

**Methodist Church Circuit** 

# NTOUCH

February and March 2014

#### **Thoughts from the Manse**



How very fortunate we are to live on these islands, especially in the depths of winter. I was on the telephone to a friend of mine the other day who is a minister in the north of England. He spoke of services being cancelled because of snow drifts, the cost of heating his manse in the bitterly cold winters and of how they had to put salt down on the pathways to his chapels every Sunday

because of the severe frosts.

It is very different here; snow and frost are rare indeed, in fact it has been some years since there was a hard frost on Scilly and the islanders are still speaking about it, and although we may complain about our energy bills, they are much less than for those living on the mainland.

The seasons of the year are each special in their own way. Here on Scilly our winters may be mild but I expect we get more than our fair share of wind and rain, but we are thankful for the climate we have which, of course, is essential to our flower growers, an industry which is still an important part of Scillonian life.

Springtime on Scilly is also very special. The islands begin to come to life, the Scillonian ferry is back in service after its winter break, we begin to welcome visitors, shops that are closed over the winter open, and our island boatmen are getting ready to provide the excellent service between St Mary's and the Off-islands that we have during the summer. Often our springtime weather provides us with the perfect conditions for a walk around the coastline of these stunning islands.

However, though our seasonal weather may be different here from my friend's up north, the seasons of our 'Church Year' remain the same. This year Easter Sunday is on April 20th which means that the first Sunday of Lent is the 9th of March.

Our forty days of Lent is of course based upon the story of Jesus spending forty days in the desert immediately before the start of His public ministry to the people of Galilee. Traditionally Lent has been used by the church as a time of preparation for the events of Holy week and Easter, and stand as a reminder to us of how Jesus's 40 days in the wilderness prepared Him for all that lay ahead. Much could be said about this but for now we will just note that in the great temptations that Jesus faced then he turned to the scriptures and held firm to the great promises of our Sovereign God which have been given to us in His living Word, the Bible.

In Matthew's Gospel we are told of how after spending those 40 days in preparation Jesus came to Capernaum on the shores of the Sea of Galilee to start the chain of events that were to alter the course of human history. Matthew tells us that the very first thing that Jesus did was to 'Preach the Good News'. His message was the very same as that

preached by John the Baptist who had been sent by God to prepare the way for Jesus. Like John before Him, Jesus challenged those before Him with the message that has the power to bring new life to all. According to Matthew, the very first thing that Jesus did was to call people to stop, to think, to take stock of their lives and to say to them 'Repent for now the Kingdom of Heaven is near!'

Thus the mission of Jesus started in the insignificant little town of Capernaum where He preached words of hope and warning to the people, where the sick were healed and hope was found and where a group of ordinary Galilean fishermen were so challenged by what they witnessed and heard that they left all their past behind and set out to earnestly follow Jesus. All these things happened as a result of Jesus 'preaching the Good News'.

Matthew's record of all that happened in Capernaum is of course a great challenge to us today on these islands. Do we still believe that here in this island community the preaching of God's word can touch hearts and bring new hope, and do we still believe that the primary task of our church is the proclamation of the Gospel and preaching that age old message – 'Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is now near'.

The disciple Peter lived in Capernaum and, after hearing Jesus preach about the promised coming of the Kingdom, left all behind and followed. Some fifty years later, at the end of his life, Peter wrote to his friends in the church to encourage them in difficult times and said 'Preach the Word, be prepared in season and out of season, correct, rebuke, and encourage with great patience, and give careful instruction!'

It seems to me that we need to take careful note of these words today. Do we still long to hear the Word of God proclaimed in the life of our church on these islands? Have we truly taken heed of all that has happened, and will continue to happen, if we do not earnestly seek to 'Offer Jesus' in the power of His Holy Spirit, and have we really grasped what will happen if, as a community and as a nation, we continue to turn away from the ways and the values of God's Kingdom? Maybe there is no greater challenge before us than that of once again truly turning to the Word of God.

I sometimes like to think to myself that our community here on Scilly is a little like that of Capernaum on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. We certainly have the beaches and the sea, and we give thanks that we still have those who are professional fishermen like those in Matthew's Gospel.

