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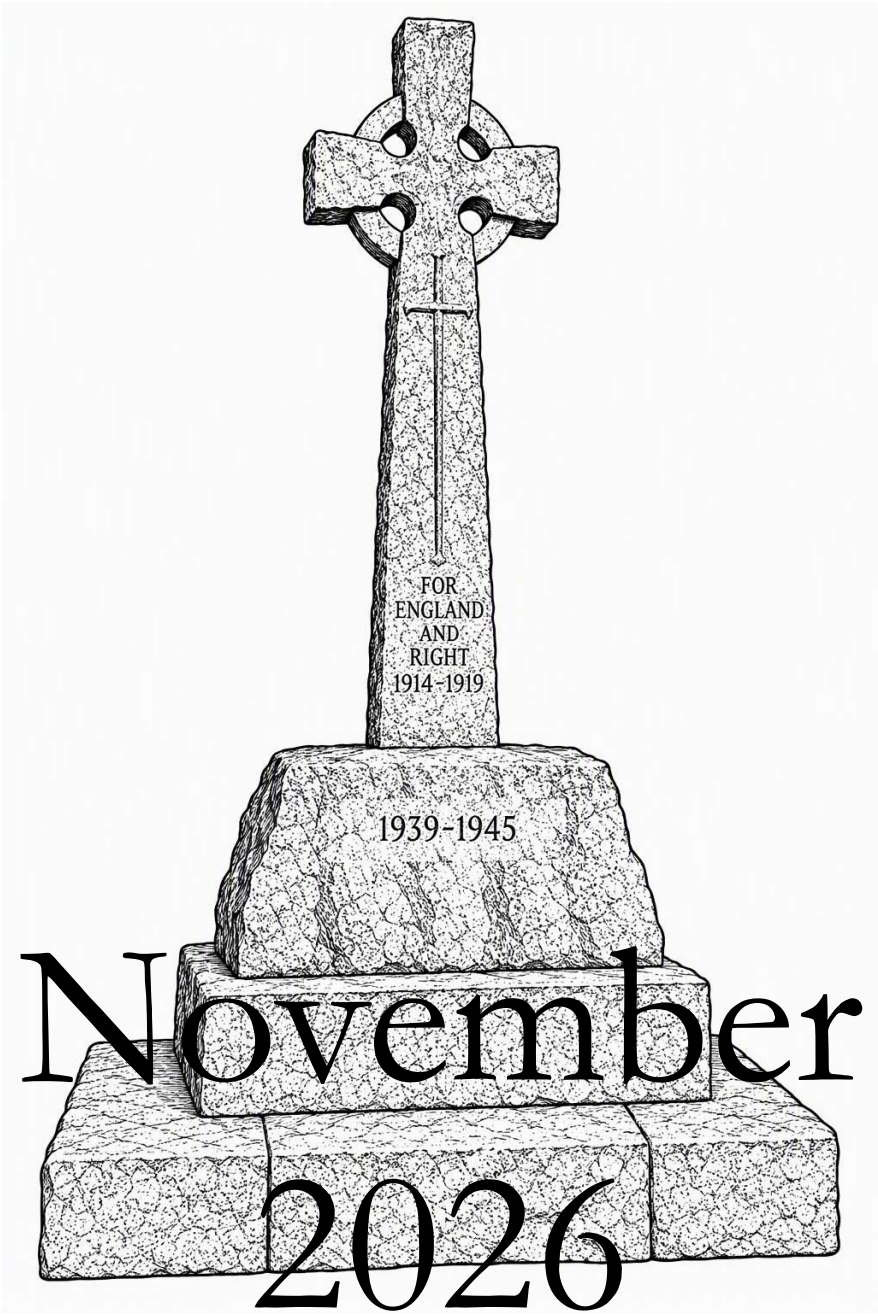
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MAGAZINE ENTRY DATES

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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The Countrymen

I would like to thank everyone who supported the concert in Church featuring The Countrymen.
It has been 8 years since they first appeared in Week St Mary and never fail to fill the church. This year they came hot foot from appearing in a Cornish celebration in Mineral Point, Wisconsin, America. So from their furthest concert to their closest. They have also performed a couple of months ago in The Netherlands, truly international. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way, especially Polmorla Pasties.
The funds this year are much needed as we plough our way through The Heritage Lottery application to secure funding for the complete renovation of the church tower. This is not an easy process and has already taken many hours of work which no one sees from a small team comprising the Churchwardens Lesley & Linda, Micheline, fundraising co ordinator for the project and Dr Rob Isherwood advising on heritage and much needed research.
Linda Cobbledick.

