Melbourne and Durban to Dunkerque, who each year remember the seafarers who make our prosperity possible.



What should not be hidden under a bowl?

Matthew 5:14-15



Who was welcomed back?

Luke 15: 11-32



What ate the seeds that fell on the path?

Matthew 13:3-23



What was lost?

Matthew 18:12-13



What did the wise man build his house on?

Matthew 7:24-27



What is the kingdom of heaven like?

Matthew 13:45-46



DID YOU KNOW?

Jesus often used simple stories called **parables** to teach people about God, His Kingdom and about how God would like us to live.

In His parables Jesus used objects and pictures of the world around Him to help people to understand.

DID YOU KNOW?

You can read Jesus' parable stories in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke but only Luke records the parables of *The Lost Coin*, *The Good Samaritan*, *The Prodigal Son*, *The Friend in Need* and *The Rich Fool*.



MIXED UP PARABLES



Which parable picture word goes with which?

NARROW	GOATS
SHEEP	GATE
WHEAT	BRANCHES
MUSTARD	COIN
LOST	TREASURE
GOOD	WEEDS
VINE	SON
HIDDEN	SAMARITAN
PRODIGAL	SHEEP
LOST	SEED

S A M A R I T A N T S P S W
 U P L A M P G A T E L H H H W
 E S R O C K S A N D A E E I
 T A X C O L L E C T O R P A N
 T R E A S U R E F I G I H T E
 R L C O I N D F H O U S E E D
 E S H E E P A R A B L E R A X
 E G O A T S H O D W E E D S R

Find the parable pictures in the word search

PARABLE • WHEAT • WEEDS
 SEED • TREASURE • GATE
 HOUSE • ROCK • SAND
 PEARL • COIN • FIG • TREE
 SHEEP • GOATS • WINE
 TAX COLLECTOR
 LAMP • PHARISEE
 SHEPHERD • SAMARITAN

Urgently needed food items :

Rice, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Tomatoes, Fruit Juice and Tinned Sponge Puddings



We've got plenty of :

Pasta, Tea Bags, Cereals and Tinned Spaghetti.

A typical food parcel includes:

Breakfast cereals, Soup, Pasta, Rice, Pasta sauce, Tinned beans, Tinned meat, Tinned vegetables. Tinned fruit. Tea or coffee. Sugar, Biscuits and Snacks.

What's in a typical food parcel?

A typical food parcel contains a minimum of three days of nutritionally balanced, non-perishable, tinned and dried foods that have been donated by the local community. A typical food parcel includes: breakfast cereal, soup, pasta, rice, pasta sauce, baked beans, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, instant mash, UHT milk, tea, coffee, sugar, tinned dessert and biscuits. Some Foodbanks also provide fresh produce if they are able to.

Our foodbank works using a voucher referral system.

We know that anyone can find themselves at crisis point for a number of different reasons. In order to provide the most appropriate help for the circumstances of your situation we work with local agencies. If they feel you are struggling to put food on the table, they will issue you with a foodbank voucher. The local agency can also provide long term support if needed to help address some of the issues behind the reasons for your crisis. Our foodbank works with a number of different agencies, such as Citizens Advice, **children's centres and health visitors**. To find out more about the agencies that hold our vouchers and how you can get help, please contact us.

www.isleofwight.foodbank.org.uk

The Ventnor Horticultural Show

2nd SEPTEMBER - 2pm St Catherine's Church

Ventnor Horticultural Society's Summer Show schedules are now available at Crave Ice Cream in Spring Hill, Ventnor and at St Catherine's Church.

This year there is a prize of £10 for the largest Pumpkin.



The show date is the 2nd of September so there is plenty of time to sew, grow and make your entries.

Look out for the classes sponsored by Crave Ice Cream.

Children up to and including the age of 14 have their own section in the schedule, winners will receive Crave Ice Cream voucher.

Contact details can be found in the schedule.

Prayer to our Always-Good Father

Father,

Thank you that you are our Father and that you love us,
whoever we are, wherever we go, whatever we've done,
however we feel.

No matter what life brings, you never change. You are always good and always there for us, if we just turn and talk to you.

Thank you for Jesus who died to make that possible.

We pray in his name.

Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

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

Why don't you book an appointment
at The Living Room

82-83 High Street, Newport PO30 1BH

On the 1st & 3rd Monday of the month 11am - 2pm.

We have trained Acorn Christian Listeners
you can talk to.

