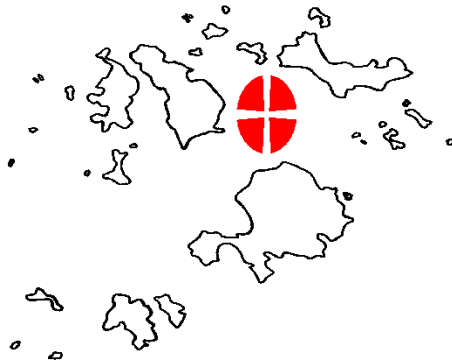


Isles of Scilly



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Some thoughts from the St. Mary's Manse

Dear Friends,

What a joy it is to be with you and we are grateful for your gracious welcome and support, as we settle into island life. We look forward to working together with you for the Lord.

As I write Autumn is approaching after a glorious summer and winter beckons.

Justin Hayward of the Moody Blues wrote a song "Forever Autumn" from the film War of the Worlds. Its sentiments were that because of personal circumstances he wanted life to be "Forever Autumn". It is a beautiful time with differing colours of leaves on the trees, sunlit days and lengthening shade; for others this is a time of trees looking stark and bare; a nip in the air Winter coming.

Like many parts of life it is important how we look at things, that we try to see, as far as possible, more than one viewpoint and enjoy the present while anticipating the future. (Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift that's why we call it the present- N.B. Jesus Christ the same, yesterday, today and forever)

However good or bad a situation maybe, it will change like the seasons and life moves on. To have and know a God who is unchanging (Malachi 3v6), who travels with us and is love amazing and divine is reassuring.

May we journey with Jesus however and wherever he leads.

With Good Wishes

Michael

Traidcraft/ Fairtrade

From time to time a selection of sweets, chocolate, cards and other products will appear.

The organisation has been supplying products for over 40 years.

Many of the ingredients in its products are fairly traded in that the growers/farmers are guaranteed a fair price for them, which enables them to provide food for their families.

In buying the goods you are helping many people around the world out of poverty and into a better life and lifestyle.

All profits from the sales go to charity (In the past Donations have been sent to the Fund for Home Mission, the fund for World Mission, Tradecraft Exchange, All we can the Prospect Secondary School project in the Gambia and the Bustamante Children's Hospital in Jamaica)

Watch out for Christmas Cards, catalogues etc. All orders are welcome

Michael Pullan

News from St Martin's

We have kept the faith on St. Martins with our regular friends and visitors; we are particularly blessed to have had dear friends Rev Tony Pudner and Wendy with us in August. Tony took our services and Wendy played the organ for us when Jane retired.

We were sad to say good bye to Rev Jane and John, and held a farewell thank you tea for them in Karma hotel, where we presented them with tokens of our sincere thanks; a landscape canvas photo of a favourite view by Tim Allsop and one of Viv's amazing carved bowls.

We hope Jane and John can enjoy a well earned rest, but trust they will visit us again soon.

It was a joyous occasion when Jenny Terry, daughter of Heather and Allan, had young Connor blessed in Chapel. We wish them God's guidance, every happiness and good health in the future.

Those wishes are also sent to baby Wilfred Frey- Davies and parents Chris and Merryn (daughter of Val and Graham Thomas) who was born on August 15th.

We are delighted to welcome Rev Michael Pullan and wife Ann into our community, and hope they enjoy their time with us. Their first service on the island coincided with our Harvest Festival, so the chapel was looking it's best and a good congregation joined in the familiar hymns. On the following Monday we held a coffee morning to sell all the harvest gifts and raise some more funds; we appreciated Michael braving the elements and low tides to join us. The delicious home baking was also much enjoyed.

On Sunday 9th September Chris Savill took our service and celebrated 'Sea Sunday' somewhat belatedly as the appointed Sunday was not practical. He reminded us how important those who work at sea are to us, and we pay tribute to the many local seamen who enable us to live on these islands. John Perkins is currently serving with the RFA in the Carribbean, dodging 3 separate hurricanes. Once these have gone through the ships emergency teams will bring relief to all those souls who have been affected by these natural disasters.

We give thanks for all those who harvest the oceans and work at sea.

Val Thomas



News from St Mary's

We are pleased to welcome Rev Michael Pullan and his wife Ann and Molly (the dog) who have come to take over from Rev Jane Willcock and John. The service was held on St Mary's with Rev Steven Wild presiding. There were representatives from both the Catholic Church and the Church of England as well as the Council of the Isles of Scilly and the Duchy of Cornwall at the service and they all took part in the service in welcoming Ann and Michael to the Islands. St Martin's friends braved the seas to join us. Many of our Anglican friends also came. This was followed by tea and cakes.