Peter and Andrew, just like James and John were not men of learning, they were not wealthy or powerful, yet they were called by Jesus to play an important part in the life of His church. Those humble fishermen were the ordinary men of their day, yet by the Grace of God they slowly discovered the mercy and kindness that lies at the heart of the Gospel. They, like many who have followed them in the history of our church, were used by God to preach the Good News so that all who

truly believe might receive His gift of New Life and Salvation. Do you believe that this could happen here on the beautiful Isles of Scilly today? Please let me know what you think.

And so it is that we give thanks that in every season of the year we can rely on God's Word to bring us hope and we ask God's blessing on our weekly worship both on St Martin's and on St Mary's so that the Good News of the Gospel will be faithfully offered by all who are called to preach the Word.

We look forward to our worship in the months of February and March. On the first Sunday of each month we will be joining with our Anglican friends for united acts of worship in the Anglican churches on St Martin's and St Mary's (at the service at the beginning of March we will be joined by a guest speaker from Christian Aid).

Mike Owens and his team from the Lay Witness Movement will be with us from 14th to 17th March. During this period there will be special meetings on both St Martin's and St Mary's, and Mike and the team will be leading our worship on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>. Please mark these dates in your diaries and be sure to come along to the special meetings arranged over this period – details will follow.

On Sunday 30th March we will again be holding united services with our Anglican friends to celebrate Mothering Sunday and these services will be in our Methodist chapels.

We give thanks that in every season of the year we can celebrate our precious Christian faith. As the hymn 'Great is Thy Faithfulness' says summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to God's great faithfulness, mercy and love!'

Don't forget to put your clocks forward on March 30th!

I remain by the Grace of God the Methodist minister on these remote yet beautiful islands for a while.

Charlie Gibbs

# The much awaited Grand Crosswords are now available from our minister

#### £1 each

All donations go to Chapel funds

#### **News from St Martin's**

With the Christmas celebrations behind us we now look forward to a new year. Epiphany is a time of new beginnings with the coming of the Magi; we also make new journeys and reaffirm our faith, and question the future path we take. As I write we have unfortunately not been able to hold our Covenant Service yet due to the continuing, challenging weather.

Our Christmas period always begins with the traditional 'Christmas Tree Party', held for as long as I can remember. The origin of the name is because we all bring gifts to put under the tree which are then sent to disadvantaged young people. This year we were able to use our brand-new community hall, and in the absence of our usual leaders Jackie and Heather, Christine, Julia and I ensured that 'the show goes on'! Newcomers to the party commented on the success of the traditional games (pass the parcel, flip the fish etc) and we are reminded of the importance of personal interaction in modern times when children often spend hours in front of machines.

We are proud of the way our youngsters look out for each other – new babies on young laps! The behaviour at the tea table was exemplary and the time after spent with a visiting Santa was quite magical.

However we were disappointed that Rev Charlie was unable to join us to introduce the proceedings with a soft toy Nativity – the vagaries of the weather again.

Fortunately our Carol Service could be led by Charlie. Jinny Stevens from our Church congregation began with the well known and loved passage from St John 'In the beginning .....' It was great to see so many friends in the Chapel, and our youngsters demonstrated, again, their reading abilities. Many of us were blessed with the company of family that had come over to join us for Christmas, and young Milly (Steve and Julia's granddaughter) also read.

Having celebrated the birth of Jesus, we are reminded of another island birth – Nia – a daughter for Natalie and Tony, and we were delighted to see her in Chapel to hear her siblings take part in the service. Congratulations to them. We still await birth number six on St Martin's!

Carol singing on Christmas Eve is a long established island tradition and this year we were invited to the pub to end our evening of singing with refreshments! We welcome Mark, Kathy, Dom and Emily into our community and wish them every success.

It is with sadness that we hear of the passing of Tim Norman who has lived on the island with us for many years. We send our prayers and love to Mary and the family.

Heather has asked me to take over writing the notes from St Martin's, and I hope she will continue to contribute when I am away. We all thank her for her magnificent efforts over the years.

In conclusion, we would like to wish everyone a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Val Thomas

AN INVITATION TO!

