BUDE COAST & COUNTRY BENEFICE

Voices Together



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November 2025

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If you would like to receive a copy of this magazine please email Lesley Booker: lesleymbooker@gmail.com

Services on zoom

We will continue Zoom Services for as long as there is a demand for them. If there are any types of service other than Sunday morning prayer, Family Service or Holy Communion and Wednesday morning prayer that you miss and would like to see especially on Zoom either regularly or as a one off, please let me know and I will see what can be done. Lesley Booker lesleymbooker@gmail.com

For times of all church services for the month please see pages 14 and 15. Each Sunday there will be a "zoomed" service and Morning Prayer on Wednesdays will be on zoom at 8.30 am.

St Marwenne's House Group

The aim of the group is about growing in discipleship. It meets every Tuesday at 2 pm. Contact Janet Ward on 01409 255759 or email her at janetmwuk@gmail.com for more details.

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SAVE THE DATE

Neurodiversity, inclusivity and welcome

What: A series of afternoon sessions on Neurodiversity, inclusivity and being a welcoming church.

Where: TBC

Who: Everyone welcome

Why: A chance to explore and equip, encourage and embrace becoming an inviting and welcoming church to all, and for all.

When: Four consecutive Thursdays starting 27th

November, at 2-4pm

Contact: Revd Amanda Evans 07544527649,

email: <u>revamanda@strattondeanery.co.uk</u>
Or Hannah Wicks email hcfwicks@gmail.com

More information to follow

A Prayer for our Times

Loving God, I place into your hands:

all my fears about the state of the world;

all my despair at the violence within the world;

all my concerns about the fragility of the

environment;

all my worries about my own life.

Loving God, I place into your hands

today, tomorrow and all time Amen

FROM THE RECTOR:

Dear Friends,

The broken cup

A young monk accidentally broke a priceless cup while cleaning the temple. It had belonged to the Grand Master for 50 years. Panicking, he ran to confess.

"I'm sorry, master." he said, bowing deeply. "I broke your favourite cup."

The old master looked up calmly and said, "Oh, that cup was already broken."

The young monk was confused. "But Master I just broke it," he said.

The Grand Master smiled. "I loved that cup, but I always knew it would break one day, everything does. One day this body will grow old. One day the people I love will be gone.

One day, I too will break. So I cherish things deeply. But I hold them lightly."

The young monk stared at the master, speechless. In that moment, he understood something far greater than forgiveness. Peace doesn't come from holding tightly. It comes from accepting the impermanence of all things.

Or as Jesus put it,where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew chapter 6 verse 21

Every blessing

Rev David



A BIG THANK YOU

Rev Rob and Sue Dickenson would like to thank everyone for all the cards, messages, prayers and offers of assistance following their car accident.

Also big thanks to the medical teams at Southampton General, NDDH and Stratton hospitals for their care and skills.

It is hoped that Sue will be able to return home soon, but not just yet.

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A note from the Editor:

Copy deadlines for 2025 issues of *Voices Together* are:

NB Please note change of date: December: November 14th

Jan/Feb 2026: December 12th

INCLUSIONS FOR THE WEEKLY PEW SHEET

To have your Notices included in the Pew Sheet please contact Sue Shadrick on 01288 361666 or email her s.shadrick79@gmail.com before Tuesday evening if possible.



Coast and Country Benefice Prayer Group

After many hours of prayer for the establishment of a prayer group within the benefice, several interested folk have come together to form one.

The prayer group will hold its first meeting on Thursday November 6th at St. Michael's Church, Bude.

If you feel called to prayer or would like to deepen your prayer life, we invite you to join us at 10 AM.

The upcoming meeting dates are as follows:

Thursday November 6th, 2025

Thursday November 20th, 2025

Thursday December 4th, 2025

Thursday December 18th, 2025

Thursday January 8th, 2026

We hope to see you there!

Sue Shadrick and Penny Heard

For more information, contact

Sue on 07450 974651 or Penny on 07825 266580



Dates for your November Diary:

Sun 2nd: All Souls' Service, WSM church 10 am Mon 3rd: Meet & Eat, WSM parish hall, 12 noon

MU Christmas Crafts, Stamford House 2 pm see p 9

Thurs 6th: Benefice Prayer Group, St Michael's, Bude 10 am see p 24

Quiz for St Michael's, Brendon Arms 7 for 7.30 pm see p 20

Sat 8th: Lego Café and breakfast, WSM church 9.30—12

Mon 10th: Happy Memories, WSM church 2.30—4 pm

Wed 12th: WSM Lunch Club, WSM church 12 noon—see p 21

Sat 15th: Gift Day, St Marwenne's, Marhamchurch 11—3

Thurs 20th: Benefice Prayer Group, St Michael's, Bude 10 am see p 24

MU Members' Day, St Endellion's church hall. see p 9

Sat 22nd: Christmas Market, WSM church 5—8 pm see p 10

Mon 24th: Happy Memories, WSM church, 2.30—4 pm

Sat 29th: Bude Choral Society Concert, Bude Methodist Church 7 pm

see p 26

Dates for your December Diary:

