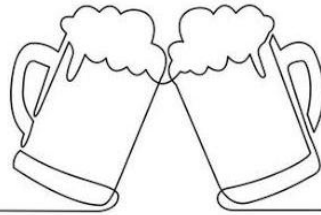


St Dominick

PARISH NEWS

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Reopening of the Who'd Have Thought It

By the time you read this you will realise that the Who'd Have Thought It has reopened and, with luck, many of you will have visited. The only way we will keep a pub in the village is to use it. Some use it a lot; it's not exactly a chore to mix in and it keeps the village alive. Work has been done in the kitchen and there will now be a carvery on Sundays. Current opening hours are below (these are constantly under review) and the menu is on the website/Facebook (or you can go in and ask).

Monday 12 – 9pm; food served 12 – 2pm and 5.30 – 8pm

Tuesday - Closed

Wednesday - Closed

Thursday 5 – 9pm; food served 5.30 – 8pm

Friday 12 til late; food 12 – 2pm and 5.30 – 8pm

Saturday 12.00 til late; food 12 – 2pm and 5.30 – 8pm

Sunday 11.30am – 6pm; food 12 – 2pm

On Friday 9th there will be music with “Bow River” and on Friday 23rd “Pork Chop”.



Harvest Festival and Supper

We are a farming community. Our farmers feed us, rising before daybreak and working all hours, and we are eternally grateful for their hard work to put food on our plates. However, this year has been particularly difficult: heavy rains making the earth too sodden to manage, then drought shrivelling what crops did grow.

St Dominick needs to support our farmers in whatever way we can.

- 🎃 **Sunday, 11th October, 10.00am:** Harvest Festival in your Church, accompanied by a Holy Communion Service.
- 🎃 **Monday, 12th October, 7.00pm:** Harvest Supper and Auction in the Village Hall. Always a memorable occasion; a host of helpers make a scrumptious supper, followed by a hilarious auction (proceeds to The Children's Society). Bring your own bottle and, if you can, donate something for the auction. Bids are cash only. Please book your £10.00 tickets now at stdominickchurch@gmail.com or on 01579 351 381 (Clare).
- 🎃 **Thursday, 15th October, 2.00pm:** School Harvest Festival in your Church. The whole school comes down to the Church bringing as much food as they are able, which is usually donated to the Callington Food Bank. The children sing and read poems to give thanks for all the farmers' work. Please join to swell the congregation and make this a really fun occasion.



WI talk from The Lone Kayaker



On 9th September, St Dominick WI held an Open Meeting. Once a year we invite men to attend and this time we enjoyed a talk from Rupert Kirkwood, The Lone Kayaker.

After retiring from work as a farm vet in Holsworthy, Rupert started paddling around the south west and has clocked up over 1000 miles spotting wildlife, including otters on the River Torridge, seals and puffins around Lundy and Polzeath, sun fish and basking sharks around Tintagel, osprey on the Fowey and Dart, minke and humpback whales in Mounts Bay, gannet feeding frenzies and Risso's dolphins. Rupert's son, a wildlife photographer/film maker, recorded spectacular footage of tuna leaping out of the water right next to Rupert's kayak. A four hour paddle each way takes him to Eddystone, a trip he's made 24 times; he's kayaked the 30 miles from the Isles of Scilly back to Sennen; and he's seen duck-billed platypus in Tasmania and humpback whales in the Antarctic.

His talk was really interesting; his photographs and videos, collected over 20 years, were amazing to see. He saves some of this to his website and blog, The Lone Kayaker, and is soon to be featured in an article for the BBC One Show with his son. We all agreed this was one of the best talks we have had.

Our next speaker on Weds 14th October is Dr Francis Burroughes on the topic of 'A Victorian Head Gardener'. 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Visitors welcome, £5 entry.

To contact St Dominick WI, please email stdominick@cornwallwi.org.uk, or come along to a meeting on the second Wednesday of each month.

