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MAGAZINE ENTRY DATES

The last date for entries to the Magazine is **22nd of the month**
Please get your copy to the editor or the shop, preferably on disc or as
e-mail. Handwritten pieces are fine too but if you use a computer,
please help by producing paperless words!!

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WEEK ST MARY COMMUNITY SHOP CHRISTMAS ON YOUR DOORSTEP

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and 15th December (please include child's name, age and address). This year Santa
will send his reply through the Post Office.

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Pam's Croatia Expedition

Hi! I'm Pamela and I'm studying Biology and Environmental Science at Callywith College. I have a passion for conservation and environmental science. This summer, I've been given the incredible opportunity to join a research expedition to Croatia with Operation Wallacea — a leading organization dedicated to biodiversity research and conservation.

During this expedition, I'll work alongside scientists to study marine and terrestrial ecosystems, help collect vital data on endangered species, and gain real field experience that will shape my future in biological research and conservation.

But I need your help to get there!

I'm fundraising £3000 to cover travel, research, and training. Every contribution — big or small — will bring me one step closer to making a real difference for our planet's wildlife and ecosystems.

Why Support Me?

- You'll be helping a young scientist gain hands-on experience in real conservation research.
- The data we collect will support ongoing efforts to protect Croatia's rich biodiversity.
- This adventure hopes to inspire the next generation of environmental scientists!

How You Can Help:

- Donate via my Go Fund Me Page: <https://gofund.me/30c01f874>
- Purchase an item from my craft stall - at Christmas craft fairs.
- Take part in one of my fundraising events which I will be hosting in the new year

Keep an eye out for fundraising events coming soon!

Thank you for supporting science, sustainability, and the next generation of researchers.

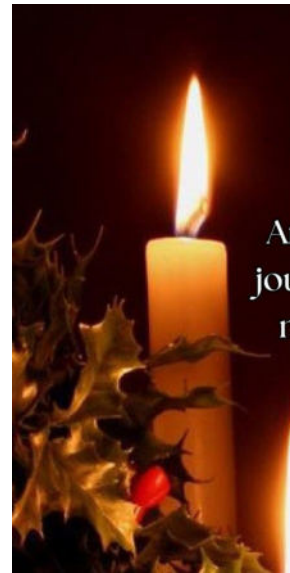
Forthcoming Events

December 5th - Mulled Wine Tudor House

December 7th - Christmas Market (PH)

December 20th, 21st and 22nd - Christmas Tree festival. (PH)

April 26th Johnny Cowling in Concert (Church)



Christmas by Candlelight
a celebration of the first Christmas

An atmospheric evening sharing the story of the journeys to Bethlehem through sing-along carols, modern Christmas songs, music and readings.

Sunday 21st December
at Week St Mary Chapel 6.30pm.
Tea, coffee and mince pies after.

POOR MANS PIECE

Since the successful opening of Poor Man's Piece to the public in the summer the grass pathway has continued to be cut regularly and the Trustees are now looking forward to the next stage of keeping this unique piece of land an environmentally friendly green space for the community to enjoy.

We are looking to plant around 5 fruit trees. These will be purchased in Cornwall and will cost around £40 each (apple, plum and pear)
This open space is free to all so we have to raise any money for insurance and maintenance. If anyone would like to SPONSOR A TREE we would be delighted and would put a plaque with the sponsors name at each tree. If anyone is interested please contact our treasurer Stephen Smith by email on sasmith007@yahoo.co.uk

If you are unable to email please phone Linda on 01288 341468
Thank you on behalf of the Trustees.

Anna, Lesley, Linda and Stephen.

WEEK ST MARY BONAVENTURES WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our next meeting is on THURSDAY 11th DECEMBER
7.00 for 7.30pm in the Methodist Chapel School Rooms
This will be a 'Bring & Share' Christmas social evening. Non-alcoholic
mulled wine and hot drinks will be provided and there will be
entertainment and festive singing with the female shanty group
'Figurehead'

Lady guests are welcome to attend at a cost of £5
We look forward to seeing you all there!

