

# THE LINK

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



May 2018

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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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In 1869 at Promontory Point, Utah, U.S.A, the two railroads, the Central Pacific and the Union Pacific were joined together with a 'Golden Spike', enabling travel from East to West coasts and unite the previously Disunited States of America. Of this event the Revd John Todd said, 'The East and West embrace; nay, we hardly know which East is and which is West. This one road has turned the world around.'

Ever since I heard of the transcontinental railroad, I have wanted to ride it and in March that dream was fulfilled as I travelled by train from New York City to San Francisco via Chicago. It was a wonderful trip, and a great way to connect with America, its scenery and people. I feel very fortunate to have done this, and to have been granted the Sabbatical leave in which to do so. I would like to place on record my indebtedness to all, in Ventnor/Bonchurch and beyond, who enables this to happen.

Connecting was a big theme of this Sabbatical. In the USA I connected with relatives I hadn't seen for years; before that Sarah and I travelled to Wales and Oxford to connect with friends and relatives we hadn't see for a long time and may not see again; at Easter we connected with the roots of our Christian faith as we joined in Hilfield Friary, Dorset, with friars and visitors from all over the world. In addition, I spent a great deal of time writing a book which seeks to make connections between popular music and Christian faith. Certain pieces of music seem to connect people to each other and to God in quite a deep way. I'll be saying more about this at a talk on 'Soul Music' in ST Catherine's Church on Sat May 12<sup>th</sup> in the morning, which everyone is welcome to attend.

In May we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Holy Spirit is the Great Connector. The disciples of Jesus had witnessed God's power in the resurrection of His Son Jesus, yet since his Ascension into heaven they had become rather disconnected, being told to wait until they receive 'power from on high'. The Spirit, when He came, connected them to God, to Jesus, to each other and to those to whom they were speaking. The Spirit made all the difference, turning the early Christians from a frightened group to those of whom it was said: 'They have turned the world upside down.' (Acts 17:6).

The Holy Spirit can do the same for us today. He can turn our faith from formal to lively, from cold to warm, from distant to intimate. I pray that, this Pentecost, we will allow Him to connect us to God, to Jesus and to our neighbour and fill us with His greatest gift, that of love.

Your sincere friend and Vicar

## **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

If you would like a Daily Bible reading ordered, they are printed three times a year and cost £4.50 to £4.95 and are sent to Ann Radcliffe in advance of dates. You do not have to pay any postage if you order this way.

The people who already have them highly recommend these readings.

There is a selection of the publications on offer at the back of St Catherine's Church, please put your name with the title of the publication on the order form. or speak to Ann Radcliffe.



St Catherine's Church will be hosting a **SUPER SOUP LUNCH** in the near future in aid of Christian Aid.

The date is yet to be confirmed.

# Easter 'Walk of Witness'.

St. Catherine's folk participated in this year's Easter 'Walk of Witness' on Good Friday, together with friends from the other churches in Ventnor. The heavy cold rain and dull grey skies made an appropriate setting as we remembered the sad events leading up to Jesus's death. Readings from Mark 14, 15 and Luke 23 seemed to bring those events to life again – how was it that such cruelty and opposition could escalate so much and lead to the death for God's own Son who had come to bring us life? Yet of course that is not the end of the story. As we trudged through the wet - sharing umbrellas and unable to stop our programmes disintegrating into floppy wetness - the readings brought us in imagination to the tomb where Jesus was laid. At St Catherine's at the close of the walk, as David Tamcken's question *'What's it all about then?'* reminded us - Easter is not the end, but rather the beginning of joy for those who accept Jesus's Invitation to become His. As we sang along the walk, *'It is a thing most wonderful, Almost too wonderful to be, That God's own Son should come from Heav'n, And die to save a child like me.'*

With grateful thanks to the organisers, helpers, walkers, musicians, and for the refreshments.