Saltash Red Bus

This service has been running since February. A group of loyal supporters use it regularly. Some choose it purely because they enjoy the company on the bus. We often visit a café together; it's not all about shopping. **We still need a few more occasional passengers to guarantee the future of the service** and allow us to support non-drivers. We're usually back in the village around 12.30pm (or 1.30pm for longer trips to Tavistock / Plymouth centre). Many thanks to our loyal regulars for supporting the service.



**Thursdays. Pick up in St Dominick.
10am Church bus stop.
10.05am School bus stop.**



Date	Destination	Fare
1 st Oct	Waitrose, Saltash, Tamar View Gdn Centre (90 mins)	£4
8 th Oct	Tavistock (2.5 h)	£6
15 th Oct	Derriford: M&S Food, The Range, Aldi (90 mins)	£6
22 nd Oct	Waitrose, Saltash , Garden centre (90 mins)	£4
29 th Oct	No service	—
5 th Nov	Plymouth; Drakes Circus, The Box (2.5 h)	£6
12 th Nov	Saltash, Waitrose, Garden Centre (90 mins)	£4
19 th Nov	Sainsburys, Marsh Mills (2 h)	£6
26 th Nov	<i>No service</i>	
3 rd Dec	Saltash, Waitrose, Garden Centre (90 mins)	£4
10 th Dec	Derriford: The Range, M&S Food, Aldi (90 mins)	£6
17 th Dec	Tavistock (2.5 h)	£6
24 th Dec	<i>No service</i>	
31 st Dec	<i>No service</i>	

CHURCH HALL FOR HIRE

St Dominick Methodist
Church

Suitable for:

- Committee Meetings,
- Talks and social events (no alcohol)
- Children's groups
- Dance, music, and drama rehearsals

Main hall, kitchen, servery
accessible toilets

Contact Betty Behennah 01579-
350318

Meet with Rev. Michael Johnson

The Rev. Michael is Rural Dean of the area and in charge of St Dominick Church at present. He will be in the Parish Church most Mondays at 12pm for prayer, consultation or spiritual guidance.

He anticipates being here for 30 minutes for anyone to drop in and talk to him. If he is unavailable, he will endeavour to arrange cover so that someone is present to make an appointment with. Michael can

also be contacted on eastwivelshire@gmail.com or 07493307530

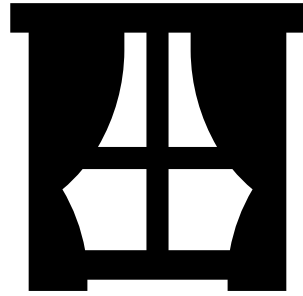
Pasty and Pudding Lunch

Have you got your tickets yet for this year? Don't miss out on this event, held every year in The Parish Hall. **Saturday 17th October at 12.30.** An opportunity to meet up with your neighbours and friends, enjoy a delicious pasty and a selection of home-made puddings.

Tickets are only £10 each and are available from Eunice (351491), Linda (350556) or myself on 07921 560651. If you can't attend but would like a takeaway, we can arrange that. Just let one of us know. See you there. Charmian.



Advent Window Trail 2026



How to be part of this lovely Village Event

Either, live in the area between the Who'd and the Parish Church (including The Meadows, Cross, Park Road, Edgcumbe Road, Baber, Church View, Peppers Court, Pensingers, Rous Road and the bits in between). This is for safety reasons – to view the windows people are walking around the streets after dark – and as it was found that those further out just didn't get the viewings they deserved.

HOWEVER, not all of us live in this area, so we have a couple of ORs... **If you would like to *make* a window** we can try to find you one to display it in. **Or, if you would be willing to *host* a window**, let us know and we can try to match you with a window maker!

The 2026 theme: **‘Christmas Food and Drink’**. Full details when you sign up. If you'd like to join in, email stdominickchurch@gmail.com with your number, address, and what you are offering to do ***as soon as possible*** (or call Ann on 077900 40458)

It begins December 1st. Each Sunday is used to tell the Advent Story, and the last two dates are usually the Who'd and the Church, but otherwise the choice is yours, if you ***get in quick!*** **We need to fill all dates by 10th November to get into the parish news for December. Thank you!**

As before, each participating household will have a December date on which to display their decorated window (on the map) and to remain up and lit until the end of the month for everyone to have time to view all the entries. *To view past entries on Facebook search for St.DominickAdventWindows.*

Snooker update

The St Dominick snooker club now has 16 solar panels and a battery which will allow us to export to the grid and maintain our very competitive prices.