Celebrations This Month

Aubree Woolf	A Very Happy 8th Birthday on the 1st
Charlotte Booker	A Very Happy Birthday on the 9th
Sue Booker	A Very Happy Birthday on the 20th
Lily-Mae west	A Very Happy 16th Birthday on the 21st
Nieve Booker	A Very Happy 16th Birthday on the 24th
Robert Gribble	A Very Happy 16th Birthday on the 24th
Lila Rose Connor	A Very Happy 6th Birthday on the 29th
Ronnie Samuel Walpole	A Very Happy 7th Birthday on the 1st Jan

Popular Apps for Teens can be very dangerous.

Does your teenage child have a mobile phone, silly question I know. No teenager wouldn't be seen dead without one. So why this article? You may be aware your child uses YouTube, Instagram, TikTok, Messenger, Facebook.

Not sure? Would they tell you anyway?

There are over 25 popular Apps kids can use to chat or exchange content. So here are a few more you may not know about:

weBelong, Yubo, BeReal, F3, Dispo, iMessage Game, Poparazzi, Whisper, Lapse, Houseparty, Discord, Doublicat, Kik, Picsart and there are more regional ones, but this list is quite extensive and you think Parental controls monitor them? Some do and some don't.

Parents Need to Know:

Instagram is the second most popular app among 13-17-year-olds and experts found access to pornographic content easy to find, it is a serious problem on Instagram, but Facebook, owners of Instagram, know about this but suppress the data.



An internal study by an American Journal found that Instagram contributes to body image problems and undermines mental health, especially for teenage girls.

Facebook say Instagram features a variety of safety measures that parents can use to ensure their children's online security, such as age restrictions and account privacy settings.

There are several tools available for monitoring activity on the app including blocking or restricting certain accounts from appearing in searches or newsfeeds.

I once knew a family with a teenage daughter, now graduated out of university, but both arms were covered in a mass of scars. A stark reminder of the dangers of the Internet, let alone the threat of Paedophiles, or the encouragement that life is worthless, had the parents known things may have been different.

When buying or replacing your child's phone this Christmas, go to this website.

<https://findmykids.org/>

This well written and well researched website can be most helpful in your child's online safety!

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Ruminations from the Rectory

The Housewife

Tony Campolo writes that his friend and prominent radio preacher Steve Brown eloquently described a housewife who was washing dishes in the kitchen sink one day after the children had left for school. She looked at one particular plate. She stared at it for a long time and asked over and over again, "How many times have I washed this plate? How many times have I dried it? How many times will I wash it and dry it again?" She then set down the plate, took off her apron, packed a few of her belongings, and left.

That night she called home to tell her husband that she was all right, but that she just could not come home again. From time to time, over the next several weeks, she would call just to see how her husband and children were doing. But she would never tell them where she was, nor accede to the pleas from her family to return.

The husband hired a detective to search for her, and after picking up a few leads, the detective tracked her down. She was in another state, living in a small apartment over a luncheonette where she had a job as a waitress. Her husband set out immediately to bring her home. When he found the place she was staying, he knocked on the door of her upstairs apartment. She opened the door, saw him, and did not say a word. She went into her bedroom, packed her belongings, and silently followed him out to the car. Then, in silence, he drove her back home.

Several hours later when the two of them were alone in their bedroom he finally spoke, and he asked her, "Why didn't you come home before? Over the phone I begged you to return. Why didn't you come?"

The wife answered, "I heard your words, but it wasn't until you came for me that I realized how much you cared and how important I was to you."

It can be said that though the prophets in the Old Testament section of the Bible may have tried to tell us about God's love, we never really got the message until God showed up among us. The Bible puts it like this, The Word, (Jesus) became human and lived among us. We saw his glory – the glory that belongs to the only Son of the Father – and he was full of grace and truth. John's gospel, chapter 1 verse 14. He broke into history and became one of us, and as one of us, showed us His love.