LIVING CLOSE TO THE SEA
On The Island Of St Martin's

SUNDAY 23rd MARCH
ST MARTIN'S

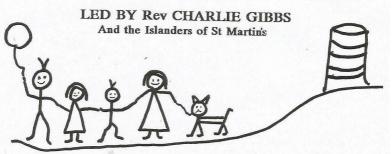
METHODIST CHAPEL
AT 10.30am

**REFRESHMENTS SERVED AT 11.15** 

Be sure not to miss this special time together For all Islanders

# A FAMILY SERVICE

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL CHILDREN MUMS AND DADS & GRANDPARENTS TOO!



THE METHODIST CHURCH ON THE ISLES OF SCILLY. HERE TO SHOW LOVE AND CARE FOR ALL.

#### **Lay Witness Weekend**

We are now all looking forward to the visit of Mike Owens and his 'Lay Witness' team to our islands from the  $14^{th}$  to  $17^{th}$  March.

It was about a year ago that Mary Ratcliffe told us about the Lay Witness movement at our Church Council meeting. Having seen the presentation, we all voted to go ahead and we are delighted that in March of this year the team from the mainland will be with us.

Mary Ratcliffe was to have been our link person with Mike Owens but she has been away since May looking after her sister in Scotland. Beryl Read has kindly stepped in and will be giving full details of the meetings soon.

At our weekly prayer meetings on St Mary's we are praying for this visit and for those who will be leading us. Some of the team will visit St Martin's on the Saturday to lead activities there, and they will return on the Sunday morning to lead worship.

On St Mary's there will be activities on the Friday evening and on the Saturday, and meals together will be arranged. On the Sunday morning the team will share in leading worship and a special service will be led by them in the evening. If you can help with the catering please let Beryl know.

Please do make every effort to make this weekend special for our church and try to come to all that will be in place.

Beryl is now making lists of those who intend to come to the meetings for both St Mary's and St Martin's, so please do speak to her and if possible bring a friend to join us.

We ask God's blessing on those who will be travelling from the mainland for this special time.

#### A big Thank You

Thank you to Kathy and Roger Banfield and to Ann and Colin Mumford for putting up the Christmas tree and decorating it. It really looked beautiful and helped to make the church look so warm and welcoming. Thanks also to the people who decorated the little trees on the windowsills and walls. We do appreciate the extra help. Thanks also to Kathy and Roger for taking down the tree on January 6th. We praise the Lord for all our good friends.

#### A Modern Version of Psalm 23

The Lord is my pace setter – I shall not rush.

He makes me to stop for quiet intervals,

He provides me with images of stillness which restore my serenity.

He leads me in ways of efficiency through calmness of mind,

And His quidance is peace.

Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day, I will not fret, For His presence is here,

His timelessness, His all importance, will keep me in balance.

He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity,
By anointing my mind with His oils of tranquility.

My cup of joyous energy overflows.

Truly harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits of my hours,
For I shall walk in the Pace of my Lord

And dwell in His house for ever.

Written by a Japanese writer - Tokio Megashia.

With thanks to Trinity Methodist Church, Royton.

## What is a Worship Leader?

They assist in leading worship.

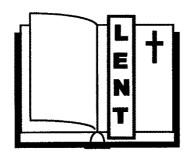
They can be trained locally in accordance with rules of the Methodist Church.

They can be appointed by the local Church Council.

If you would like to know more about training to be a Worship Leader please speak to our minister.

It is hoped to put on a course of training later this year.

#### The Season of Lent



The season of Lent has not been well observed in much of evangelical Christianity, largely because it was associated with 'high church' liturgical worship that some churches were eager to reject. However, much of the background of evangelical Christianity, for example the heritage of John Wesley, was very 'high church'. Many of the churches that originally rejected more formal and deliberate liturgy are now recovering aspects of a larger Christian tradition as a means to re-focus on spirituality in an increasingly secular culture.

Originating in the 4th century of the church, the season of Lent spans 40 weekdays beginning on Ash Wednesday and climaxing during Holy Week with Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday), Good Friday and concluding on the Saturday before Easter Day. It was originally a time of preparation for those who were to be baptized, a time of concentrated study and prayer before their baptism at the Easter Vigil, the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord early on Easter Sunday. But since these new members were to be received into a living community of faith, the entire community was called to preparation also.

