

## House Groups

## February 2018 Diary



### Monday: 7.30pm

Led by Anne de Looy  
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To check for venue

### Tuesday: 7.30pm at

24 Beech Close  
Tavistock. Contact  
Graham Dutton  
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### Tuesday: 7.30pm

Led by Penny Rowan  
24 Church Lea,  
Tavistock. Contact:  
Catherine Stoate  
Tel: 615847

### Friday 9.45am at

30 Church Lea.  
Contact: Janet Eales  
Tel: 614166

## Every week in The week

Daily Prayer together  
In church 9.-9.30am  
Monday to Friday

Holy Communion  
Thursday 9.30am  
Followed by coffee

Bell Ringers:  
Friday 7.45pm  
In church.  
Contact: Jane Doidge  
Tel: 852267

## Events in Whitchurch

<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>/8<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am	Holy Communion
<b>15<sup>th</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup></b>	10.30am	Coffee in the Stable
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm	St Andrews's WI in Whitchurch Community Hall
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	7.00pm	Ash Wednesday Service at St Andrew's Church

## Events in the Mission Community

<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	7.30pm	TaviPraise - Venue TBC
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm	"Guys, it's your time" Meal and Talk for men, <b>Abbey Chapel</b> . How to keep growing in our learning and fellowship. £5.
<b>Saturday 3rd February:</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Peter Tavy Village Hall.</b> "Best of British" Pop-Up restaurant <b>£15</b> per head. Tel Jayne <b>01822 810123</b> .
<b>Saturday 10th February:</b>	<b>7.30 p.m.</b>	<b>Tavistock Parish Church</b> Helen Porter and Big Jazz Choir concert, <b>Tickets: £10</b> in advance, <b>£12</b> on the door. Bookings : <b>01822 833668</b> or Email <a href="mailto:helen@counterparts.org.uk">helen@counterparts.org.uk</a>
<b>Thursday 15th February:</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Peter Tavy Village Hall.</b> "An expedition to Mount Kilimanjaro". Admission: <b>£5</b> (all proceeds to "MIND"). Booking advisable ~ <b>Tel: 01822 810868</b> .
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm	TaviPrayer at <b>Bere Alston URC</b>
<b>Sat 10 Feb</b>	8pm	Duo Villanesca Guitar and Flute Concert at Brentor Village Hall . Tickets £8

## Tuesday Topics 7.30pm at United Reformed Church, Russell St

**February 6th:** Expressions of Church in a Changing Culture

**February 20th:** How I became a heretic - with help from Jesus. DVD  
with Robin Meyers

**February 27th:** A short film entitled 'Britain in Palestine 1917-  
1948' marking 100 years since the Balfour Declaration. Followed by a  
talk on "The Growing Mental Health Emergency in Present Day Palestine".



*Seeking to be  
Church for  
The whole  
Parish*

*February 2018*

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### From the Registers

#### Deaths

Mervyn Burridge  
18<sup>th</sup> December

Jim Street  
4<sup>th</sup> January

Gertrude Sleeman  
5<sup>th</sup> January

Mary Allen  
9<sup>th</sup> January

# St Andrew's and St James' Whitchurch

## Viewpoint

*"Lord, if you are willing..." (Matt 8:2b)*

Last Sunday, I enjoyed hearing one of our readers preaching on Matthew's account of Jesus healing first a leper and then the servant of a Roman centurion (Matt 8:1-13). She made the point that Jesus was as much at home helping a high-ranking, authoritative military officer as he was ministering to a penniless leper, whom most people would have avoided. In doing so, he displayed two attitudes that we find particularly hard to emulate – genuine humility, and confidence in God's ability to change people's lives.

A truly humble person has a realistic idea of their own value before God. The truth is that we are wonderfully precious in God's eyes: he values us so highly that he has given all he has to keep us close to him for eternity; so we don't need to compare and 'rate' ourselves against other people, or fight for recognition. We shouldn't feel intimidated by powerful people, or superior to people with obvious problems, like the leper of Jesus' day. They are neither more, nor less, important to God than we are, and he wants us to be ready and willing to reach out and help whomever God puts in our path, without prejudice or self-righteousness.

Jesus' humility enabled him to speak frankly and honestly to those he met – even those he knew would not accept his words – and it also enabled him to rightly assess other people's true value: instead of ignoring the leper, regarding his hardship as somehow deserved or inevitable, or thinking (as we might) "Oh well, there's suffering everywhere – I haven't got time to deal with everyone and this man's bound to have loads of other problems as well..." Jesus responds respectfully and compassionately, confident that His Heavenly father would want him to grant this request.

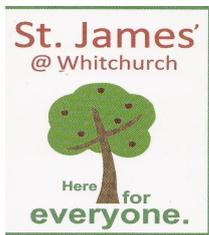
We may not be as confident or as experienced as Jesus was in ministering to people in God's supernatural power (!) but we can still learn from Jesus' example, by asking God to open our eyes to the true value of the people we meet – regardless of superficial appearances – and making time to listen to their needs. We can also ask God to forgive our unbelief and replace it with faith in his goodness towards others and ourselves. If we act on this, we will soon be seeing for ourselves God's ability to transform the most unpromising of lives (beginning with our own).