Alasdair Barron



# **MACNAUGHTON - HOWE ARTS & CRAFT FESTIVAL**

**Friday 8th JUNE - 1pm till 5.30pm**

**Saturday 9th JUNE - 10am till 4.30pm**

**St Catherine's Church**

**Sales, Table, Raffle. Refreshments**

**Admission £1 - Children Free**

## **Quiz night**

**The Friends of St Catherine's are holding their annual Quiz night on the Thursday 17th May at 8.00. This year it is hosted by David at the Crab and Lobster in Grove Road. Tickets are £3 to include a snack. Just turn up on the night or pre-book a table on 852311.**

# 'Pitch up at the Pub!'

At The Winter Gardens.

A friendly social afternoon!

2 - 4 pm - 25th June

*Last Monday of each Month (except May)*

\*Book Swap \* Chat!!! \* Fun Quiz \* Raffle / Bingo.

Pop in for a friendly welcome and good company. All ages welcome,  
the more the merrier!

Contact Nina for information,  
or if you require transport locally: 07736 151630

\*Volunteers Wanted

## VENTNOR WEATHER - March

Rainfall of 100.6mm (3.96ins) was 192% of the average of 52.50mm (2.07ins). Rain fell on 24 days and the wettest day was the 30th with 13.4mm (0.53ins). This was the second wettest March on record (34 years). The wettest was 2001 with 154.8mm (6.10ins). Snow fell on 6 days. The mean temperature of 6.3C (43F) was the 6th lowest on record, well below the average of 7.5C (45F). The warmest day was the 26th with 13.2C (56F) and the coldest night was the 1st with -3.9C (25F) this was the coldest night since 3rd February 2010

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



## WARD HOUSE NURSING HOME

The Readers and LPA's of the three churches visit all the nursing and residential homes in Ventnor on a regular basis to hold services or just visit the residents.

Gill Chaloner and Sally Fitzgerald visit Ward House. The staff there are so kind lovely with all their patients. Everyone is treated with dignity and their individual needs are catered for. It is as happy and bright a place as you could wish for.



Every year they hold a memorial service for those who have passed away during the year. Just as when any one moves to a new community friendships are made. There are also several couples who live there together, so this is an important service for both the cared for and the carers and the families too. Usually this service is held at Christmas but the home was plagued with ill health so it was postponed to Easter. The names of the departed were read out and written on an egg shaped label which was then hung on an "Easter Tree".

Sally

Articles for the **June Magazine** should be handed in by **MAY 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.



# HOLY TRINITY NEWS

As I write this, the sun is shining and it feels warm at last. Perhaps it is safe to say that spring has sprung, if I say it quietly!

There has certainly been something springing up at Trinity. The Church Hall has had a makeover, thanks to the hard work of Mark and Mary Bell. A new colour scheme and fresh paintwork has been beautifully complemented by new blinds, curtains and lights. What a difference it has made, as could be witnessed by the full house that attended our Spring Coffee morning at the beginning of April. The tables were all dressed in new tablecloths and the whole place was a delight. Many thanks to the PCC for agreeing to spend the funds and to those who put in the hard work. With a small congregation the workload always falls on the same people, who unfailingly give of their time and effort. We are fortunate indeed.

Next in line will be the church itself, as we clear away the Easter Garden and give the place its spring clean. It is always a pleasure to be in the company of such a good band of volunteers, each of whom has their own particular forté, and many hands do indeed make light work. It is amazing how much we get through and what a difference it makes.

Easter provided the opportunity to sing some of the special hymns which relate to that season, and one of them that I particularly liked is a very jolly Easter 'carol' written by G R Woodward. It is called 'This Joyful Eastertide' and is sung to a tune of the same name, adapted from a Dutch psalm melody and harmonized by Charles Wood. There are some nice versions on YouTube if you don't know it (listen to this one sung by Kings College choir: <https://youtu.be/5tipsbcfuB4>). George Ratcliffe Woodward was an Anglican priest who was a prolific writer of religious verse and arranger of tunes. He also published several books of carols, both for Easter and Christmas and frequently collaborated with Charles Wood. He wrote the words for 'Ding Dong Merrily on Hig' and 'Past Three o'Clock', both of which were included in a 1924 publication of 'A Cambridge Carol Book: Being 52 Songs for Christmas, Easter and other Seasons'. So even if you have never heard of him, you will almost certainly

have sung a carol written by him.