Join us for a seasonal
**Christmas Floral
Demonstration**

By Mandy Nicholson

(Floral arrangements will be raffled)

Saturday 5th December 2026

St Dominick Village Hall

From 2pm

Tickets: £8 *(including refreshments)*

Available in advance from:

Kate Wilkinson: 01579 350407 / 07918 486163

Arranged by 'Friends of St Dominick Church'

Drip Drip Tamar seeking volunteers

If, like me, you love to walk by the Tamar, you might have considered dipping your head in the water during this summer's oven-temperature heatwave. But sadly, one dunk on the wrong day and you could end up with a dodgy tummy.

Instead of doing my usual moaning and outrage about how our river gets treated by the water company which shall not be named, this week, I popped along to a Drip Drip Tamar meeting.

I was impressed to find a very organised and professional local group pushing for a cleaner, safer Tamar. From their beginnings testing the river's water, they have expanded out and now also conduct action and advocacy, and work with councils and other decision-makers on improving river health.

Currently, they're putting together events, leaflets and window-displays, exploring the option of river rights (look this up, it's incredibly interesting), supporting those wanting to withhold sewage payments, and finding creative ways to showcase the river.



If you're interested in learning more or volunteering, please contact dripdriptamar@gmail.com.

There's also a Facebook group called 'Drip Drip friends of the Tamar River', and a website:

<https://dripdriptamar.org/>

Don't just go to Church
Be the church

Join in

	October	November	December
Weekly	Sunday Services 10am 11 th Communion 25 th Celtic service Baby & Toddlers Thursday 9.30 to 11.30am	Sunday Services 10am 8 th Communion Remembrance 10.50am 22 nd Celtic Service Baby & Toddlers Thursday 9.30 to 11.30am	Sunday Services 10am 13 th Communion 27 th Celtic service Baby & Toddlers Thursday 9.30 to 11.30am
AM	Communion Service Tuesday 27 th 9.30am	Communion Service Tuesday 24 th 9.30am	-
PM	School Harvest Festival Thursday 15 th at 2pm	Celtic Prayer Halton Quay 1 st at 3pm	Celtic Prayer Halton Quay 6 th at 3pm Carol Service 13 th at 3pm Singing Carols to the Cows 20 th at 4pm Haye Farm
Eve	Celtic Prayer Halton Quay 5 th at 6pm		Christingle 24 th <i>Time to be confirmed</i>
Events	Harvest Supper 12 th Oct at 7pm Parish Hall Meal & Auction	Autumn Craft Fair 5 th 6 th & 7 th Nov 11am to 5pm Local crafters, unique gifts, tea, coffee, cake	<i>We are Recruiting a new minister Further updates here each month</i>

Church Warden pricejessop@gmail.com 01579 350049

St Dominick Parish Church – next 3 months

OCTOBER

- 1st Wreckers Morris Dancing practice at hall – weekly
- 7th Parish Council meeting, Hall, 7pm
- 9th ‘Bow River’ – Who’d Have Thought It
- 12th Harvest Supper, Parish Hall – see article
- 13th Hobbies – go to the Hall with something to do – 1-5pm
- 14th WI talk: A Victorian Head Gardener by Dr. Francis Burroughes
- 16th Mobile library – 11:45 – 12:05
- 17th Pasty and Pudding, Parish Hall – 12:30 prompt (see article)
- 23rd ‘Pork Chop’ – Who’d Have Thought It
- 27th Hobbies, as above

NOVEMBER

- 1st Think about ordering your turkey from Hunns Poultry
- 4th Parish Council
- 5th- 7th Craft Fair, St Dominick Church
- 11th WI: Making Christmas decorations with Mandy
- 28th Christmas tree switch on

Later in the year...