Church Tower

A small group is working hard to prepare an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for help to restore the church tower. This is a huge project requiring a total of around half a million pounds in the end. All households will receive a letter in the early part of November asking for support, either now or in the future. Please take time to read and consider this letter as ultimately the support of the community is crucial to future grant applications. A big thank you too to those who have already been so generous.
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COMMUNITY MONEY ADVICE LAUNCESTON

During 2025 the Cornwall PEOPLE IN MIND outreach project has enabled Community Money Advice Launceston to visit and meet local residents of some of the most rural villages and hamlets within North East Cornwall, including Week St Mary. This has enabled our team to become engaged with some of the least advantaged locally. The elderly especially, including those who may be experiencing difficulties within their finances, particularly with their utilities, local taxes and benefit structure.

The FREE services which CMAL offer in these areas has been particularly welcome among those who find it so difficult to keep abreast with the newer methods in technology. With nationally 1 in 7 people being unable to communicate effectively with the internet/email/online banking system, it is little wonder why our team is fully stretched to help. We have a policy of helping every genuine request for help. One of the main lessons we have learnt from our visits is that many local people were unaware of us, or the areas in which we can help, and especially the direct contact we have with some agencies, like SouthWest Water or Cornwall Council about council tax problem

The major areas of immediate concern to many of our clients currently are:

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If you feel you would like to contact outside our visit dates, then make an initial contact by phone on 01566 777407 or 07762 092 830 and leave a message on our answerphone if our office is closed. For those who prefer email then our contact is office@launcestonmoney.co.uk . In the last year more than 800 residents in North Cornwall have had our help. Many in Week St Mary and the surrounding hamlets.

Your Parish Church NEEDS YOU

For nearly four centuries, our Grade I listed church tower has stood as a proud landmark, rising 100 feet above the landscape and watching over our community since 1643. Its history is woven into the story of this place — a symbol of heritage, faith, and continuity.

Today, however, this remarkable structure has been placed on the Heritage at Risk Register. Time and weather have taken their toll, and without urgent action the tower's future is uncertain.

A full renovation is now required to preserve and protect it for future generations. The work is extensive, with an estimated cost of £400,000.

We are asking for your help. Every donation, large or small, will bring us closer to restoring this historic tower and ensuring it continues to stand tall for centuries to come.
If this landmark means something to you, please consider supporting the restoration fund. Together, we can safeguard this piece of history and keep our tower standing proudly over the community once again.

Week St Mary Church Tower:
https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/week-st-mary-church-tower.
The Churchwardens.

Forthcoming Events

November 2nd - Service for All Souls

November 15th - Turkey Lunch (Parish Hall)

November 21st - Christmas Market

December 4th - Mulled Wine

December 11th - Christmas Bingo/Draw(Parish Hall)

December 13th - Advent Carols with Wine 4pm

December 19th-21st - Christmas Tree Festival. (Parish Hall)

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WEEK ST MARY BONAVENTURES WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

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7.00 for 7.30pm in the METHODIST CHAPEL SCHOOL ROOMS

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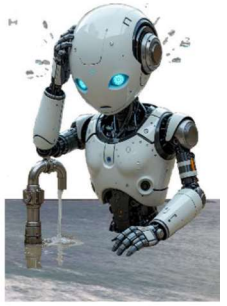
An AI revolution or a simple take over

There has been much said about AI in recent weeks and most of it has come from the creators of the original programs. There are those who don't believe what is being said as true, others are now worried that AI will destroy humanity. That may be true in time, but that will only come after years of enslavement humans will experience during the next 100 years or so!!!!!

Think about this, the majority of people, children included, use a smart phone, billions of users rely on their smart phone to help them manage their affairs, children are using it in conjunction with their education and a growing number spend most of their day addicted to their phones, iPad or tablets.

Many under the age of 18 and some older, are so controlled by the need to be associated with social media, that it becomes easy for a predator or controller to encourage them to do whatever they are instructed to, no matter how accurate, untruthful, dangerous or destructive it may be.

This and future generations will come to rely on AI for all their needs, the two primary requirements are food and water and if not available, pestilence and starvation occur, AI doesn't need these to survive.



As a country, we are on the brink of such a catastrophe, yet politicians seem to be blind to that fact. Many believe AI will resolve the problem, but AI can't grow crops or harvest water.

AI will replace the majority of clerical or office jobs, that is evident even today. There is one very feeble attempt at using AI with one local service provider. It can't replace plumbers, electricians, builders and farmers, at least not yet, but that may change in the next few years.

