

Message From the Leadership Team

Another busy month has passed us by already. I hope those of you who came, enjoyed the Petertide BBQ. It's not often that congregations from all the services mix and this was a great opportunity to catch up. Our thanks to all the organisers!

We have been advised that the scaffolding inside church should be coming down next month. We will be asking for volunteers to clean the area, date to be confirmed. If you can help, please let Sarah or Martin know.



We are delighted to announce that Ian Burnett and Ron Fernandez have agreed to become Town Church Vergers. Thank you both!

Sarah, Charles Smith and Mariann Palmer Smith were invited to Government House to represent Town Church on the occasion of His Majesty King Charles III's birthday. They all felt very privileged to attend what was a lovely, happy occasion and I am sure we all join them in offering our congratulations to the recipients of Birthday Honours.



First Aid Boxes

There are now two First Aid boxes at the top of the Vestry Stairs on the back of the door. Thank you Charles and Marianne for their kind donation.

A defibrillator is located in the phone booth in Church Square.

Marianne Palmer Smith has volunteered to be our designated First Aider.



Fire Safety

After extensive consultation with our insurers, Guernsey Fire & Rescue, and other churches, the Church Property Management Board are working on a Fire Safety Procedure for Town Church. Watch this space! Thank you, Charles, for all your hard work with this.



TOWN CHURCH NEWSLETTER



Historic Carlisle

Susan and I have frequently transited through Carlisle Railway Station. We recently had a delayed connection to London so ventured out of the station to have a quick coffee nearby. We were immediately struck by the historic nature of Carlisle with its ancient City Walls and nearby



Castle and made a promise to each other before boarding our London train to return and explore further!

We kept this promise and recently stayed two nights in Carlisle. First call was to visit its beautiful Grade 1 listed Anglican Cathedral in the City centre dating back to 1133. The Cathedral has the largest window in the flowering Gothic style in England. Importantly too, it has a very nice adjoining spacious cafe! Next stop was to visit Carlisle's historic Castle first built in 1092 with a rebuild in Stone in 1122. It has since been the centre of many wars and invasions and is now a museum! On our last day we took a 45-minute bus trip to Hadrian's Wall, where we walked a length of the wall before exploring the remains of the large Birdoswald Roman Fort that once housed some 1,000 soldiers and staff. Birdoswald has its own museum with artefacts and of course a nice cafe!

Importantly Carlisle also has some great restaurants. It also has its Tullie Museum with Art Gallery which unfortunately we ran out of time to visit this time. We were able to comfortably walk to the Castle, Cathedral and Tullie without a car. These attractions are all near the station too.

Coincidentally we recently chatted over coffee to two visitors from Carlisle who attended our Town Church's 11am service. They were loving their stay on our Island preferring their time spent here with Jersey. We duly exchanged compliments!

Anthony & Susan Clarke

Free Entry to Salisbury Cathedral

Members of Town Church Electoral Roll are entitled to free entry to Salisbury Cathedral.



Dates for the Diary

JULY

Wed 8th 1 pm The Belvedere Quartet

Sat 11th 1 pm Will Kennedy – Organ Recital

Wed 15th 12.30 pm Francois Cloete – Organ Recital

AUGUST

Tues 18th 7.30 pm The Staples Ensemble

Fri 21st 1 pm Ian Burnett & Sally Henderson 'The Winged Hour'

Sat 29th 7 pm David Le Page & The Samphire Ensemble

The Church Property Management Board

There are six of us; Martin Priest, Sarah Bamford, Charles Smith and Jane Kildahl (Parish members) and Chris Inder and Marianne Muduviwa (Douzaine members) We meet quarterly, and we are responsible for the "fabric of the church".

Jane has spent countless hours working with Stuart Pearce on the lighting project which has been a great success - thank you so much Jane. Charles has just joined us and has immersed himself in the fire safety project - many thanks Charles. Chris and Marianne bring



their invaluable experience from the Douzaine and have contributed so much also - thank you both. Martin and I do some work!! We are a great team and have future plans about which we will keep you updated! Sarah

Granite vs. Mortar

An extract from an article by Tamara Timothy, taken with permission from 'Guernsey Property and Construction'.

Working with F Watson & Son Ltd, one important project has focused on repairing the entranceway and façade. It is an ongoing issue with the church, as Stuart explained: "The exterior of the church has historically had cement mortar used in repair work, which passersby would have been particularly able to notice in the stone surrounding the main entrance to the church. We know that the cement can actually cause harm to the stonework, so it's been an important task to remove it. The stone used in the entranceway is French from the island of Chausey, and there is a lot of it in the church.