Today, Lent is marked by a time of prayer and preparation to celebrate Easter. Since Sundays celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the six Sundays that occur during Lent are not counted as part of the 40 days and are referred to as the Sundays in Lent. The number 40 is connected with many biblical events but especially with the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing for His ministry by facing temptations that could lead Him to abandon His mission and calling. This season of the year is equal only to the Season of Advent in importance in the Christian year and is part of the second major grouping of Christian festivals that includes Holy Week, Easter and Pentecost.

Lent has traditionally been marked by penitential prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Some churches today still observe a rigid schedule of fasting on certain days during Lent, especially the giving up of meat, alcohol, sweets and other types of food. Others do not place as great an emphasis on fasting but focus instead on charitable deeds and helping those in need with food and clothing or simply giving money to charities. Lent is really a preparation to celebrate God's marvelous redemption at Easter and the resurrected life that we live, and hope for, as Christians.

With thanks to Trinity Methodist Church, Royton

On Scilly we will be having our Hunger Lunches in aid of Christian Aid each Wednesday during Lent. This year they will start on Ash Wednesday, March 5th, in the Anglican Church Hall at 12 - 1.30pm.



#### When I have gone

When I have gone, remember I'm with Jesus; Then do not grieve because I've passed away; Life holds so many griefs and disappointments, And will you weep because I did not stay?

'Tis only for a spell we must be parted – Not many years on earth to us are given – And when my Saviour tells me you are coming, I'll go with Him and welcome you to Heaven.

Grieve not because the eyes that looked upon you Shall never see your face on earth again; Rejoice because they look upon the Saviour Who gave His life to ransom sinful men.

Weep not because I walk no longer with you; Remember I am walking streets of gold; Weep for yourselves that you awhile must tarry Before the blessed Lord you may behold.

Barbara C. Ryberg

This was given to us by Trevor Adams who says that the poem was given to his mother when his father died. We hope it will be a comfort to all those who are mourning the passing of a loved one.

#### Women's World Day of Prayer

Women's World Day of Prayer is an international inter-church organization which enables us to hear the voices of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. The preparation for the day is extensive. An international committee works from New York and each participating country has its own national committee. Regional conferences meet to consider the service and then local groups make their plans. Finally at a church near you on the first Friday of March, men and women will gather to celebrate using a programme of worship offered this year by women in Egypt.

The theme of our service this year is 'Stream in the desert' and we are asked to reflect on our Christian role of being a 'stream in the desert' for those who experience spiritual 'drought'. We believe that the service from Egypt has universal appeal.

One of the oldest civilisations in the world, Egypt has long been home to Coptic Christians. Since the uprising in 2011 there has been conflict between religious groupings. Political change affects individual lives and we pray with the women of Egypt for peace.

We envisage a great wave of prayer, rising with the sun over the island of Samoa and sweeping across Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas, coming to rest in American Samoa some 36 hours later. By then WWDP services will have been celebrated in over 170 countries.

The service here on St Mary's will be held in the Methodist Church at 2pm on Friday March 7<sup>th</sup>. The speaker will be Rev Penny Prince. All are welcome and there will be refreshments afterwards.

## **Birthdays in February and March**

We send our love and best wishes to Keith Guy, Barbara James, Jacky Pritchard, Beryl Read, Philip Roberts, Jake Sandford, Emily Smith and Ryan Thomas in February and to Steve Burrows, Lilly Didlick, Claire Jenkins, Alistair McNicol, Len Michell, Simon Morris, Val Parker, Margaret Smith and Heather Terry in March.

We hope they all have a very happy day.



#### **Action for Children**



The Christmas week was a most rewarding time for our Methodist commitment to raise money for the charity Action for Children here on the Isles of Scilly. Very many thanks to all who contributed to the collections at the two Christmas services. At the Carol Service in the Chapel on December  $22^{nd}$  the great sum of £274 was donated and only three days later, at the Christmas

morning service another £131.72 was taken in the Offering. A wonderful total of £405.72 will be sent to Action for Children from the Methodist Church here on the Islands. Please accept grateful appreciation if you have contributed in any way to the grand total!