Mon 1st: Carols of the Stratton Hundred, St Martin's church 7.30 pm see p 19

Thurs 4th: Benefice Prayer Group, St Michael's, Bude 10 am

Mon 8th: MU Advent service, St Andrew's, Stratton 2 pm see p 9

Thurs 18th: Benefice Prayer Group, St Michael's, Bude 10 am

Regular Group Meetings:

Tuesday afternoons: Week St Mary Adventure Church 4.30 pm

Tuesday afternoons: Bible Study St Marwenne's house group 2 pm — contact Janet Ward 01409 255 759

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Wednesday mornings: Coffee & Chat, The Bray, Marhamchurch 10.30-

noon

Wednesday mornings: Bible Study at St Michael's, 11 am

Why not lend your copy of this magazine to a neighbour or friend when you have finished with it?

BABY & TODDLER COFFEE POT CLUB

Meets every Tuesday 10am—12pm in Week St Mary Parish Hall

Join Coffeepots Baby & Toddler Group on Facebook or email coffee-potswsm@gmail.com

Week St Mary
Happy Memories Memory
Café
2.30—4 pm in church
Refreshments

Monday 10th November &
Monday 24th November

All welcome Contact: Lesley Booker 01288 341221 Meet and Eat Soup and Sweet & a friendly chat

Week St Mary Parish Hall from 12 noon

Next meeting
Monday 3rd November
All most welcome

Sue Edwards 01288 341083





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Come And Meet Each Other

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contact: Linda Cobbledick 01288 341468





ADVENT

The dictionary definition of the word 'Advent' is 'The arrival of a notable person or thing'.

It is the first season of the Christian year, leading up to Christmas and includes the four preceding Sundays. It starts on the Sunday nearest to 30^{th} November.

During this time, we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. On each Sunday of Advent, a candle is lit on an Advent wreath and the themes of hope, peace, joy and love are emphasised.

We remember the story in the bible of how the Angel Gabriel came to Mary to tell her that she was to have Jesus, the Son of God

The story can be found in Luke Chapter one verses 26 to 38 and there are animated versions on You Tube.

An Advent Song for Children sung to 'Twinkle, twinkle, little Star'

> Avent is a time to wait Not quite time to celebrate Count the candles one by one Until Advent time is done Day by day we work and play To prepare for Christmas day

Prayer

Dear God, Thank you that you chose Mary to do a special job for you when she gave birth to baby Jesus.

Thank you that Jesus is your special gift for the whole world.

AMEN

Try some of the Advent crafts opposite.

Mary Tilzey

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2025



At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them Laurence Binyon

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace and rise in glory.

Amen.



WEEK ST MARY LEGO CAFÉ

Saturday 8th November Week St Mary church with breakfast from 9.30-12 (breakfast till 11.30 am)



Week St Mary Lunch Club

Wednesday 12th November Week St Mary church 12 noon

Bookings: 01288 341221



The Brendon Arms, Bude Thursday 6th November 2025

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Quiz Master- Chris Nichols

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7pm for a prompt 7.30 start

In aid of St Michael's Church

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marytilzey@gmail.com

Mothers' Union - Kledh Kernow Branch

Last month members came together to celebrate the beauty of creation and the time of harvest. We held a service with traditional harvest hymns, readings and prayers. Items were donated for the work of the local Foodbank. Following the service there was time to catch up with MU news and to celebrate the 90th birthday of member Ann Fairbrother. The branch gave Ann a bouquet of flowers to mark this milestone birthday.

16 Days of Activism

The Mothers' Union supports the 16 Days of Activism campaign which runs from 25th November to 10th December. Throughout this campaign, MU joins with 6000 organisations from over 185 countries to raise awareness of and call for an end to gender-based violence and abuse in all forms and in all societies. In Britain and Ireland our members offer support from providing essential items for refuges, organising workshops on gender-based issues in schools and prisons to support families of survivors to heal and rebuild important family bonds. Look out for the Red Chair initiative in some local churches during the 16 days as a focus on this important issue.

Future Meetings

Monday 3rd November Branch meeting: Christmas Crafts 2pm Stamford House, Stamford Hill EX23 9EY

Thursday 20th November: Members Day St Endellion's Church Hall 10am - 3.30pm. Please bring a packed lunch.

Monday 8th December: Advent service with hymns and reflections, 2pm St Andrew's Church, Stratton.