It was good to welcome Hugh back to the fold the week after Easter and to see him looking so refreshed from his sabbatical. We must thank all the various clergy and readers who have covered in the interim, and also to the visiting organists, George, Ben Sampler and Douglas Potts, who have been helping out while Duncan is away. How lucky we are to have these talented musicians available to draw on.

By the time you read this we will have enjoyed a concert given by the children's choir from Fulham. They will have sung at Bonchurch the night before so they will have been working hard while they were here.

As ever, the Folk Club will be held on the third Friday of the month (18<sup>th</sup> May) and all are welcome. No entry fee, but a raffle is held to finance the use of the Hall. A bar is available, as well as tea and coffee, and sausage rolls are served during the interval.

Do come and join us. Helen Slade

## Trinity Folk



**Next "Trinity Folk"  
will be on  
18th MAY. 7.30pm  
- 10pm**

Trinity Church Hall  
Bring your instruments  
but, more importantly,  
yourselves to join in  
with music old and new.

## **Ventnor Townswomen's Guild**

**Francis Quinn “My Career on the Thames”**

**16th May - 2.15pm**

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

**Secretary - Mrs J Walters - 855892**

## **Poetry, Prose and Plays**

**9th May 2.15pm - “Emotions”**

**4 Tulse Hill. Contact - Mrs J Walters - 855892**

## **Social Studies Group**

**14th May - 2.15pm**

**Robert Holmes**

**“Experiences as a Toastmaster”**

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

**For more information contact Mrs Barbara Joyner - 651577**

**£1 per meeting including refreshments**

# Messy Church

26th MAY- 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.

## Of One Accord - Concert 5<sup>th</sup> MAY 7pm at St Catherine's Church

**Of One Accord** is a mixed voice choir based in Shrewsbury, the county town of Shropshire. They perform throughout Shropshire and further a-field at a variety of events often supporting local charities.

They regularly sing at Minsterley Eisteddfod and join forces with local bands and choirs to share their music. Over recent years they have toured in Europe, visiting Belgium, Germany, Spain, York and Scarborough!

The repertoire covers many genres of music and choir members also learn a separate Christmas programme which is performed in local churches, at Christmas events and in care homes



## A CHERUB'S DREAM.

I wonder what a Cherub dreams when he is fast asleep,  
Perhaps of love and wonder, his alone to keep.  
That lovely world of Angels, so wonderful, secure,  
The holiest of holies, no one could ask for more.

Billy is a Cherub, his secret dreams he keeps,  
We must never speculate, in innocence he sleeps.  
The perfect world of Angels and Cherubs so sincere  
Our guardians and messengers are always very near.

O Cherub, Cherub wonderful, your innocence is balm,  
The Angels all adore you to keep you free from harm.  
Our Lord is really wonderful he knows we need release,  
sleep and dreams he gives to us with love and perfect peace.

When we fall asleep at night we know not where we go,  
Dreamland is a mystic state we do not really know.  
This is a wonder of God's work, a fact of human life,  
To take away our sorrows and all our sins and strife.

May peace be with us all today, sleep easily at night,  
by morning, we will see the world in new and different light.  
Dwell upon all good things, optimism's best,  
Optimism is the word, it has survived the test.

Our Cherub sleeps on peacefully, in innocence this night,  
Holy Angels guard him by gentle candle light.  
May this vision stay with you, a Cherub so divine,  
the blessing of a peaceful sleep be yours as well as mine.  
Ted Busbridge.





**Monday Evening 7.45pm**

Contact Jenny Holder 852575

**Tuesday Evening - 8.00pm**

At Mick and Nava Young's

St Andrews, Belgrave Road. 852680

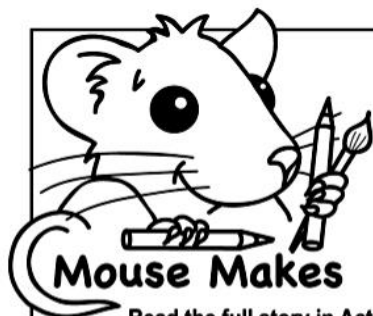
## **‘TRY PRAYING’**

Every **TUESDAY** afternoon  
at 2:30pm - 3:30pm in St Catherine's Church.