We have several on-going ways of raising money for the charity and in due course Heather Terry will publish their latest results. Please carry on with the support.

Gwen Clarkson - Representative for Action for Children

#### **Teddies for Charities**

Here on St Mary's we have several greatly valued knitters making teddy bears to send away to deprived children around the world. The original charity called Teddies for Tragedies sends them to disasters world-wide. We sent a batch to them in September which may have arrived in the Philippines by now. Our latest dispatch of fourteen went from here at the end of November.

On the walls in the Manse and Methodist Hall are many photos of children in Uganda with teddies we have sent via UCDF. A box of thirteen left here at the end of October. Several children may have had a bear in its bag in time for Christmas.

This month we have been able to send teddies to a new outlet for us. Our dear friend Dorothy Beedell is a supporter of the Mercy Ships and six bears have gone to them this month. The charity is run by medical practitioners – surgeons and others in the profession who volunteer to provide life-changing care for thousands of people across the world. They treat grown-ups and children who are sick or disabled and restore the health of men, women and children who suffer from a lack of care, love and respect. The teddies will be highly valued!

Gwen

#### Visit to Wesley's Chapel and house

Recently I had the opportunity to spend a day in London so I decided to visit Wesley's Chapel in the City Road. The chapel and its neighbouring buildings are an enclave of elegant Georgian architecture in a mass of modern office buildings. In the basement of the chapel is a museum of Methodism which is very interesting with artifacts going back to the beginning of Methodism.

While looking at those, I was asked if I would like a tour of Wesley's house next door to the chapel. This has been furnished in the style which Wesley would have been familiar with and several of his own personal possessions are included. We saw his electrical apparatus (for administering mild electric shocks, supposedly for health benefits), his exercise machine which simulated the movements of riding on a horse, and his library among other things. Wesley was obviously a very organized person – apparently he insisted that everything was punctual to the minute so the staff had to have his meals on the table on the dot of the correct time and any visitors staying in the house were expected to be equally punctual. We also saw his prayer room (the power house of Methodism) to which he would go at 5am every day to spend time in prayer and study. We also saw a preaching plan for the first quarter of 1791 which included John Wesley as one of the preachers. Sadly he didn't fulfil his obligation as he died early that year.

Behind the chapel is a small grave yard (now completely overlooked by large office buildings) in which John Wesley is buried.

As it was a Thursday there was a lunch-time service in the chapel which I attended. It was led by the Minister, Rev Lord Leslie Griffiths who we remember visiting us here a few years back. He preached on the subject of 'Blessed are the merciful' and his message was that God has given us the capacity to be merciful, so if we show mercy to others then God will be merciful to us.

All together it was a very interesting day.

Anne

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#### A senior moment

I made a list.
I checked it twice.
I left it at home.

How many times have you done that?

#### John Wesley's Elm

The tree we most associate with churches are yews, many of them ancient, and some of these will have provided shelter for ancient worship and rituals long before a church was built nearby. It is said that St Cuthbert preached to a congregation numbering 1000 under a huge yew on his arrival at the Island of Berneray.

Preaching under great trees was something John Wesley was very used to and several ancient prints along with two stained glass windows in his world famous chapel in the City of London show him with congregations gathered beneath a variety of trees. But he was particularly fond of elms and one in particular at Stony Stratford, near Milton Keynes in Buckinghamshire, where he preached on at least five occasions, is where he is said to say that he hoped one day to be buried under an elm.

Wesley died in London in 1791 and was buried in a tomb at the back of his Chapel, but it only is now, over two hundred years later, that he has an elm not quite at his tomb, but close to the front door of his house just yards away.

It is a very special elm because it is a cutting from the elm which he preached under in the Market Place at Stony Stratford, which reached the grand age of 400 years before sadly, suffering Dutch elm disease in the 1970s. However, the ancient hollow trunk continued to throw up vigorous shoots – before being hit by two fires and finally succumbing to the disease again. The tree was cut down in 2007, but elm enthusiast, Mark Seddon, took a cutting just before the chainsaws arrived and grew it into a four foot sapling. He brought the English elm sapling to plant in Wesley's garden recently.