Tech revolutions have historically taken 10 years of development to be perfected; we are in the 4th to 5th year of AI development and it has already proven difficult to control, the world's top technicians have all expressed the need for additional controls whilst our heads of state "rearrange the furniture in Westminster"

One is right to be concerned, but not for ourselves, worry more for our children and grandchildren for it is they who will bear the brunt of this impending revolution.

This not a warning or prophecy it should be "make a concerted effort and get children to understand what the future may hold". Ask any youngster fresh out of university "what are their job prospects?" Academia may well have been the goal for many a few years ago, but AI has won that match, thousands of administrators are beginning to learn or will soon experience that.

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Kian Cock

A Very Happy 23rd Birthday on the 5th

Ryan Sachs

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Roman Phillip Caesar-Parker

A Very Happy 8th Birthday on the 7th

Abigail Morrison

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Abigail Healy

A Very Happy 17th Birthday on the 9th

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

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All Souls

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The service will include readings, reflective music and testimony with candles being lit as the names of those you wish to remember are read out.

As usual all are welcome whether regular church goers or not

Week St Mary Bonaventure WI

8th October 2026 (open meeting):

Guest Speakers Tom and Molly - FarmerTom's ice-cream.

Our guest speakers this month were Tom and Molly from Dunstable Farm, the makers of Farmer Tom's Ice cream.

Tom started Dunstable Farm Ice Cream 27 years ago after buying Thorn Farm Ice Cream and establishing a new factory at Dunstable Farm.

What began as a small local business has grown significantly, now supplying customers across a large area stretching from Gloucester to Salisbury, Bournemouth, Land's End and South Wales. The business has around 350 direct customers, supported by four wholesalers, and supplies Spar shops, farm shops, restaurants and pubs.

The company produces around 4,000 litres of ice cream a day and employs 10 full-time staff, increasing to around 25 during busy periods. Tom places great importance on his employees and believes flexibility has helped him retain staff for many years. The business has continued to develop through customer feedback, with recipes regularly adjusted to improve taste, texture and scoopability.

Dunstable Farm produces approximately 45 flavours, although Tom admits this can be challenging to manage. Clotted cream and vanilla is the most popular flavour, selling around twice as much as other varieties. The company also creates variations from core flavours, such as coffee latte, mocha and cappuccino.

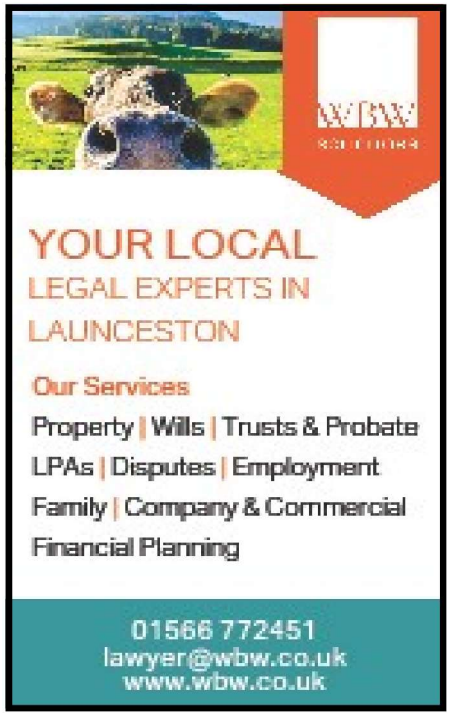
Around five years ago, the business introduced plant-based ice cream, using coconut milk. This has become increasingly popular, particularly among customers looking for dairy-free and gluten-free options. The company produces vegan-friendly chocolate honeycomb pots and lemon and mango sorbets.

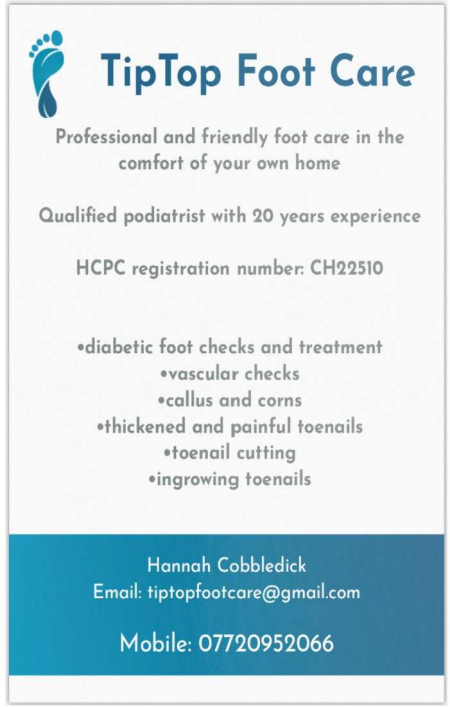
Sustainability and energy efficiency are important to the business. The factory uses 40kW of solar power, an 80kW wind turbine, heat-recovery systems and modern CO_2 freezer technology. Tom explained that rising energy costs have made efficiency increasingly important.