We will be praying for our  
community, businesses, people, churches  
and all that is going on.

Do drop in for a short time  
and add your concerns or needs to our prayers.

*Come when you can.*

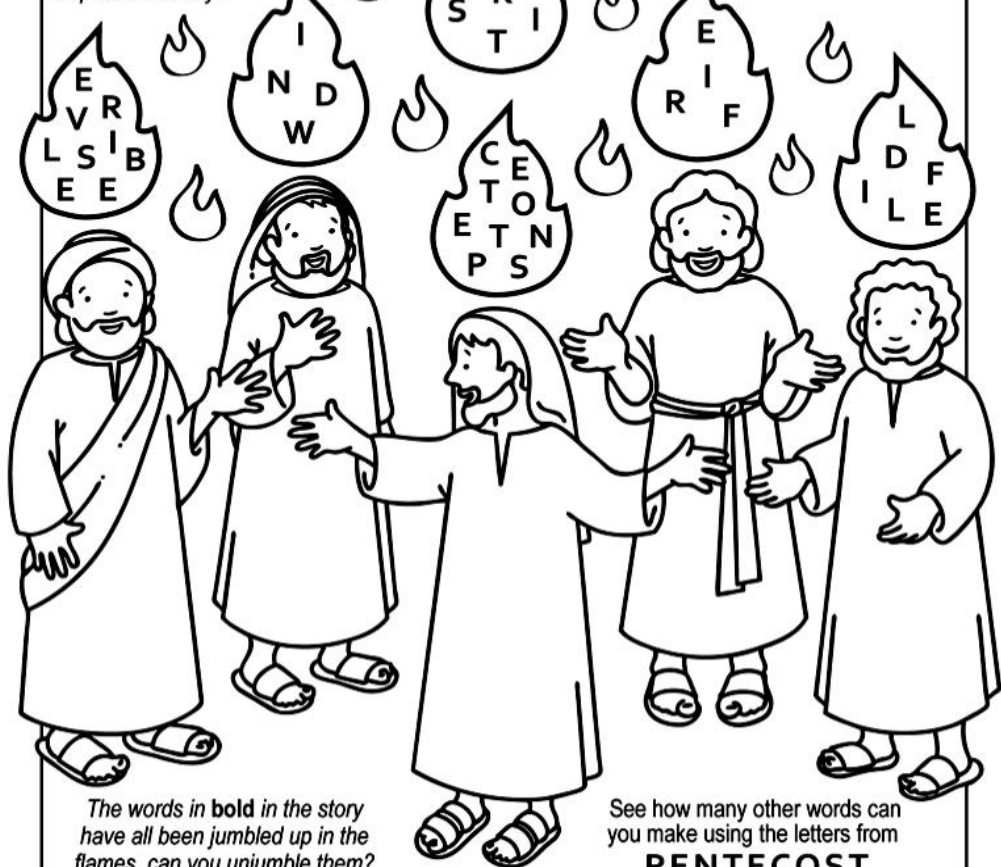


Read the full story in Acts 2

Which city were they in?  
Which countries had people come from?  
Who spoke to the crowd?  
How many were baptised that day?

It was the festival of **Pentecost** and the Apostles and other believers were all together in one place, when they heard a sound like a strong **wind** and saw what looked like flames of **fire** which spread out and touched each person. They were all **filled** with the Holy **Spirit** and began to talk in other languages as the Spirit enabled them.

A crowd gathered outside, they were excited and confused because each of them heard the **believers** speaking in their own language about the great things God had done.



The words in **bold** in the story have all been jumbled up in the flames, can you unjumble them?

See how many other words can you make using the letters from

**PENTECOST**

To venture into the unknown.

Would you say that to write about a subject a month or perhaps two months before it happens would be over prudent? Well generally, that is what I do.

I am writing this article for the Link for May in March.

Of course, I don't know what is going to happen two months hence, I can only assume the likelihood of an interesting occurrence presenting itself, possibly within a routine situation.