Our annual Harvest Service was a joint service with our Anglican friends and was on 9th September. It was very well attended. The Church looked beautiful and thanks go to all who donated produce or decorated. As usual the produce was distributed around St Mary's.

On the following Friday evening we shared an enjoyable harvest supper with our Anglican friends who provided the savoury dishes whilst the Methodists provided the puddings. We were given a talk by Perran about the Christian Aid appeal Island to Island. Over the next three years there has been a pledge that our Churches will donate £5,000.00 to the appeal (Please see later article)

It is with sadness that we say a fond farewell to Barbara Hasler and her husband Bill, who have lived here for 34 years. They are moving to the mainland to be nearer to their daughters. Barbara has been a lay preacher for most of that time, preaching both on St Mary's and St Martin's. Many of us will have lovely memories of her contributions to the Christmas show. They will be much missed but we wish them every blessing in the next phase of their lives.

Our coffee mornings have been well attended by church members, locals and visitors. It has been a lovely opportunity to meet together. By the time this goes out we will also have held our Autumn Jumble Sale with sales of cakes, white elephant, plants, teas and coffees, Traidcraft, books and fill a bag for a pound.

Valerie Parker

Christian Aid Island to Island Appeal

'There will be a shelter to give shade from the heat by day, and refuge and protection from the storm

and the rain.'* **Isaiah 4:6*

The Island-to-Island appeal is a three-year initiative designed to help island communities build a better future in the face of a changing climate. The money raised will go towards projects that support fellow islanders to build secure homes and livelihoods, and protect themselves from natural disasters.

The Island-to-Island Appeal, is reaching out in particular to supporters who live on islands.

Island life can be tough when bad weather strikes as all Islanders know only too well but imagine if a typhoon hit our islands, destroying homes and jobs. And then, we lacked the resources to rebuild our life and earn a living.

Typhoons can wreck homes, crops and incomes in an instant. This is a reality for communities living on the islands of the Philippines, where around 20 typhoons hit the country every year and three-quarters of people live in disaster-prone areas.

In 2013, Typhoon Haiyan brought destruction to much of the Philippines, gaining the world's attention. But it was not an isolated event. The country's many small islands are particularly vulnerable to storms. Christian Aid partner

ICODE responded quickly, providing food and clothes to meet immediate needs, and boats so the community could return to fishing. ICODE also helped them build new, sturdier homes in areas safe from storm surges, flooding and other hazards. Whereas their old homes couldn't withstand strong storms, the new buildings are designed to endure harsh weather.

ICODE continues to work with small island communities. This work is more urgent than ever – climate change has made massive storms like Typhoon Haiyan more likely. Many more island communities need our help to stay safe from future disasters. By supporting the Island-to-Island Appeal, we can help people build secure homes help give islanders a safer place to call home.

Methodist News

The Methodist Church in Great Britain and The United Methodist Church (UMC) have been celebrating the 50th anniversary of their partnership with a series of services, workshops and discussions. The formal link between these two Churches is known as the Concordat.

Doug Swanney, Connexional Secretary of the Methodist Church in Britain said: 'Marking this 50th anniversary is not only about celebrating what has been but is also taking time to imagine how our ongoing partnership could best serve the Gospel in the decades to come. 'Methodism remains a growing global movement and we both want to continue to play our part in that.

News from the Smiths.

A few months ago I asked you for help to support me in a small mission to bring a food service vehicle (Citroen van) down from the Midlands to Penzance to help those in the area in food poverty. Your response was wonderful..... in all you raised and passed on just over £100 more than was needed, but more on that later.

Bringing the van down was a real challenge; it was incredibly slow, struggling to achieve 40 mph and no power steering. I avoided the motorways for safety reasons but did end up in the middle of Bristol, ducking out as soon as I saw a sign for Chippenham where I had a friend and a bed waiting.

Annie (as she is called) is now safe and well in Penzance having some work done on her before the organization behind her find a set role for her to fulfill.

Thank you so much for your support – it was a real blessing.

I continue to work with the Street Food Project, talking with the guests, hearing the difficulties they face and in some cases their uncertain futures. The last few weeks in August have seemed quieter with roughly 25 people coming for food and friendship, conversation and advice. Some have specific needs which crop up (roll mats and tents) but odd things come out as well. One man called Jeff, who I have known since before joining the Street Food Project, had a small radio he kept with him as company, whether it was talk on Radio 4 or music on Heart FM. It's gone and his life is quieter and the lesser for it.

