

Gulworthy Notes November 2021

Our Editor, Martin, and I were both wondering where October had gone: it seems to have flown by and we are now fully into a colourful, if a little wet, Autumn. Luckily, the rain held off for October 23rd when we held our first Car Boot Sale in aid of St Paul's.

Huge thanks to the Steer family for allowing us to use their field – I admired the quality of the grass – and thanks especially to Rosie Steer who master-minded the event with help from the next generation at Hele Farm. We had about 18 “Boot Sellers” and a good steady number of buyers throughout the morning. The Church cake stall was a mega hit as were the triple layer bacon butties and hot coffee. The sellers were enthusiastic about attending again. I think it will be springtime before we hold another but it was great fun and, importantly, raised £281.71 for the church. Thank you all so much for your support.

Many thanks to Lowenna Edwards for hosting a Bring and Share lunch after Chris's last service at Gulworthy on 10th Oct and thanks to all those who organised and contributed to the final service and lunch at St Eustachius on 17th October which was a wonderful event.

As Chris went around the benefice in October, I'm sure many of us had some opportunity to chat to him and Sarah and to wish them well. As the other half of a retired clergyman, I understand how it can feel strange to no longer have the same expectations and responsibilities that come with the role, but our prayers are with them both as they step into a new and exciting future.

Over the next few months, each church in the benefice will be looking to the future as we seek a new incumbent. Each parish may have slightly different needs, but we are committed to continue to minister to our communities and to work to the glory of God. May we be open to change and embrace the opportunities to grow in faith.

Diary Dates

All events in church unless stated otherwise.

14th November 10.50am - Remembrance Day. Non communion act of worship.

28th Nov 3-4pm - Christmas Bazaar – Gulworthy Parish Hall.

Sunday 12th December 2.30pm – Christingle Party

Sunday 19th December 2.30pm – Morwellham Quay. The Gulworthy Nativity and Carol Service.

Around the Inn, the Old School and barns at this perfect setting. Dress as your favourite character or animal from the Nativity story! Lobsters allowed – this is about love, actually.

Christmas Day 10.30am celebration.

Sunday 26th December 10.30am - Carols for St Stephens Day.