Spring has already sprung, we have celebrated a lovely Easter, summer is almost with us bringing all the joys and beauty that we have been hoping for during our long, cold winter.

I am always amazed how those delicate flowers such as Snowdrops, Daffodils, Primroses and countless other plants survive the intense cold and bloom triumphantly at their expected time of year. They may look delicate yet they are obviously more hardy than we think.

All wild life too, survive to do their part in God's creation

All these miracles and many more besides are created by our dear Lord for us to enjoy. Welcome them, enjoy them but do not take them for granted.

A few days ago, I was riding my mobility scooter along a lonely lane, when I was suddenly confronted by two beautiful wild animals, I stopped, (I had no choice.) and remained perfectly still hardly daring to breathe.

Immediately there was a tension in the atmosphere, a feeling of wonder mixed with great fear.

My heart -beats seemed to increase considerably.

You never know what is going to happen in a situation like this, especially involving wild animals, their eyes were big and round. Their noses were twitching as if in anticipation of a meal, they slowly approached, I thought they were going to attack.

You may think that I was very brave because I remained seated on my scooter showing no sign of fear.

Suddenly another animal appeared, this was obviously a parent of the first two, judging by its size and its attitude of determination to protect its young. I could see the white of its teeth.

Then things started to happen: All three ran off and disappeared amongst the undergrowth, leaving me with a lovely memory of meeting a family of two wild, baby rabbits and their mother in the early morning along a lonely part of Rew Lane

This was one of God's gifts, when a relatively simple act of nature can create such a great memory. Ted Busbridge.



# BONCHURCH EVENTS

This year certainly is flying by. Last Month I seemed to be writing about Christmas (albeit belatedly!) and now I'm writing about Easter. One advantage of Easter being early is that it is still daffodil season which, for the purposes of decorating the church, is ideal. We are much indebted to Phil and Gill Kennerly, who arrived on the "flower arranging day" with 400, yes 400, freshly picked daffodils. We utilised every vase in the church and the result was just gorgeous and entirely appropriate for a village church. We are also indebted to Iris and Sue Amey who donated money for the Easter lilies in memory of the late Kenneth Amey, whose anniversary always falls in Lent. Eileen Kay decorated the font and it looked lovely and delighted both adults and children. The latter fell in love with the bunnies and chickens incorporated into the arrangement. As ever Mair Guy's arrangements for the pulpit were perfect.

The choir sang so well and Gregory Clifton-Smith gave a most thought provoking sermon. Altogether it was a most uplifting service enjoyed by our many visitors and regulars alike. I imagine that he and the other clergy who have been covering our services during Hugh's sabbatical will be very pleased he is back. We extend our thanks to all of them. We are certainly enjoying pleased to see him home and hearing about his trip.

And moving on to St Boniface Day! This falls on the first Tuesday of June which means that we have a coffee morning which we will try to make extra special. The time table for the celebrations will be as follows:

- Evensong in the Parish Church on Sunday June 3rd at 6.30pm
  - Coffee Morning 10 – noon in the Parish Church on Tuesday June 5th
  - Process to the Well after the Coffee Morning on June 5th
- Holy Communion in the Old Church at 6.30 pm on June 5th.  
We will dress and bless the Grotto in the village at the end of the procession. We hope that as many people as possible will be able to attend and to bring some flowers from their garden with which to dress the grotto.

**A WEEK OF ACCOMPANIED PRAYER**  
*FOR Isle of Wight CHURCHES*  
**GOING DEEPER WITH GOD**  
**A RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE, A SAFE SPACE**  
**TO EXPLORE**

*15 – 21 July 2018 Carisbrooke Priory*

**What the week is**

The idea of a *Week of Accompanied Prayer* or *Retreat in Daily Life* arose in the 1970s for people unable to take a residential retreat. Such weeks have become tried and tested ways to help deepen prayer and reflect on what's important in life.

They provide confidential "safe spaces" where prayer pilgrims can reflect on their lives and relationship with God with the support of an experienced prayer guide. The focus is entirely on the pilgrim's faith journey, offering a rare opportunity to be listened to, to be affirmed in prayer, and to experience newer or different ways of praying. It can be another step in becoming more fully the person God has created us each to be.