Rev'd David

Week St Mary Church

Mulled Wine Evening

Mulled Wine and Nibbles

Raffle



Friday 5th December 7 - 9 pm
at The Tudor House,

With Micheline & Stephen Smith

Community Money Advice Launceston

You may not have heard much about us – [Community Money Advice Launceston](http://office@launcestonmoney.co.uk) that is, but we have been around since 2012 helping any local residents with their very personal problems – debts, benefit problems and budgeting. Thanks to the award of some new funding, we can now visit the village on a regular basis, to hold individual confidential interviews with those who may be experiencing difficulties. Our experienced and fully trained team of volunteers provide this free service, and we aim to reach those residents who may find it awkward to visit us, through poor public transport. Many of our clients have problems dealing with complicated 'forms' related to benefits, or in contacting utility providers. Some, particularly our older clients have poor or no IT (computer) skills that are now essential when in touch with government departments. Please watch your local notice boards for details of when we shall be around, or you can contact us direct to arrange an appointment at any time on 01566 777407, by email – office@launcestonmoney.co.uk or on our mobile 07762 092830. We know there are many local people who would like some help. CMAL has already helped over 800 North Cornwall residents, so we shall be pleased to hear from you, and help others.



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Week St Mary Poppy Collection 2025

The weather wasn't quite as kind to me as it was last year. There were two evenings when the wind and rain made my walk around the parish completely impractical.

House to house collection	£714.03
Static collection in our community shop	£52.38
Church collection	£253.09
Parish wreath	£25.00

Total for 2025 £1,044.50

In addition to the donations above, the Inland Revenue will add to the British Legion Appeal a tax rebate for all who completed the Gift Aid slips which were passed to me during my round.

The annual parish wreath was provided by the Parish Council. I would like to thank councillors for this and all who so generously donated to this annual collection. My thanks also to Week St Mary Community Shop for having a static collection on the counter. Fortunately, I was also able to bank the collection through our Post Office facilities after Linda Cobbledick and I had completed the accounts.

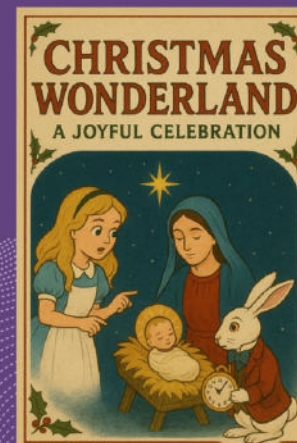
Poppy Appeal Organiser: Bob Booker

Bright Sparks Music and Drama
Club will lead a
Christmas Service

"Christmas Wonderland"

featuring a young people's play that is a fusion of the Nativity and Alice in Wonderland, puppet musical theatre, hand bells, singing and instrumental solos.

Join us for an uplifting, fun Christmas event led by local young people on Sunday 21st December at 10.30 am at Week St Mary Chapel. Tea and coffee after.



The Journey Begins!

Here we are at the end of November and I am asking you to prepare for the Journey of the Holy Family once more!

Advent Sunday this year is Sunday 30th November and this is the day that our Crib figures will start on their Journeys around Week St Mary as they head for Christmas Eve when they all meet together at our church crib. We will not be able to have a service in our own church that day but we will contact the first families to ensure the journey starts on time.

Last year we again had a really enthusiastic response to this simple idea to remind us of the true meaning of Christmas as it gently approaches throughout the season of Advent. We had more than 90 families and individuals in the village and around our Parish who welcomed the figures into their homes for one night.

Each family lights a candle beside their figures which are then displayed on a windowsill or similar place where they can be seen from outside. The next day they take the figures to the next host family in time for the next evening. We have three sets of figures, all on different routes; Mary and Joseph and the donkey, the Three Kings and the Shepherds. Obviously, we want to repeat the Journey this year and as last year, the figures will meet together at significant times during Advent.

If you would like to join in this year as a new host venue, please telephone Micheline Smith on 01288 341589 or Lesley 01288 341221 (or email michsmith007@yahoo.co.uk) to put your name down.