With your blessing I would like to use the extra money you

raised to help the project itself provide food for the weekly service and one off "odd" items to make life better. If there is anything specific you would like the money to go towards, please, let me know.

The family are all well; as I write this we are making final preparations for Becky's 15th birthday tomorrow and Emily is on a night shift at a local nursing home. At work, Josh keeps bumping into people who know him and he recognizes, but can't put names to it has turned into a bit of guessing game for us at home. Vicki has enjoyed her time off school this summer but is now back in the classroom at the start of another school year.

Merryn Smith

Knitted Christmas Angels

The latest project for the knitting group is to make Christmas Angels with the aim of distributing them around the island just before Christmas next year (2019). Each angel will have a label attached with a Christmas blessing on it and the hope that the angel and the blessing will be passed on to someone who would appreciate it, or maybe brought to the Carol Service – we have yet to decide what the message will be.

To make this worthwhile, we will need a lot of angels so we hope that some ladies (or gentlemen) of the Chapel will get out their needles and make some for us. I can supply patterns and the knitting group can supply wool if needed. The angels can be any colour.

Many thanks.

Anne Gurr

Our Friend

You're the Alpha and Omega
The beginning and the end.
The God in whom we place our trust
And utterly depend.
You're the One who's all forgiving
And kind and just and true,
So merciful and powerful –
Who can compare with You?

You are mighty and majestic
Yet gentle as a dove,
Delighting in Your children
Enfolding us in love.
Compassionate and full of grace
And faithful to the end,
We come with hearts of joy to serve
Our Saviour and our Friend.

By Kathleen Gillum

Book Review: Anxious Times By Carmel Thomason, BRF, £4.99

A this is a book of 24 undated reflections drawing on a range of relevant Bible passages to offer genuine hope and encouragement in anxious times. Encompassing the very human emotions of fear and anxiety, the reflections encourage us to draw comfort and strength from God's Word even in those times when He seems silent to us. This book acknowledges that trust and hope in God's goodness doesn't always come easily, but when embraced we gain the strength to face our fear with courage and confidence.

Good News

My father had a very good friend whom he knew from World War I. His name was Reginald Hicks. After the war he became an Agent in the West Country for famous brand chocolates and confectionary, Cadbury's, Fry's, Terry's, Rowntree's, Bassett's Liquorice All Sorts etc. When he came to Cornwall he would often stay with my parents. You can imagine he was a very popular visitor in my eyes – as he, 'Uncle' Reg, came with gifts of chocolate and the most wonderful Easter eggs!

'Uncle' Reg lived in Bristol and he often told of how when working on the Bristol Downs, he was saved from instant death by the intervention of an Angel. As he was walking a chasm opened up right in front of him. A fault in the structure of the Downs caused the ground to open up and give way, making a wide chasm which, if one fell down, would have been fatal. 'Uncle' Reg said he felt an Angel took his hand and pulled him out of danger. This experience never left him and he told of it many times.

In my long life, I know there is a Ministry of Angels. In the Old Testament the Angel of the Lord appeared to Abraham when he obeyed to offer up his son, Isaac - *Genesis 22*

To Moses in the burning bush – *Exodus 3.v2*

To Gideon – *Judges 6.v11* and as Captain of the Host of the Lord – *Joshua 5.v13*.

As Christians we worship a God who is ALL powerful, ALL justice, ALL merciful. A God who loved the world so much that He gave His only begotten Son – The Lord Jesus Christ.

“We are on the Lord's side, Saviour we are Thine.”

Kenneth Jackson Cocking.

The tale of
the
Mustard
Seed
& the tale of the
Yeast

JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS



SOME OF HIS STORIES WERE
VERY SHORT, BUT THEY MEANT
A GREAT DEAL

ONCE JESUS EXPLAINED HOW
THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
WAS LIKE A MUSTARD SEED

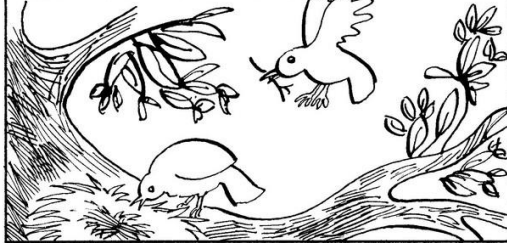


IT IS ONE OF THE SMALLEST
OF SEEDS....