The business also operates two ice cream trailers for events, run by Tom's daughter Molly. Family remains important to Tom, who hopes his first grandchild, Violet, might one day become part of the business.

Interestingly, Tom's career in ice cream began after a cow kicked him and broke his leg. During his recovery, he decided to try making ice cream himself—and the rest is history.

Our members enthusiastically tasted various flavours of ice cream. All agreed they tasted delicious! Thank you, Tom and Molly for a very interesting evening.









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Our next meeting is at 7.30pm on Thursday 12th November 2027 at the Chapel School Rooms when a member of the team at Cornwall Hospice Care will talk to us about their work.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Sunday 8th November

10.45 In the Square

The Village Remembrance Service this year will be held in the Methodist Chapel meet 10.45 in the Square followed by a service in the chapel

AS A MARK OF RESPECT PLEASE CAN ALL VEHICLES BE REMOVED FROM THE AREA OF THE WAR MEMORIAL IN THE SQUARE BY 10.15 THANK YOU

Grease is the word in Week St Mary!

The sights and sounds of the 1950s came alive in Week St Mary as Bright Sparks Music and Drama Club delighted audiences with four performances of its latest production, *Grease the Musical*.

The young performers took to the stage at Week St Mary Methodist Church with *Grease Young@Part*, a specially adapted version of the much-loved musical, packed with familiar songs, energetic dancing and colourful characters.

The production formed part of a double bill, opening with *Rocking Back to the 50s*, a lively celebration of the music of the decade. Featuring songs made famous by artists including Elvis Presley, Bill Haley, Doris Day and the Everly Brothers, the first half gave audiences plenty of opportunities to sing along before the young cast transported them to Rydell High for the adventures of Danny, Sandy and their friends.

Bright Sparks is a volunteer-led music and drama club based in Week St Mary. With around 25 members aged between 7 and 14, the club provides opportunities for children and young people to develop their confidence, discover new talents and enjoy the experience of performing live on stage.

Staging a production of this scale is a considerable undertaking for a small rural community. Months of rehearsals and preparation culminated in four performances over two weekends, with a dedicated team of volunteers working behind the scenes on costumes, scenery, sound, lighting and all the other elements needed to bring the show together.

Ruminations from the Rectory

Bullet proof faith

During world War 2 bibles were made with a steel cover, designed to stop bullets dead in their tracks, they called it the Heart Shield bible.

Families sent these to soldiers. The steel cover protected their physical hearts and the words inside fortified their spirits. Many of these Bibles came home with bullet holes and life changing stories.

One such Bible belonged to Chase Taktor, it was given to him in 1942 and tells a story of protection: while its steel cover shows no bullet marks, its pages reveal another kind of shield – underlined verses and margin notes marking battles fought in the heart.

The Hebrew word we translate as heart in the bible is ‘lev’. This word refers not just to your emotions, but to your mind, your thoughts, your understanding, and your will.

A verse from the book of Proverbs in the Bible says, “Above all else, guard your heart.” Its talking about protecting your entire inner life. When Deuteronomy chapter 6 verse 6 says, ‘God’s word should be on your hearts’, its calling us to let divine wisdom penetrate every thought.

Think about that, a steel cover guards against bullets, but truth guards against fear. Metal shields the body, but wisdom shields the soul. Every day your heart needs guarding from, thoughts that wound, words that pierce, fear that paralyzes, doubt that weakens. What would change if you guarded your thoughts as carefully as this Bible once guarded soldiers’ lives?

Start your bulletproof faith today. Choose one verse from the Bible, write it down, and let it guard your thoughts for the next 24 hours. Rinse and repeat daily.

Guard your heart, above all else, for it determines the course of your life. Proverbs chapter 4 verse 23

Revd David Saunders



Hilary Daniel, who leads Bright Sparks, said: “This was an ambitious production for such a young cast but they pulled it off with confidence and verve. The four performances, enjoyed by large, enthusiastic audiences, were real community and family events with local artists leading *Rocking Back To The 50s* and a myriad of people giving up their time and working so hard to make it happen. We are very grateful to everyone who enables Bright Sparks to continue to thrive.”

The production was another example of what can be achieved through the enthusiasm and commitment of young people, the dedication of volunteers and the support of the local community.