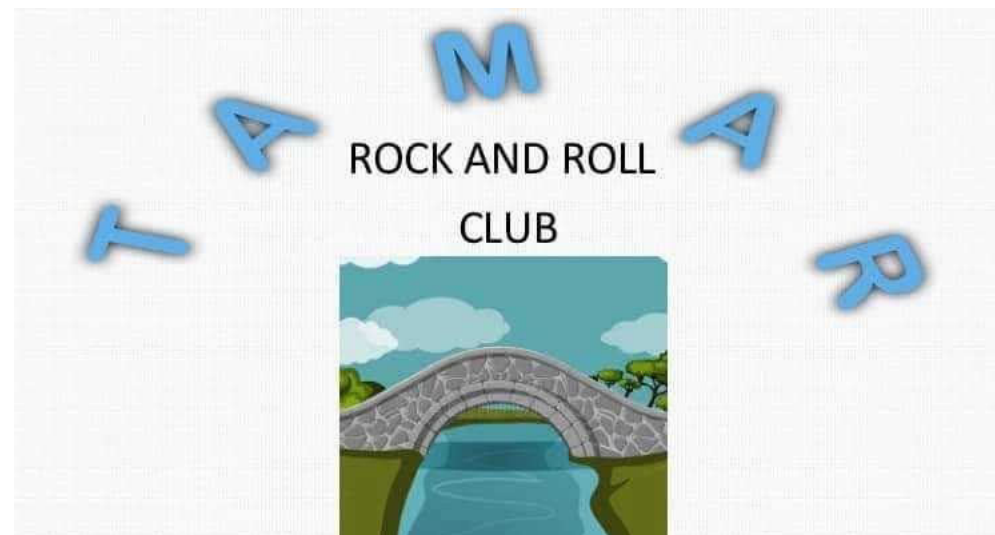
Please contact us as soon as possible to secure your place and confirm the group that you would prefer to have. Please be prompt to reserve a place. (People who joined in last year will be included unless they contact us to cancel and Micheline will be in touch with the date you have been allocated.) Lists showing the nightly stops will also be displayed in the Church Porch.

Do you remember the Journey Prayer?

'As you welcome his family into your home this Advent
may you welcome Jesus into your life this Christmas.

Light a candle to welcome the stranger -
hold it, carry it and watch for the light'

Do please join us as we all watch for the light this Christmas



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July 18 th	Record hop with Jackie
August 22 nd .	DJ The Bear
September 19 th	MIDNIGHT DYNAMOS
October 24 th	DJ Big Bald Bopper
November 21 st	DJ Woodpecker
December 31 st .	New Years Eve record hop

SHOP NEWS

Following a suggestion at our recent meeting we are opening late on four Friday nights prior to Christmas. The first of these will be Friday, 28th November and we shall be open until 7.00 pm on this and the following three Friday nights.

On Friday 5th December between 4.00 and 6.00 we shall be having a promotion by Jolly's who supply adult soft drinks and cocktail mixers. Come along and have a try.

Please help the shop by using cash for purchases whenever possible or if paying by debit card, and the Post Office is not busy, please withdraw the money from the Post Office. This helps in two ways we do not pay charges on the card machine, and we get a fee for the use of the Post Office.

Finally, if you are sending a parcel abroad for Christmas, it would be very helpful if the customs form and payment could be completed online if possible. This will avoid a queue at the Post Office as the procedure takes over five minutes for each parcel.

Final posting dates for Christmas:

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19th December	Royal Mail tracked 48
20th December	1st class and 1st class signed for
21st December	Royal Mail tracked 24
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6. Budget

It was resolved to set the budget at £29,814.88 with a precept of £27,500. This would include moving from council funds to CB funds the Parish Hall and Community Shop contribution and the defibrillator.

13. Accounts

Balances October 28, 2025

- Current account £ 7,592.00
- Reserve account £21,981.27
- Community Benefit Fund £ 2,030.09

13a. To approve accounts for payment including:

Suzanne Cochrane – Salary Oct (inc HMRC PAYE and WFH allowance) As per contract	
Cornwall Pension Fund (October)	As per contract
Suzanne Cochrane – mileage	£ 43.20
Jamie Sachs – toilets	£ 120.00
Jamie Sachs – Greens	£ 150.00
Jamie Sachs – playing field	£ 290.00
Jamie Sachs – Back Lane	£ 110.00
Jamie Sachs – Lambley Corner (outside verge)	£ 66.00
EDF Energy – toilets	£ 65.74
EDF Energy – electricity playing field	£ 61.77
Cornwall Council – election recharges	£2,117.88
CALC Code of Conduct (Cllr Shipton and Cllr Richardson)	£ 60.00
CALC – chairman training (Cllr Slade)	£ 42.00
Suzanne Cochrane – A4 paper (5 reams)	£ 21.49
Parish council CB grant (approved at October meeting)	£965.00
Meet and Eat CB grant (approved at Oct meeting) – paid to Parish Hall	£250.00
Coffee Pot CB grant (approved at Oct meeting) – paid to Parish Hall	£250.00
WSM Community Shop (as agreed at October meeting)	£1,250.00
Greenaways mower tyre repairs	£ 50.00
Bridgmans mower service	£ 281.28
Remembrance wreath (cheque- Royal British Legion)	£ 25.00

13b To note income

Reserve account interest (October)	£ 20.22
CB Fund interest (October)	£ 3.21
Wayleave payment	£43.21
Wayleave payment	£8.19
CIL payment	£954.48

The payments and accounts were approved.