The Chausey stone will have been chosen because although it is granite, it's quite a soft granite, which allowed shapes to be carved into it. However, that meant that when hard cement was used to repair it, we then saw accelerated deterioration between the softer granite and the hard mortar as water evaporates through the junction, causing erosion of the softer material. We've spent a lot of time finding a sharp sand and lime mortar that was a good colour match to the building and can be used to reshape the stone and replace the cement. We've cleaned up the stone and made the new repairs and the difference is remarkable. It looks great,

Refreshment Area

We will be relocating the 'refreshment area' to its original position in the South Transept. The decision has received overwhelming support from the 'tea and coffee servers' and 'tea and coffee drinkers' alike! It makes sense to locate it adjacent to the sink and dishwasher and will allow more space for people to queue and stop and chat.



is very durable, and, most importantly, will prevent the cement from causing further damage."

Deanery Synod Meeting

Angie, Ruth, and new members Sarah and Robin attended from Town Church, and this is Robin's first impression;

"As a newbie my impressions were that attendance seemed good, and the Dean's forthcoming retirement was prominent in proceedings. Officers had provided reports and nothing much was added.

There was interesting information concerning the purchase of a residence for the new Dean, and the number of applicants for the job, with residency restrictions causing at least one to pull out.

When Sarah nominated me to fill an existing vacancy on the Standing and Pastoral Committee, immediately another name was nominated, and much to the Dean's glee an election followed. In a close contest, the three lady nominees succeeded and when a further vacancy in a dormant Appeals committee was mentioned, the Dean asked me if I would fill it, and, as is my want to never see roles left vacant, I accepted.

We shall see what the next full meeting brings in November."

Robin Warlow

The Dean's Retirement Service

Evensong on 21st June marked The Very Rev'd Tim Barker's final service at Town Church, as he retires and returns to UK at the end of July. This lovely service, with music and hymns chosen by the Dean himself, was followed by refreshments. A few photographs are included below.



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Town Church
Organ Scholar
WILL KENNEDY
Piano & Organ
Recital
Town Church
: Saturday 11th July
@ 1 pm
Entry is free with a retiring collection.



'Thank-you'

We have received a lovely email from Paul Mellor's family.

Dear Sarah and Martin and the Town Church Team,

Thank you so much for holding an Evensong in memory of Paul last Sunday 28th June at the Town Church.

John Willis kindly sent me details of the order of service containing elements of the music used at Paul's funeral service and the family and I were very touched by this thoughtful way in which Paul was remembered.

I also understand a generous cheque was sent to Les Bourgs Hospice in memory of Paul and that was also exceptionally kind.

Paul was a strong supporter of the Hospice movement and Salisbury hospice was a huge support to us in the last few weeks of Paul's life.

Thank you again for making all this possible.

With very best wishes,
Lindsey and the family

Wednesday Welcome



Most Wednesdays, between 10 am and 12 pm, the church is open as a peaceful place to pause. You're warmly invited to drop in for a chat over a cup of tea or coffee, or simply to sit quietly and enjoy a few unhurried moments of rest and reflection.

You'll see a lovely mix of friendly faces each week. Whether you're taking a break from shopping, meeting a friend, or just feel like being somewhere calm for a little while, please do stop by. You'll always be welcome.

Petertide Patronal Festival BBQ

This year we marked the Feast Day of St Peter with an absolutely delicious BBQ at the Yacht Club. We enjoyed sausages, burgers, BBQ chicken, potato wedges, coleslaw and salad, followed up by the most amazing 'Brownie' for dessert. Even the sun put in an appearance after a gloomy start to the day and we were treated to some sublime views of the harbour and its colourful fishing fleet.



Cruise Ships in July

Cruise ships will be stopping at St Peter Port on the following dates this month: 10th, 11th, 14th, 16th, 17th, 19th, 25th, 26th, 29th and 31st July.

Please speak to Hazel if you would like to be part of the informal team of 'Welcomers'.



How Are We Doing?



There's a new section on our website! On it we welcome ideas and suggestions you may have and comments or compliments you might like to make. There's also a section for complaints, should you feel the need to make one, and (in due course) a copy of our 'Complaints Procedure', in accordance with good governance.

Two dates for the diary:

Sunday 27th September
Harvest Thanksgiving will be celebrated with a Bring & Share lunch. More information to follow.

Saturday 14th November
Town Church Christmas Sale Day
 The Shop will be having a 'sale extraordinaire'. Stock up on stocking fillers and enjoy a mince pie or two!



By. Mic
 A little boy was being shown round the church by his grandfather. They stopped in front of a war memorial. "Ah yes" said grandfather gravely "they died in the Service". "Morning or Evening?" asked the boy looking around anxiously.