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UPPER FAL PARISHES

Weekly Benefice Bulletin

Sunday 24th May 2026

Thoughts from a retired Vicar

'Called'

It can be easy to accept that priests must have been called by God. At Pentecost, at the end of this month, men and women will be ordained in our diocese and elsewhere throughout Britain. My own ordination was a major turning point in my life, and I know that many people who have felt a call feel commencing this major event in our lives with a service in St Goran on Sunday 28th June at 11.00 o'clock.

Events like this can prompt thoughts about where your own life may be going and what God may be saying to you personally. Many people who, in the early teenage years a friend asked me to be part of a choir to help out a service for children in our parish church, which is where I met Helena. Then later on, a priest pointed out that God seemed be calling me to the church's ministry. There was a lot of praying by friends, family and church.

Jesus often prayed for his disciples, asking God to be their guide during what would be very a difficult time. He had called them and was about to depend on them for the future of his church.

We all live within a call from God on our lives. God has a purpose for his world and has chosen to do this through those who believe in Him through his Son. It is not always possible to understand what the future may be or where God's call may take you, especially in changing and confusing days like these.

As you look back over your own life it is good to remember and thank God for those people and times when you were drawn to God, recognising the encouragement and guidance provided by family, friends, church congregations, friends, family members, public figures, or even a member of the clergy, who have said or done something that has drawn you to understand life and yourself afresh in some way. It is important to remember those moments of peace, joy and insight that have touched, helped and encouraged you to understand life and God's purpose for your life. Jesus sought a glimpse of God's presence, of who you are and what you could be.

It is just not possible to remain with those experiences and memories because today is different from the past. It is important to allow yourself to be open to God's call and with his disciples and be his people working for others in the world.

Acknowledging you are called can be very daunting, but do remember - the Lord Jesus walks with you, calling us all here We each day.

Brian

This week's services

Sunday 24th May

Probus	9.30	Holy Communion	Caroline
St Erme	9.30	**No Service**	
Ladock	11.00	Family Holy Communion	Caroline
St Crida	11.15	Holy Communion - BCP	Pat
Treeatfan	11.15	Holy Communion	Linda
Ladock	18.00	Evensong - BCP	Pat

Readings
Psalm 104:26-36, 37b
Acts2.1-21
John15.26-27

Collect
Gracious God, at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit;
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Next week's services

Sunday 31st May

Probus	9.30	Praise & Worship with Baptism	Caroline
St Erme	9.30	Holy Communion	Linda
Treeatfan	11.15	Holy Communion	Linda
Ladock	11.00	Holy Communion	Pat
St Ncot's	11.00	Praise & Worship	URLs

Readings
Psalm 47
Ezekiel 36.24-28
Matthew 28.16-end

Collect
Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity
and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Children & Young People's Groups

Probus - **Little Lights** Thursday 24th May, 9.30am - 11.30am
Probus - **Youth Group** Sunday 7th June, 6.30pm - 7.00pm

Benefice notices

Thine Kingdom Come - God With Us - 14th-24th May

Join us on Pentecost Coins focuses on the presence of God through His Spirit.
God is with us in everyday life—in both the joys and the sorrows—and through His Spirit, He seeks to reveal himself to those who do not yet know Him.

Over the 11 days, we will explore a different Bible story each day—from Ruth and Gideon to Elijah and the early church waiting for the promised Holy Spirit—each one showing God's presence, power, and love at work in people and places.

As we pray for our five people, our hope is that they too will experience the life-changing love of God and choose to follow Him.

Rev Caroline will also be holding a Compline service each evening at 7.30pm at various locations throughout the period.

Thursday 21 May 7.30pm Ladock Church
Friday 22 May 7.30pm Probus Church
Saturday 23 May 7.30pm Probus Church
Sunday 24 May 6.00pm Ladock Church (Evensong)

Leading Intercessionary Prayers in Church

Saturday 23rd May, 10.00am - 12.00pm at St Ncot's
This will be our second workshop in leading intercessions with Lydia Hamblin. The first workshop was a great success and we are hoped to build on this by exploring different ways to lead the intercessions in Church, use the Psalms or hymns within the prayers to form a structure.

This is suitable for everyone involved in leading intercessions- no matter the particular tradition, and is suitable for newcomers exploring if this might be what God is calling them to!

More info to come. If you are interested please would you email me to let me know and I'll make sure you have the details when available.
grace be kind,
Caroline

Across the Upper Fal Parishes

We are welcome to any and all these regular events across the parishes. Please keep a look out in the Bulletin for news and dates of 'pop up' events to take place around the Benefice.

CREED
Cream tea in the summer months more info to come!
GRAMPOUND
Home Group
Thursday evenings for further details. Tel Wittram 07767 203402

LADOCK
Coffee Morning at Ladock Village Hall
1st Saturday each month. £5 -12noon

Tuesday Prayer Group
9am at St Ladock Church.