Contact Nava Young for an appointment on
01983 852680 or navayoung@aol.com

PRAYER CHAIN

All requests for the Prayer Chain
should be first directed to Kizzie Baker on 853779

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 857795 (outside Hub hours you can leave a message)
or visit the Hub at St Catherine's any morning between 10.30 and
12.30. 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.

July is a time for visiting beautiful country churches, and reflecting that....

Holy people have a sense of inner peace. In their presence, it is the God of the still, small voice that one perceives. - T Harrison

The name of Jesus is not so much written as ploughed into the history of the world. - Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Prayer is the rope up in the belfry; we pull it, and it rings the bell up in heaven.
C Evans

I can take my telescope and look millions of miles into space; but I can go away to my room and in prayer get nearer to God and heaven than I can when assisted by all the telescopes of earth. Isaac Newton

Christians are the only people in the world who have anything to be happy about.
- Billy Graham

Plenty of people wish to become devout, but no one wishes to be humble.
Francoise, Duc de la Rochefoucauld

The tyrant dies and his rule is over, the martyr dies and his rule begins.
Soren Kierkegaard

Forbidden fruit creates many jams.

Christians, keep the faith - but not from others!

God is a little like American Express - don't leave home without Him.

Let us make God the beginning and end of our love, for He is the fountain from which all good things flow and into Him alone they flow back. Let Him therefore be the beginning of our love. Richard Rolle - English mystic

Seek in reading and thou shalt find in meditation; knock in prayer and it shall be opened to thee in contemplation. - St John of the Cross

If we are intended for great ends, we are called to great hazards. - John Henry, Cardinal Newman

Fearless in the line of fire

A six year old girl was taken by her granny to a very 'high' Anglican church.

Afterwards she tried to explain to her father what it had been like. 'They tried to run us out – they even brought in a smoke bomb and shook it at all the people in the front row, but granny wasn't scared one bit. We stayed until the very end.'

Bible Readings for AUGUST

August 6th The Transfiguration

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

2 Peter 1:16-19

St Luke 9:28-36

August 13th The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

1 Kings 19:9-18

Romans 10:5-15

St Matthew 14:22-33

August 20th The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 56:1,6-8

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

St Matthew 15: 21-28

August 27th The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 51:1-6

Romans 12:1-8

St Matthew 16:13-20



Worship for AUGUST

Thursday, August 3rd

6.30p.m. Holy Communion, Bonchurch Old Church

August 6th The Transfiguration

9.30a.m. Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church

10.45a.m. CARNIVAL SERVICE, **St Catherine's Church**

10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Boniface Church

8.00p.m. Evening Service, Bonchurch Old Church

August 13th The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

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

8.00p.m. Evening Service, Bonchurch Old Church

August 20th The Tenth 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

8.00p.m. Evening Service, Bonchurch Old Church

August 27th The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

9.30a.m. Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church

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

10.45a.m. Morning Worship, St Boniface Church

8.00p.m. Evening Service Bonchurch Old Church

On September 3rd, Summer Services at Bonchurch Old Church end with Holy Communion at 6.30p.m

Bible Readings for JULY

July 2nd The Third Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Romans 6:12-end

St Matthew 10:40 – end

July 9th The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Zechariah 9:9-12

Romans 7:15-25a

St Matthew 11:16-19, 25-end.

(There may be alternative readings for Sea Sunday)

July 16th The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 55:10-13

Romans 8:1-11

St Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 23rd The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 44:6-8

Romans 8:12-25

St Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 30th The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

1 Kings 3:5-12

Romans 8: 26-end

St Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



Worship for JULY

July 2nd The Third Sunday after Trinity

9.30a.m. Holy Communion and Baptism, Holy Trinity

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

10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Boniface Church

8.00p.m. Evening Service, Bonchurch Old Church

Thursday, July 6th

6.30p.m. Holy Communion, Bonchurch Old Church

July 9th The Fourth Sunday after Trinity (Sea Sunday)

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

8.00p.m. Evening Service Bonchurch Old Church



July 16th The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

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

8.00p.m. Evening Service Bonchurch Old Church

July 23rd The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

9.30a.m. Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church

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

10.45a.m. Morning Worship, St Boniface Church

8.00p.m. Evening Service, Bonchurch Old Church

July 30th The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

10.45a.m. **JOINT SERVICE at St Catherine's Church**

led by the Holiday Club Team (not Holy Communion)

8.00p.m. Holy Communion, Bonchurch Old Church

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**For the last time! - Which member of the Junior Choir
put bubble mixture in the organ-blower?!**

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