With every blessing

*Sue Allerton*

## Local News and photographs

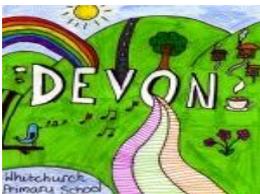
### News from St. James



Looking back to Christmas, our children's craft event went smoothly and attracted some new families, as well as some more familiar ones, and our outdoor Carol service was amazingly well attended, I thought, considering the rain that continued steadily throughout! My thanks to everyone who helped us. But Christmas seems a long time ago now, the end of January is fast approaching, and we're up and running again as usual at St James' after the school holidays with the welcome addition of live worship (courtesy of Heidi and Amber) once a month at our communion service; we had our first taste of this last Sunday and it was wonderful

Sue Allerton

### Whitchurch School



Janet Clifford

Up to date information about recent events can be found on the school newsletter at:

[www.whitchurch-primary.devon.sch.uk](http://www.whitchurch-primary.devon.sch.uk)

Follow the links via "Parents".

**Janet Clifford**

### Whitchurch WI

Each year WI members are invited to submit proposals for the WI to consider at a National level. These proposals if they get through the selection process, then turn into national campaigns.

In 2017, 100's of proposals were submitted and were finally narrowed down to 5 resolutions which are being discussed at local level during January. This year each of the resolutions discussed was supported by a brief quiz to further raise member's awareness.

After all resolutions were discussed in detail, the ladies present voted to support the resolution to Stop Female Genital Mutilation.

Our next meeting is on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February, at 7.30pm when Simon Dell will be talking to us about the 'Fair Arm of the Law'.

### Ignation Prayer Group

Biblical meditation using the styles of prayer recommended by St. Ignatius of Loyola.

#### Spring 2018 Programme

7th February Mark 8:31-38

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

21st February Matt 27:31-56

Jesus' Crucifixion and Death

7th March Luke 24:13-43 The Emmaus Road

21st March Rev 1:9-20 A Vision of Christ

Sessions start at 7.30 p.m with tea and coffee at Hazel's home at Wheal Friendship, Bal Lane, Mary Tavy, PL19 9PE.

*For further details speak to Liz Moles (01822 616243) or Hazel Butland (01822 811045)*

### Mount Kelly Choral Society



Mount Kelly Choral Society will be presenting one of Mozart's choral masterpieces, the Great Mass in C minor on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. at 7.30 at St. Eustachius' Church, Tavistock, PL19 8AU Along with his famous Requiem this grand work was left unfinished at Mozart's death and has been completed by German musicologist Alois Schmitt. This is one of his most complex works featuring choruses in five and eight parts as well as some very operatic arias and ensembles for the soloists.

The Choral Society will be supported by a professional orchestra and soloists including Catherine Hamilton, who appeared with the choir in November in their performance of Rutter's Magnificat. Catherine will be joined by regular soloists, Bianca Phillips and Andrew Farris (baritone), and making his debut with the choir will be Joseph Wicks, who as well as being much in demand as a tenor soloist is the Assistant Director of Music at Truro Cathedral. <http://joseph-wicks.co.uk/> Wine available in the interval

Tickets £10/free to under 18s Available from Book Stop, Reception at Mount Kelly College, on the door or online [www.kellychoralsociety.com](http://www.kellychoralsociety.com)

## Sometimes

By Sheenagh Pugh

Sometimes things don't go, after all, from bad to worse. Some years, muscadel faces down frost; green thrives; the crops don't fail, Sometimes a man aims high, and all goes well.

A people sometimes will step back from war; elect an honest man, decide they care enough, that they can't leave some stranger poor. Some men become what they were born for.

Sometimes our best efforts do not go amiss, sometimes we do as we meant to. The sun will sometimes melt a field of snow that seemed hard frozen:

May it happen for you.



*The final line of the poem, a sincere wish that you, have success, is very disarming and touching. The poem as a whole is a lovely reminder that sometimes indeed, the world is not so bad. For as awful as things seem, as bleak as prospects for peace in the world, as beleaguered as our environment becomes, sometimes, just sometimes, things go well. Wishing that goodness on another is noble and wonderful, and something we could all use more of.*

## Sunday Services February

### 4<sup>th</sup> February

8.00am  
10.00am  
11.00am  
6.30pm

### Fifth Sunday of Epiphany

Holy Communion (BCP)  
Worship and Holy Communion  
St James Family Service at Whitchurch CPS  
Choral Evensong

### 11<sup>th</sup> February

8.00am  
10.00am  
11.00am

### Sunday before Lent

Holy Communion (BCP)  
Worship and Holy Communion  
St James Family Service at Whitchurch CPS

### 18<sup>th</sup> February

8.00am  
10.00am  
11.00am

### First Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion (BCP)  
Worship and Holy Communion  
St James Family Service at Whitchurch CPS

### 25<sup>th</sup> February

8.00am  
10.00am  
11.00am

### Second Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion (BCP)  
Worship and Holy Communion  
St James Family Service at Whitchurch CPS

### 4<sup>th</sup> March

8.00am  
10.00am  
11.00am  
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