

Save the Date



Petertide BBQ
@ Guernsey Yacht Club
Monday 29th June
6 PM – 8 PM
£20 per head

TOWN CHURCH NEWSLETTER



Message From the Leadership Team

It's amazing to think this our 4th issue already! I hope you are finding it informative. If you have any ideas for articles, or things you'd like to see, please contact Sarah. Thank you Paddy for your lovely feedback,

"Congratulations on a wonderful newsletter! They are a great idea and the most recent one lovely to receive!"

If you haven't had a chance yet, please do sign up for the Petertide BBQ on the list in church. This year's gathering will take place in the ground-floor room of the Yacht Club, which offers excellent accessibility and a comfortable space for everyone. We hope many of you will be able to join us for some good food and good company. You'll also see the lovely invitation created by Emma Cousins – thank you, Emma, for your amazing design. This invitation will be sent to all the clergy who have supported us since the church reopened. We're pleased to welcome them, and their partners, as our guests at the BBQ.



We were saddened to hear of the passing of our former Rector, Canon 'Paul' Mellor last month. Evensong on 28th June will be dedicated to his memory, and hymns sung, the anthem and organ voluntary will be from music included in his funeral service at Salisbury Cathedral. Town Church will be donating £500 to Les Bourgs Hospice in Paul's memory. Thank you to John Willis for sharing some of his recollections of Paul with us (*see over*).

Interviews for a new Dean, following the imminent departure of the Very Revd. Tim Barker, are being held on 22nd June, after which it is hoped that an appointment can be made from one of the three candidates. An announcement would then follow in October, once HM The King has given his approval.

A brief update on the recent case of vandalism in Town Church; the insurance company has agreed the cost of repairs and Charles Jolly has been instructed to proceed. The incident is now being handled by the police.

An enormous 'Thank-you' to the Warlow family for their very generous donation to Town Church to install a stairlift on the stairs down to the vestries. We are currently obtaining the relevant permissions; however we are led to believe there should be no problem. Keep your eyes peeled for some photos of the stairlift in action, in a future issue!

In closing, we are delighted to hear that The Revd. Jon Honour has been made a Canon. 'Many congratulations' to Jon from all of us at Town Church!



Baptism

Theodore Clegg will be baptised in Town Church on 27th June.

"Teddy may your life be filled with joy and happiness and may you always feel God's love shining down on you".

Renovations

Tamara Timothy, writing as Editor of 'The Guernsey Property and Construction Magazine' has written an absolutely fascinating piece about Town Church. You can access the article in full, by permission of the author, on our website. Excerpts to follow in future issues. Thank you Stuart for sharing it with us!



The whole church watched with nervous anticipation as the visitors sat where the Martins have sat for 42 years.

Dates for the Diary

JUNE

Fri 19th	1 pm Blanchelande School Senior Solo Recital
Sun 21st	6.30 pm The Dean's Farewell Service, followed by refreshments.
Mon 22nd	6 pm Cantabile Youth Voices Chamber Choir Concert
Fri 26th	1 pm Elizabeth College & Ladies' College Lunchtime Concert
Fri 26th	6.30 pm Mathilde Milwidsky & Huw Watkins – violin & piano recital
Sat 27th	6.30 pm Guernsey Bach Choir Evensong
Mon 29th	6 pm Petertide BBQ at the Yacht Club

JULY

Wed 8th	1 pm Belvedere Quartet Lunchtime Recital
Fri 10th	6.30 pm Ashley Fripp & Jonathan Radford – Piano and Saxophone
Sat 11th	1 pm Will Kennedy, Organ and Piano Recital

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The Late Canon Kenneth Paul Mellor ('Paul')

Kenneth Paul Mellor was born in 1949 in Worksop, where he became a chorister and server, kindling his lifelong love of Church music and ceremony. He was much influenced by his devout maternal grandmother and went on to study Theology at Southampton University in 1971. I am glad meeting Lindsey stopped him becoming a Jesuit missionary, because in 2003 he became Dean of Guernsey and de facto Chairman of the Board of Governors of Elizabeth College, just before I became Bursar.

It was a privilege to work alongside him for nearly a decade for I found him inspirational, yet humble prepared to give his time and compassion, whether as a Samaritan, a domestic in a mental hospital or Dean of Guernsey.

Paul was undaunted, never afraid to confront an issue, or tell it like it is if needs be, completely unfazed by bluster or threat from whomsoever. Yet he was there when needed, quietly listening and sharing so long as it did not run on past his next 'comfort break' for he did like a smoke! He could match anyone in debate, always well prepared, and it was a joy to watch him cut through unnecessary discussion and bring a meeting to a close. He had a quiet, at times wicked sense of humour and I remain amazed that he steered the ship so calmly through some very choppy seas for 11 years.

I have met very few inspirational people, but Paul was one of the few. I miss him.

John Willis



Happy Birthday Sally W. for the 16th!



Town Church Welcomer-in-Chief

Many of you will recognise Colonel Ian Nason from his occasional columns in the Guernsey Press, with reminiscences and musings on everyday life in Guernsey. Less well-known is the central role Ian plays in the band of Welcomers, whom we try to have present in the Town Church on days when cruise ships are visiting St Peter Port. With his advantage of being able to see the port and the Little Russel from his home, Ian is reliably there at the Church, every time a ship is in, greeting visitors of many nationalities, and being willing, if they would like, to tell them something about the Town Church, or about Guernsey life.

Welcomers in the Church add a personal touch which makes the building feel more friendly for visitors and encourages them to want to donate or buy a memento! These days, apart from cruise ships, there are many French tourists also, because the current ferry timetables have made Guernsey an attractive day-trip destination. Ian does a splendid job in embedding affection for the Town Church in the memories of visitors and deserves great thanks for his time and dedication. He really enjoys meeting many different people, from countries as far away as Brazil and the United States, as well as France, Germany and the Netherlands, and, of course, the UK. If you too would like to join the Welcoming Group, then please have word with Hazel or one of the Churchwardens.