One of the strengths of such a week is that it takes place in the context of everyday life; the whole of life as it is normally lived is the framework for the week of prayer

No special preparation is needed, just a longing to know God better, and a commitment to prioritise some time during the week to pray, to reflect and to meet with a prayer guide.

The prayer guide accompanies each pilgrim as they reflect on their daily life and prayer. Their "job" is to listen to and encourage the pilgrim, not direct or prescribe, though they may offer tools to help with the process of reflection.

**How the week happens**

It starts with everyone involved (prayer pilgrims and guides) meeting on the Sunday beforehand for an initial briefing and for prayer together. Although each person undertakes the retreat on their own there is usually a strong sense during the week of being part of a community of people engaged in the same task. Then from Monday to Friday each pilgrim sets aside **30 minutes every day** to reflect, to pray, to be "alone with God"

In addition each pilgrim meets for **30 minutes each day** with their prayer guide at Carisbrooke Priory, Newport at a mutually convenient time.

It ends with everyone coming together again on the Saturday to draw the week to a close and give thanks for what has been experienced.

### **Previous prayer pilgrims said:**

☐ *I was apprehensive about joining the week but it turned out to be very helpful - I've never been listened to in this way before and felt so encouraged in my relationship with God.*

☐ *Life is so busy and I wasn't sure about committing so much time to the week. But it's the best thing I've done in a long time – listening to myself and to God and slowing down. I intend to make some changes.*

☐ *I think I expected something more holy! As it was I was able to be me and think and pray about life as I'm experiencing it now.*

☐ *Finding thirty minutes of quiet amidst the chaos of my daily life was extremely difficult – but I thank God that I did because the experience has been so valuable.*

☐ *Brilliant week – not judged – not “churchy” – just felt I could be me.*

☐ *I think I always prayed “in my head” and have never thought feelings to be that important ...probably not a good idea to feel too much! After this week's experience I see that both the heart and head are important and something is changing.*

☐ *It was a bit nerve-racking to begin with; I wasn't sure what to expect of the chat with the prayer guide...but I felt at ease during the week and able to share some of the difficult parts of my life.*

☐ *It has brought me closer to God and (made me) more open to receive God's love in a way I could not imagine.*

☐

## **Is it for me?**

This week is for anyone, at any stage of life. If you want to talk it over to find out more, then either talk to your vicar or the diocesan spirituality adviser Revd Dr Ruth Tuschling on 023 9289 9686.

If you wish to participate in the Week of Accompanied Prayer please contact Sally Rivlin with the details below.

The half hour appointments will run on Mon-Fri from 8.30am-12.30pm, 3pm-6pm and 7.30pm-8.30pm. Normally one has the same slot each day but some flexibility may be possible by arrangement with your guide.

Please wait for confirmation of your time.

Details of the Sunday and Saturday services will be forwarded in due course.

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Tim Slade (Holy Trinity) has some leaflets and booking forms.

# "Men's Breakfast"

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 856953



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# ST ALBANS THE MARTYR CHURCH

Wednesdays: 2nd, 9th (Rogation Day), 16th, 23rd & 30th

9.30am Holy Communion (said) Traditional Rite.

## **Sundays:**

6th (6th of Easter - Rogation Day)

13th (7th of Easter - Sunday after the Ascension)

20th (PENTECOST or Whit Sunday)

27th (Feast Days of the Most Holy Trinity) & St Augustine of Canterbury

9.30am Solemn Sung Mass with the Choir leading - and Motets & Anthems.

**Tuesdays** 15th & 29th May at St Margaret's Hall, Lowtherville.

11am Service of Holy Communion followed by refreshments.

These services are on the initiative of Godshill Parochial Church Council and extended for all.

Celebrant on all these occasions is the Godshill/St Alban's Priest-in-Charge - the Father John Ryder, S.S.C.