14. Items for December 4, 2025 meeting

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

WEEK ST MARY COMMUNITY SHOP & PO

The Management Committee would like to wish all our customers, volunteers and suppliers a very HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. A big thank you to all our loyal customers who have supported the shop throughout 2025.



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR OPENING TIMES

Tuesday 23 rd December	8.00am to 1.00pm and 3.00pm to 5.00pm (Christmas order collection)
Wednesday 24 th December	7.30am to 1.00pm (Christmas order collection. Please collect all orders no later than 12.30pm)
Christmas Day 25 th December	Closed MERRY CHRISTMAS
Boxing Day 26 th December	Closed, ordered papers in bunker
Saturday 27 th December	8.00am to 1.00pm
Sunday 28 th December	10.00am to 12.00 midday
Monday 29 th December	9.00am to 1.00pm
Tuesday 30 th December	9.00am to 1.00pm
Wednesday 31 st December	9.00am to 1.00pm
Thursday 1 st January	10.00am to 12.00 midday HAPPY NEW YEAR
Friday 2 nd January	Normal hours resume



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Cllr Couch said he was no longer willing to be the representative for Highways (Cllr Fay had previously emailed to say she did not wish to continue as the Highways and Footpaths representative). This position is vacant – any councillor interested, please contact the clerk. The clerk will ask Jamie to look at the footpath behind Parsonage Green to Ashbury Farm. Other issues raised were the stile on the footpath by the church, and the bridge. Cllr Ward said there had been a repair on Parsons Walk, but this has been left in a bad state. The clerk will report to Highways. Cllr Slade raised concern about parking at the top of the village. It was felt to be difficult for vehicles to get around the pub, because of the parking there. It would be difficult for an ambulance or fire engine to get past. The clerk will report again to Highways. Cllr Slade said there was also concern raised about children riding their bikes in the area of the pub and their safety.

- **Police / Neighbourhood Watch**

No report.

- **Social media / communications**

The parish council Facebook page is going well, with more followers.

10. Correspondence including (all relevant emails forwarded):

The following correspondence was noted: Cornwall Council Town and Parish Council newsletter; Road closure intention – Week Green to Highmoor November 21 from 9.30am to 3.30pm; CALC executive board vacancy information; Local Plan sessions information; Cornwall Flood Forum annual conference information.

11. Community Infrastructure Levy and Community Benefit Fund applications
None.

12. Agenda items

1. Poundstock Neighbourhood Development Plan

The council did not wish to make a comment.

2. Park slide steps and grants

Cllr Willoughby has collated some grant funding information and a number of comments to go through.

3. DMMO - Downrow

No extra comments will be made by the parish council.

4. Playing field safety sheets

Cllr Couch said he will work on them, along with the playing field risk assessment. This will be placed on the December agenda.

5. Salt bins

Cllr Richardson reported that there are two bins on the hill, one is one third full. He noted it was resolved in the past to employ someone to carry out a salting of the village, but he felt this was high risk assuming there will only be one cold snap. It was proposed to revert back to keeping the bins full. Details will be finalised at the December meeting.