Bright Sparks continues to offer children and young people in and around Week St Mary the opportunity to experience the enjoyment, friendship and sense of achievement that comes from making music and theatre together.

Jeremy Ward

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T Birds and Pink Ladies on the School Steps

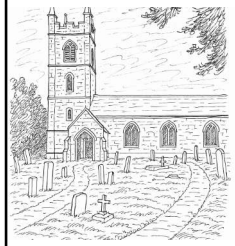
Week St Mary Chapel



Chapel services for November 2026

Sun 1st	**10.30**	**Morning Worship led by the worship team**
Sun 8th	**10.45**	**Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial followed By a combined service in the Chapel**
Sun 15th	**10.30**	**Let's Meet, shared informal worship led by members**
Sun 22nd	**18.30**	**Café Church**
Sun 29th	**10.30**	**Morning Worship led by the Worship Team**

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

November 2026

Sun 1st	**10.00**	**All Age Service**
Mon 2nd	**18.30**	**All Souls**
Sun 8th	**10.45**	**Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial followed by a combined service in the Chapel**
Sun 18th	**11.15**	**Holy Communion**
Sun 22nd	**10.00**	**Morning Prayer**
Sun 29th	**10.30**	**Benefice Communion at Poundstock**

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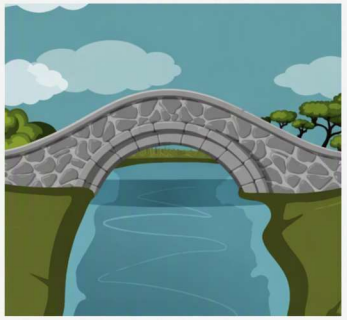
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Sunday 15th November

at 12.30pm

Adults- £12

Child- £6

Dessert- £3.50

Book with Margaret on 07856357424

Grand Christmas draw

will be made at bingo on Friday the 11th of December. Draw tickets will be on sale in the shop and from committee members from the 1st of November.

There'll be a box in the shop for gifts of hamper prizes, which would be much appreciated.

Christmas tree festival

in the parish hall on 19th, 20th and 21st of December.

The theme this year is the 12 days of christmas.

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Contact Lesley on **01288-341221** for details or join our Facebook Group week st mary adventure church for further details.
We usually communicate through FB Messenger.

WEEK ST MARY PARISH HALL 100 CLUB

Parish Hall October 100 club winners.



1st, no 31- Nick Couch
2nd, no 47- Daisy Dennis
3rd, no 81- Sandy Smith

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November

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	Regular items appear as these symbols - PH is Parish Hall, MSR is Methodist School Room,  Craft Group  Coffee Morning  Mobile Library  Recycling & Food  General Waste & Food					*1* *Church All Age Service 10:00 All Souls 18.30 (P23)* *Chapel Morning Worship.10:30 (P23)*
2 *Meet and Eat 12:00 (P28)* *10:00 All Souls 18.30 (P23)*	*3* *Adventure Church 4:30pm (P17)* *Craft Group 2:00pm MSR* 	*4*	*5*	*6* 	*7*	*8* *Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial followed by a combined service in the Chapel. 10:45 (P23)&(P11)*
9 *Happy Memories 2:30pm (P9)*	*10* *Adventure Church 4:30pm (P17)* *Craft Group 2:00pm MSR* 	*11* 	*12* *Chapel Coffee Morning 10:30 to 12:00 MSR* *WI 19:00 (P5) MSR* 	*13* 	*14* *Lego Cafe 9:30-12:00 (P9)*	*15* *Church 11:15 Holy Communion (P23)* *Chapel 10.30 Informal Worship.(P23)* *Turkey Lunch 12:30 PH (P21)*
16	*17* *Adventure Church 4:30pm (P17)* *Craft Group 2:00pm MSR* 	*18* *Lunch Club 12:00 (P26)*	*19*	*20* *CAMEO 2:30 (P28)* 	*21* *Christmas Market @church. 16:00-20:00(P5)* *Tamar Rock & Roll (P15)*	*22* *Church, 10.00 Morning Prayer (P23)* *Chapel Cafe Church, 18:30 (P23)*
23 *Happy Memories 2:30pm (P9)*	*24* *Adventure Church 4:30pm (P17)* *Craft Group 2:00pm MSR* 	*25*	*26* *Chapel Coffee Morning 10:30 to 12:00 MSR* 	*27* *Music ~Quiz - Old Orchard 19:30 (P24)* 	*28*	*29* *Church Benefice Communion at Poundstock 10:30 (P23)* *Chapel Morning Worship.10:30 (P23)*