Sheila Waring



WEEK ST MARY ADVENTURE CLUB

Every Tuesday at 4.30 pm Week St Mary Church



Bude, Stratton & District Old Cornwall Society



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SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 10 AM WEEK ST MARY CHURCH



A QUIET REFLECTIVE SERVICE TO REMEMBER LOVED ONES WE HAVE LOST. ALL WELCOME

Tips from Poll's Garden for November

When fireworks light up the night skies and crowds huddle for warmth around crackling bonfires, it's a signal to get the garden ready for winter. Despite the cold temperatures and shorter days you can still pot



up some colourful winter containers, start planning next year's garden and of course feed your garden birds! Let's take a look at what garden jobs can be ticked off this November...

Clear leaves with a spring tine rake and compost them
Plant shrubs, evergreens and conifers
Protect tender plants from frost with fleece or plant jackets
Last chance to plant tulip bulbs for Spring displays.

Feed the birds

Shorter daylight hours mean that wild birds have less time to forage. Save them a wasted journey by making sure your feeders are topped up daily with a good quality all round bird food. Remember, once you start feeding the birds they will come to rely on you, so make sure you're consistent!

Houseplants

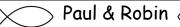
Winter-flowering bulbs light up our homes during the dreariest days of winter, filling rooms with a feast of flowers — and they'll thrive with minimal fuss. Amaryllis is a winter favourite with varieties such as 'Minerva' and 'Red Lion'. For best results, choose the biggest, fattest amaryllis bulbs that you can find. Most will cost less than £10 and the largest bulbs will be packed with energy, promising more flower spikes and superior displays. A giant bulb should produce two or three flower spikes in succession.

Lawn care

There is still time to aerate and feed your lawn before the weather turns cold. Rake up leaves Adjust settings on your mower. Aerate your lawn. Treat moss and weeds with specialist product. Feed and condition and carry out any turf repairs .

Then relax and dream about your garden plans for next year.





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Readings may be adapted for particular services

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

DATE	READINGS	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LEADER
Sunday 2nd	Isaiah 56: 3—8	09.30	Holy Communion	BH	DS
All Saints' Day	Hebrews 12: 18—24	12.00	All Souls' Service	WSM	WL
	Matthew 5: 1—12	18.00	Evening Prayer	M	WL
Wednesday 5th		08.30	Morning Prayer	Zoom	DS
		10.00	Holy Communion	BH	DS
Sunday 9th	Job 19: 23-27a	09.30	Remembrance	Р	DS
Remembrance Sunday 3rd Sunday before Advent	Psalm 17: 1—9		Service		DS
	2 Thessalonians 2: 1 -5, 13—end	10.45	Remembrance Service	M chapel	MM
	Luke 20: 27—38	10.50	Remembrance Service	WSM square & church	DS
		11.00	Remembrance	W	DA
			Service		
Wednesday 12th		08.30	Morning Prayer	Zoom	DS
		10.00	Holy Communion	WB	DS
Sunday 16th	Malachi 4: 1—2a	09.30	Holy Communion	BH	DS
2nd Sunday before Advent	Psalm 98	09.30	Morning Prayer	М	WL
	2 Thessalonians 3: 6—13	11.15	Holy Communion	WSM	DS
	Luke 21: 5—19				
Wednesday 19th		08.30	Morning Prayer	Zoom	DS
		10.00	Holy Communion	ВН	DS

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

DATE	READINGS	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LEADER
Sunday 23rd Christ the King	Jeremiah 23: 1—6 Psalm 46 Colossians 1: 11—	09.30 09.30 09.30	Holy Communion Holy Communion Morning Prayer	M P W	TF DS WL
Wednesday 26th	20 Luke 23: 33—43	10.00 11.15 08.30 10.00	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Morning Prayer Holy Communion	WSM BH Zoom WB	WL DS WL DS
Sunday 30th 1st Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 2: 1—5 Psalm 122 Romans 13: 11- end Matthew 24: 36-44	10.30	BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION	ВН	TBC

 KEY:
 CHURCHES:
 BH = Bude Haven
 LEADERS:
 DS = Rev David Saunders

 M = Marhamchurch
 RD = Rev Rob Dickenson

 P = Poundstock
 DA = Rev D Adams

 WSM = Week St Mary
 TF = Rev T Folland

 W = Whitstone
 WL = Worship Leader

 WB = Widemouth Bay
 MM = Methodist Minister

OUR DEANERY PRAYER

O generous God,

You invite your people to discover the Kingdom And grow the church;

Give us, then, the courage, the strength and the vision To share in the mission and ministry Of your Son

That with the Lord of the Church

We may be, truly, the Church of the Lord. Amen