Week St Mary Parish Council
Minutes – Thursday, November 6, 2025

1. **To note councillors present**
Cllrs C Slade (chair); I Richardson (vice chair); S May, A Willoughby; R Shipton; S Gubbin; T Fay; J Ward and N Couch. Also in attendance: S Cleave, clerk and one member of public.
2. **To receive apologies for absence with reasons**
Cllr Chopak – holiday.
3. **To receive Declarations of Interest and approve Dispositions**
None.
4. **To approve the minutes of:**
Councillors approved the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on Thursday, October 2, 2025.
5. **Public question time** (15 minutes allowed for this – on matters on the agenda only)
None.
6. **To receive County Councillor Nicky Chopak's report on matters arising**
No report.
7. **To receive clerk's report on matters arising**
The clerk's report was noted.
8. **Planning**
Any late applications received will be discussed under this section
- 8a. **To discuss and make a consultee comment on application:**
None.
- 8b. **Decisions**
PA25/06088 – Proposed change of use of land to residential use and new garage.
Kilburn, Week St Mary. APPROVED
- 8c. **Planning - to note**
None.
9. **Portfolio Reports:**
 - **Playground**
The hand sanitiser was recently vandalised, but the working group will replace with a bottle attached by cable ties. The electric meter door has been damaged with someone trying to prise it open. The padlock for the gate will be added to the December agenda. Cllr Shipton has planted all the new trees, bar one, and as put cardboard around them. Thanks were extended to her for her work. A quote has been provided for the maintenance work, including fence repairs. It was decided to put some orange safety netting in place for the winter and look into quotes for fence repairs in the spring.
 - **Highways, Footpaths & Greens**

Adventure Church

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Christmas Tree Festival

December 20th, 21st and 22nd

2-5pm

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This year's theme is "A Christmas Carol/Christmas Song".

The Hall Committee

would like to thank the village
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**Week St Mary Lego Café 13th
December in WSM Church
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WEEK ST MARY PARISH HALL 100 CLUB



The **November**100 club winners are:

**1st - no 49, Vera Heard
2nd - no 11, Kay Parry
3rd - no 44, Margaret Johns**

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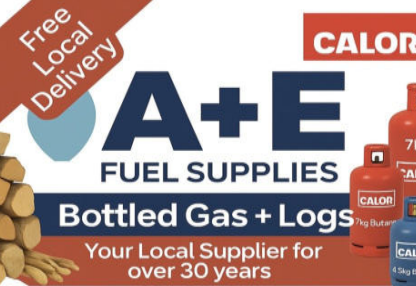
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any state of the tide. Remarkably, the bridge was completed in just 32 hours. The company completed the salvage of the wreck for scrap metal over the next 15 years. The shipwreck made headline news and spectators came over from Devon and Wales. Photographers produced postcards which were sold in their hundreds.



The wreck was finally sold for £4,250 in January 1907. A total of £85k of goods was removed but an estimated £48k was lost due to the bottom half of the ship being underwater. The Admiralty announced that the total loss was £1.2k. The wreck is now a scheduled ancient monument but divers, ex servicemen supported by Help for Heroes, have been exploring the wreck. The Court Marshal blamed the thick fog and faulty navigation for the wreck. Captain Thomas Adair and the Navigator Lieutenant James Dathan were severely reprimanded with both men being dismissed from HMS Montagu. Dathan also lost 2 years of seniority in rank. The photograph shows HMS Montagu stranded on Shutter Point. We should remember that this was one of hundreds of wrecks around Lundy's coast.

The date of the next regular meeting is Thursday 11th December at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start which will be held in the Methodist School Room. This will just be a Christmas social meeting for members and any lady visitors with entertainment provided by a female shanty group, Figurehead.

Anyone interested in finding out more about our WI can contact Roberta Jones, Secretary, on 07788-548875.

WEEK ST MARY BONAVENTURES W.I.

By popular demand, our speaker last month was a return visit for Frances Stuart, an Ambassador for Lundy who came to talk about Lundy's most famous shipwreck, that of the HMS Montagu. This took place in 1906 but why were Captain Adair and the navigator Lieutenant Dathan court-martialled?

HMS Montagu, the first of a new Duncan-class pre-dreadnought battleship of the Royal Navy was built in Devonport and launched in 1903. It weighed 14k tons and had a crew of 751. Built to counter a group of fast Russian battleships, HMS Montagu and her sister ships were capable of steaming at 19 knots making them the fastest in the world. It was deployed to the Bristol Channel while taking part in secret trials of what would become known as radio communication. It is important to remember that the Bristol Channel has the 2nd highest tide race in the world.