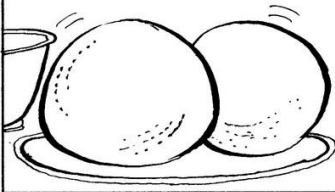
BUT WHEN IT GROWS UP IT IS
THE BIGGEST OF ALL PLANTS

IT BECOMES A TREE, SO THAT BIRDS COME AND MAKE
THEIR NESTS IN THE BRANCHES



JESUS ALSO EXPLAINED THAT THE
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE YEAST.

EVEN THOUGH IT'S A TINY INGREDIENT,
WHEN IT'S MIXED WITH THE FLOUR,
THE WHOLE BATCH OF DOUGH RISES



THIS WAS JESUS' WAY OF SAYING THAT EVEN IF WE
HAVE A SMALL AMOUNT OF FAITH... IT CAN MAKE A
HUGE DIFFERENCE TO OUR LIVES, AND TO THE LIVES
OF OTHERS.

Teddies

Our grateful thanks to all the lovely ladies who knit the teddies. They provide a continuing supply of the bears which we send away to disadvantaged children who are suffering in so many ways. It is not entirely necessary but each teddy is hopefully given a cotton bag to sit in. Sadly we are always short of the bags – so please volunteer to make some if you are able to use your sewing machine. The bags are 12” by 12” square in size. They have a ribbon around the top to tie them to the teddy’s body.

Ribbon is available from Gwen Clarkson if you need it and she has a number of bears waiting for the bags.

Gwen Clarkson

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Only God can turn:

A **Mess** into a **Message**
A **Test** into a **Testimony**
A **Trial** into a **Triumph**
A **Victim** into a **Victory**

Thanks

A heartfelt thank you to all in St Mary's Chapel for showing kindness and understanding of the immediate needs of Andy when I was taken unwell. To the lady who took the ironing and the gentleman who stepped in as chambermaid. Practical help given with grace.

Thank you. Thank you for all your well wishes.

Patti Brooks



Birthday Greetings for October

Kathy Banfield, Sonia Crompton, Anne Farr, Jono Grossett, Pippa Grossett, Joy Morris, Derek Perkins, Maria Tomlinson, Judi Williams, Megan Woodcock, Melanie Woodcock.

November

Daniel Bird, Jonathan Bird, Veronica Deane, Helen Crisp, Jean Goody, Julia Ottery, Aurelia Schwartz, Monica Taylor.

God's blessings to you all.

Way to go!

My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 62. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he ventured: 'Did you start at 1?'



...and the theme of this morning's service is... 'Preaching a Gospel of Simplicity'...

If only

Computer message I'd like to see: 'Smash forehead on keyboard to continue'.

PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact Revd. Michael Pullan (422406) who will pass on the prayer request to the first name in each of the groups.

Mervyn & Stephanie Bird **423117**
Sue Williams 422605

Claire Jenkins **423546**
Margaret Snowball 422896
Gordon Bird 422550
Sonia Crompton 422854

Barbara Hasler **422208**
Len & Sylvia Michell 422409
Pamela Thomas 423115
June Lethbridge 422404

Beryl Read **422977**
Gwen Clarkson 423106

For the Prayer Chain to be effective it is essential that requests are forwarded to the person in the column beneath your name. If that person is not available, please, ring the next person on the list.

If anyone else would like to join in this special ministry, please, contact Revd. Michael Pullan on 422406.

We thank God that we can be channels of his grace.

November Services

St. Mary's

4th	11:00	Revd. Michael Pullan	Sacrament
11th	10:45	Remembrance Methodist Church	
18th	09:15 11:00	Revd. Michael Pullan	
25th	9:15 11:00	Revd. Michael Pullan	Sacrament Gordon Bird

St. Martin's

4th	11:00	Christopher Savill	
11 th	15:00	Revd. Michael Pullan and	
18th	11:00	Christopher Savill	
25th	11:00	Revd. Michael Pullan	Sacrament

Park House

4 th	16:00	Revd. Michael Pullan	
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October Notices

St. Mary's

7 th	11:00	Revd. Ruth Gee
14 th	09:15 11:00	Revd Michael Pullan Revd Michael Pullan Sacrament
21 st	09.15 11:00	D. Ward Stewards
28 th	09.15 11:00	J. Ward G. Bird

St. Martin's

7 th	11:00	At St Mary's Revd. Ruth Gee
14 th	15:00	Revd Michael Pullan Sacrament
21 st	11:00	L. Michell
28 th	11:00	B. Read

Park House

7 th	16:00	Revd Michael Pullan
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