**Coming soon - The return of the Troy Players Consort**

**Friday 8th of June - 7pm**

[www.stalbans.org.uk](http://www.stalbans.org.uk)    [www.facebook.com/stalbansventnor](https://www.facebook.com/stalbansventnor)

## SOUL MUSIC

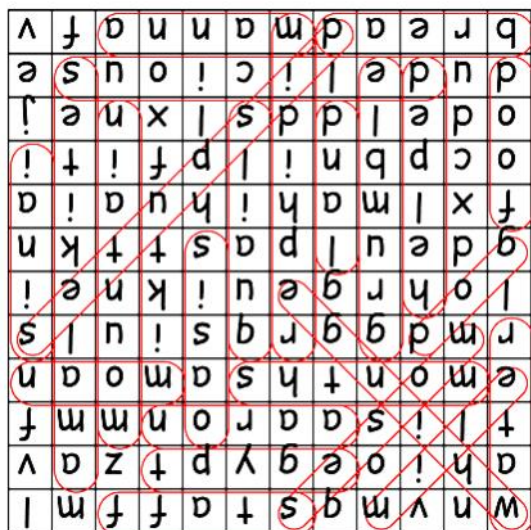
Come and hear (some of) what Hugh did on his Sabbatical, writing a book about the link between Spirituality and Popular music. (See notice at back of churches)

**Saturday 12th May 10am-1pm**

Just turn up

## EMMAUS

The Group that has been meeting in the Hub on Thursdays (7pm) with Nicola would like to continue, with the name 'Emmaus'. The group's next meeting will be on Thursday May 3rd at 7pm, looking at Holy Communion. Phone Nicola (852412) if you'd like to join



# PLANT SALE

2nd JUNE

10am - 2pm



Lots of Plants  
and  
Refreshments

St Catherine's Church



## Urgently food items - May 2018

**Fruit Juice**

**Sponge Puddings**

**Dried Rice**

**Tinned Spaghetti**

**Longlife Milk**

**Toiletries (Toilet Rolls, shampoo, deodorant,  
toothpaste and brushes & shower gel)**

We've got plenty of: Cereal, Tinned Soup, Pasta Sauce and  
Tinned Meat

# Heavens Now my Home

I'm sorry that I left you, I know you feel alone.  
But God told me that he needed me, He called me to come home.  
In what seemed to be an instant, in the twinkling of an eye.  
An angel gently took my hand and led me toward the sky.

As I ascended into heaven, beyond the pearly gates.  
Angels were rejoicing, then I saw His radiant face.  
God's eyes shone down upon me, from the glory of His throne.  
He said "Enter into paradise, because Heaven's now your home"

I fought the fight, I finished the race,  
Throughout the trial, I kept my faith.  
No longer do I suffer, my body's been made whole.  
I'm flying with the angels, and Heaven's now my home.

God told me not to worry, He said you'd be okay.  
Because eternity's forever, and we'll meet again someday.

*Libby L Allen 2011*  
*[www.libbyallensongs.com](http://www.libbyallensongs.com)*



# **Worship for MAY**

## **May 6<sup>th</sup> The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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

## **Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> Ascension Day**

10.00a.m. Holy Communion (B.C.P.) Holy Trinity

## **May 13<sup>th</sup> The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

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

## **May 20<sup>th</sup> PENTECOST/WHITSUNDAY**

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

## **May 27<sup>th</sup> TRINITY SUNDAY**

**Holy Trinity Patronal Festival**

**10.00a.m. UNITED SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION,  
Holy Trinity Church**

**6.30p.m. Festal Evensong, Holy Trinity Church.**



# Bible Readings for MAY

## **May 6<sup>th</sup> The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 10:44-end

1 John 5:1-6

St John 15:9-17

## **May 13<sup>th</sup> The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Acts 1:15-17,21-end

1 John 5:9-13

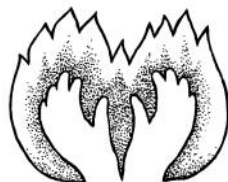
St John 17:6-19

## **May 20<sup>th</sup> PENTECOST/WHITSUNDAY**

Acts 2:1-21

Romans 8:22-27

St John 15:26-27



## **May 27<sup>th</sup> TRINITY SUNDAY**

Isaiah 6:1-8

Romans 8:12-17

St John 3:1-17



## **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**

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who have a long  
term illness**

**We pray for those who are without a  
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