On 29th May 1906 she was anchored off Lundy, but could not pick up the messages from the test station, so the ship weighed anchor to steam to the Isles of Scilly. Heavy fog forced her to reverse course and steam back to North Devon after four hours, but her Navigator miscalculated the course, placing her some two miles off her original track. Montagu encountered a pilot cutter cruising in the vicinity of Lundy, slowed to a stop, and came alongside the cutter to request a distance and bearing for Hartland Point on the mainland. Though the cutter supplied these accurately, the voice from the battleship's bridge replied that they must be wrong and that the pilot cutter must have lost her bearings. Having ignored the advice at 2.12pm the ship hit rocks and wedged onto the rocky ledge of Shutter Point, Lundy. A small boat was lowered to try and find Hartland Point. At 5.40am, having found land, some crewmen climbed up the cliffs. If they had turned left at the top they would have discovered the southern lighthouse. Unfortunately, they turned right and marched the length of the island before they reached Lundy's northern lighthouse who had great difficulty in convincing the sailors that they were NOT at Hartland lighthouse. Eventually, a message was sent notifying Lloyd's Register for Shipping and a second message sent to the Admiralty. The sick men and valuables were removed from the ship and all the remaining crew were taken off. Miraculously, there were no fatalities.

An Admiral was in charge of the ensuing salvage, presumably because it was such an important ship. Initially, the salvage was carried out by Liverpool Salvage Company advising Admiral Sir Arthur Wilson but, as the operations were not very efficient, they were replaced in 1907 by the Western Marine Salvage Company of Penzance. A series of steps were cut into the cliff face to help with salvage operations – now known as the “Montagu” steps. A reinforced suspension bridge comprising of over 10 tons of material was taken from the ship to these cliff steps. This ensured that passage to the stricken vessel was possible in any weather and at

WEEK ST MARY CHAPEL



Chapel services for December 2025

Sun 7th	10.30	Morning Worship led by the Worship Team.
Sun 14th	12.00noon	Christmas Worship Lunch, short service of Worship followed by hot roast Christmas dinner. Book with Trina 341317
Sun 21st	10.30	Christmas Service led by Bright Sparks (see page 9)
	18.30	Traditional Candlelit Carol Service (see page 5)
Sun 28th	18.30	Café Church

We continue to produce weekly printed service sheets available via our website www.weekstmarymethodist.co.uk or from the notice board at the chapel.



Services at St Mary's Church

December 2025

Sun 7th	10.00	All Age Worship
Sun 14th	18.00	Evening Prayer
Tue 16th	16.30	Crib Service Adventure Church
Sun 21st	11.15	Holy Communion
Wed 24th	17.00	Crib Service
Thur 25th	10.15	Holy Communion
Sun 28th	10.00	Morning Prayer

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
December 1 Meet and Eat 12:00 (P11)	2	3	4 Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Chapel Coffee Morning 10:30 to 12:00 MSR 	5 Mulled Wine 7-9pm Tudor House (P8) 	6	7 Service All age worship 10.00am (P.21) Chapel morning worship 10.30am (P.21) Christmas Market 11 - 2pm PH(P17)
8 Memory Café 2:30pm (P.15)	9 Adventure Church 4:30pm (P15) 	10 	11 WI 7pm (P6) MSR 	12 	13 Lego Café 9:30—12 (P18)	14 Chapel Worship / Lunch 12:00 (P.21) Church Evening Prayer 18:00 (P21)
15	16 Crib Service Adventure Church 4:30pm (P15) 	17 Lunch Club 12:00 (P19)	18 Chapel Coffee Morning 10:30 to 12:00 MSR 	19 CAMEO 2:30pm– 4pm (P18) 	20 Christmas Tree Festival 2-5pm PH (P17)	21 Church Holy Communion 11:15(P21) Chapel Christmas Services 10:30 & 18:30 (P21) Christmas Tree Festival 2-5pm PH (P17)
22 Memory Café 2:30pm (P.15) Christmas Tree Festival 2-5pm PH (P17)	23 Adventure Church 4:30pm (P15) 	24 Church Crib Service 17:00 (P21)	25 Church Holy Communion 10:15(P21)	26 	27	28 Church Morning Prayer 10:00am (P.21) Chapel, Café Church. 18:30 (P.21)
29	30 Adventure Church 4:30pm (P15) 	31 Tamar R&R (P35)			Regular items appear as these symbols on the calendar - PH is Parish Hall, MSR is Methodist School Room, WSPMG is the Play Group,  COFFEE MORNING  MEETING  Rubbish & Food Waste Day  MOBILE LIBRARY  Recycling & Food Waste Day  Craft Group MSR	