Ball-rolling Practice
Alternate Wednesdays
Contact Jonathan for more info

LANGRAN
A service of evening prayer with refreshments after
3rd Sunday most summer months 3pm

PROBUS
Home Groups
Alternate Wednesdays - Tuesday / Wednesday evenings
Tel Scott 07576 253364 (Tuesday group)
Tel Liz 07525 454634 (1st & 3rd Wednesday group)

Tots Praise
3rd Thursday each month. 9.30 - 11.30
This is a day and play group for babies and toddlers. Once a month we share a Gospel story, sing and pray usually with bubbles.

Prayer Meeting
Fridays at 10.15am

TREESILLIAN
Lunch Group at Holy Trinity Church
1st Monday most months. 12 noon
Booking essential Tel Claire 01872 520198

Schools Team

A service that I am trying to create a schools team that will engage with all our schools a couple of times around the year providing spiritual and creative ways for children to engage with the Christian faith and what it means to be salty included into in accordance with our safeguarding policy. Please contact Rev Caroline for more information.

Pastoral Administrator

I would like to ask if there is someone who would be willing to provide a little admin support in the pastoral work of our churches. This will require working cards periodically around the year. For a role description and more information please contact Revd Caroline.

TR2 Community Hub

Monday 25th May
Coffee Morning: 10am - 12pm
Community Lunch: 12pm - 1.30pm
Tuesday 26th May
Coffee Morning: 10am - 12pm

Wednesday 27th May
Coffee Morning: 10am - 12pm
Community Lunch: 12pm - 1.30pm
Citizen Advice: 2.30pm - 3.30pm
Community Larder: 2.15pm - 3.30pm

Friday 29th May
Coffee Morning: 9am - 11am
Community Larder: 9am - 11am

Saturday 30th May
Community Larder: 9.30am - 11.30am
Coffee Morning: 9.30am - 10.30am

Tower Open Day @ Probus Church

Thank you to everyone that helped, clean, bake cakes, provide raffle prizes, serve refreshments and assist visitors in the tower. The weather stayed dry on Saturday and the visitors had a fantastic experience.
Thank you
Matthew

New Wine Festival 2026

To book and be part of our group, search for Upper Fal Parishes. However, if you wanted to go and camp on your own, just book without reference to the benefice.

The Bishop @ Gwennap Pit

Our friends in Truro Methodist Chapel have pointed out that Bishop David is the speaker at an event at Gwennap Pit, at 5pm on Sunday 24th May and have asked if I can bring this to the attention of our congregations.

Ladock Church Flower Festival

We cordially invite you
to Ladock Parish Church
as part of the
Flower Festival

We welcome the very talented **Arapella Sound** - the Cornish Harp Quartet, who will be performing a group for treble, voice who are performing:
Saturday 23rd May 7.30
Join us for a fabulous evening of song!

Tickets £20 to include light refreshment

Bar available

To buy or reserve tickets contact Joe Sharp on 07816 317380 or buy on the door

Ladock Church
Flower Festival
(Carnival Float and Present)

May 23rd, 24th & 25th 2026
10am - 4pm daily
To be opened by Mrs Rosie Morris at
10am on Saturday 23rd May

- Saturday 23rd Easy Organ Music from 2pm
- A wonderful concert on Saturday evening at 7.30 by the very talented Arapella Sound (an square poke)
- Sunday 24th at 9am a Service after which the Flower Festival will open and from 5pm there will be Organ Music
- Monday 25th Bell Ringing during the day

Entrance to Flower Festival is FREE but donations would be welcome please

Refreshments are available throughout the day

Events and News from Mothers' Union in Cornwall

Dates for your diaries

- **Mothers' Union Summer Open Afternoon** - Thursday 16 June at the Cathedral - 14.00 - 16.00 (speaker Craig Lang, on cyber security)
- **Mothers' Union Quiet Day** - Thursday 23 July at St Endellion Church - 10.30 - 15.30
- **Mothers' Union Family Fun Day** - Wednesday 19 August at the Cathedral - 10.00 - 16.00 (Mothers' Union Cornwall Birthday Celebration)
- **Mothers Union Service Celebration** - 11 - 25 August 2026, Truro Cathedral
- **Mothers' Union AGM and Service** - 10 November, Truro Cathedral, 10.00-16.00

Mothers' Union ministries 10 years on from this year! Full details of national celebrations are at https://www.mothersunion.org/news/100, and in Cornwall, we will be celebrating with a display of the fantastic needlework in Mothers' Union banners, in Truro Cathedral in August. Stand by for further information, and if you have a wonderful banner in your church, we encourage you to contact us and join in!

Generosity and Stewardship Matters

Financially Supporting your church

Many people have found themselves benefitted of receiving regular giving where the churches of Probus, Ladock and Cornwall. If you haven't already transferred from other forms of giving then do check out how it works through the link here or by contacting your treasurer.

Please do consider whether this is a good time to review your regular giving at the church, or perhaps you would like to plan for a future donation and leave a legacy. The Church of England has produced guidance on legacy giving, which you can find here.

Newsletter Submissions

Please send your items by 8pm on Tuesday 26th May at the latest to Matthew at bulletin@probus.church and make sure the subject line clearly states that it is a newsletter submission.
Thank you.

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