Mark Seddon is delighted that the young tree has been given such a prestigious home. It had been destined for Central Park in Manhattan, New York, but John Wesley's House is absolutely the right place for it. 'The tree is a living link with Wesley', says Mark 'and in its new position in Central London, should be relatively safe from the dreaded Dutch elm disease. I hope that future generations will stand under it and venerate the great man who once preached under its illustrious parent'.

John Wesley's brother Charles who is thought to have written some 6000 hymns is buried just yards from a rare elm in Marylebone which tree enthusiasts have voted one of London's ten greatest trees. Now both Wesley brothers have their special elms.

#### Do you believe in answers to prayer?

A large majority of us still believe that our prayers may be answered – despite the national drop in formal religious observance.

Only one in seven of us would 'never' turn to prayer for help with problems in our lives. In fact, recent research by the Church of England has found that 31 per cent of us may even pray for world peace and 27 per cent of us may pray for an end to world poverty.

More personal prayers are not so common. Only 15 per cent of us consider praying for personal guidance or healing or the ability to cope with stress. And only ten per cent of us ever think to repent and pray for forgiveness. Yet the Bible promises: 'The Lord is near to all those who call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of those who fear him; he will hear their cry, and will save them.' (Psalm 145:18-19)

The findings come from a poll conducted by ICM for the C of E. It also found that overall, only 14 per cent of the population would never pray.

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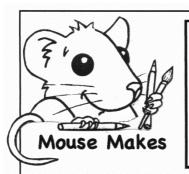
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Nothing ...
... will ever be able to separate us from the LOVE of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:39

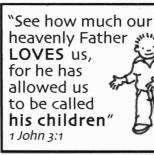


Cut out and keep these cards to remind you of God's love for us.

The Lord's LOVE
never ends,
his mercies
never stop.
They are new
every morning.
Lamentations 3:22-23



God **loved** the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him would not be lost but have eternal life. John 3:16





For the
Lord is GOOP
and his LOVE
endures
for ever

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# MARCH SERVICES ST MARY'S

| 2nd              | 10.00 am<br>11.00 am<br>6.00 pm | Children's Church<br>Rev Charlie Gibbs<br><i>United Service at Parish Church</i><br>Rev Charlie Gibbs            |  |  |
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| 9th              | 9.15 am<br>11.00 am<br>6.00 pm  | Rev Charlie Gibbs and Beryl Read<br>Holy Communion<br>Barbara Hasler<br>Mary Ratcliffe                           |  |  |
| 16th             | 9.15 am<br>11.00 am<br>6.00 pm  | Rev Charlie Gibbs and Mervyn Bird<br>Rev Charlie Gibbs<br><i>Holy Communion</i><br>Mike Owens and Mary Ratcliffe |  |  |
| 23rd             | 9.15 am<br>11.00 am<br>6.00 pm  | Gordon Bird and Beryl Read<br>Len Michell<br>Rev Charlie Gibbs<br><i>Holy Communion</i>                          |  |  |
| 30th             | 11.00 am                        | <b>Mothering Sunday</b> Canon Paul Miller and Beryl Read                                                         |  |  |
| ST MARTIN'S      |                                 |                                                                                                                  |  |  |
| 2nd              | 10.00 am                        | Rev Penny Prince & Christopher Savill<br>United Service                                                          |  |  |
| 9th              | 2.00 pm                         | Rev Charlie Gibbs                                                                                                |  |  |
| 16th             | 11.00 am                        | Mike Owens and Mary Ratcliffe                                                                                    |  |  |
| 23rd             | 11.00 am                        | Rev Charlie Gibbs                                                                                                |  |  |
| 30th             | 2.00 pm                         | <b>Mothering Sunday</b><br>Rev Penny Prince & Len Michell                                                        |  |  |
| PARK HOUSE       |                                 |                                                                                                                  |  |  |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | 4.00 pm                         | Gordon Bird                                                                                                      |  |  |

# **FEBRUARY SERVICES**

## **ST MARY'S**

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|      | 6.00 pm                        | Trevor Adams                                                                          |
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| 23rd | 11.00 am | Len Michell                                |

# **PARK HOUSE**

**2nd 4.00 pm** Barbara Hasler