- 5th Dec Christmas Floral Demonstration event (see article for details) – Village Hall – from 2pm
- 6th Dec Loveny Male Voice Choir, Parish Hall
- 9th Dec WI: Christmas Fun and Food - members only

St. Dominick Hand Bell Ringers Fridays 7.30pm - Contact Robin Wood 01579 350 767

St. Dominick Community Shop (Village Hall car park) 01579 350841. Open Mon-Fri 8.45-5.30. Saturday 9-5.30. Sunday 9.15-11.30

Parish Hall bookings contact: lornabc@talktalk.net 01579 350776

Items for the Diary page to: ourparishnews@gmail.com by the 15th of each month.

Methodist Services: Sundays 6pm

St Dominick Community Shop

We're kicking off our autumn programme with great deals in the Shop: we have a Meal Deal running - a sandwich, crisps, chocolate bar & a drink all for just £4.50 (further details in the Shop), and we still have the £1 shelf and great prices on day to day products where we are beating or matching the supermarkets so you can find good value right on your doorstep.

We had a great response to our summer Explorer Trail quiz for the children – so glad you had some fun. Congratulations to young Dougie Gibson who won £5 of Shop vouchers when his completed quiz sheet was drawn from all those entered.

Thanks to all those that attended the Shop AGM last month. If you are not already a shareholder but want to know more about becoming

one, you can pick up further details and an application form in the Shop.

Congratulations to these lottery winners in the last of month: 15th Aug, Clare Lee, £74 (rollover); 22nd Aug, John Taylor, £28; 29th Aug, Jackie Batten, £26; 5th Sep, Brian Jones, £26; 12th Sep, rollover, £38.

Here's what's coming up in October:

Cheese of the month – Lady Scarlett, a delicious amber brie, infused with chilli & garlic will be our guest cheese for the month. The garlic will be sure to ward off those vampires & other evil spirits at this spooky time of year!!

Halloween week – during school half term running up to Halloween on Saturday 31st we will have we will have a creepy competition for you to enter – a prize for the winner! 

Friday 9th & 30th October – the fish van service The Market Plaice delivers to the village normally every 3 weeks on a Friday. We post on Facebook when they are planning to come. To order, email Rob on contact@themarketplaiceplymouth.co.uk and you can have your fish delivered or ask for it to be left in the Shop for collection later in the day. Please order by no later than two days before, Wednesday 5pm.

Every Friday – our weekly Post Office service is available between 9.00-12.00 midday. A reminder that you can withdraw or deposit money in your bank account as well as posting letters and parcels.

Every Saturday - you can get hot pasties – steak, steak & gravy and cheese & onion as well as sausage rolls from our pasty warmer between 10.00-1.00pm. If you would like to order in advance, please

let one of our Volunteers know by no later than 5.30pm on the Thursday before.

We hope you enjoyed the free books over the summer period – we certainly seem to have shifted quite a few. Now we are heading into autumn / winter, we have moved the books indoors and set them up on the reduced products rack in the back cabin opposite the chiller with fruit & salad products. Enjoy your reading through the dark winter months, and borrow / bring back or swap with another book.

Do you use the Community Shop? Once a week or more than once a week? Less frequently? We rely on customers from this community using the Shop regularly to keep it going. Just a reminder that any profits made go back to the community either through grants we give to local groups or by reinvesting in the Shop so we can provide a better service to you. Be part of keeping the Community Shop at heart of this village. **Please shop local.**

As always, thank you for your custom. See you soon!



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Mini Book Review



The International Plumber, by Anthony Jessop Price

Read one of the most extraordinary memoirs you will ever encounter. It describes a civil engineer's lifetime of farcical, bizarre and often unorthodox exploits. Rather than dwell on a synopsis of engineering treaties, which might bore the pants off many, he takes us through his accomplishments and adventures, telling a story with humour, insight and a bit of street-smarts.

He worked across six continents and secured huge projects in Egypt, Cairo, Tehran and Athens (against the host Government's will), purchased a US company for a \$1 and, by 1997, secured annual income for his firm of over £60m.

The book describes how the author unwittingly gave a lift to a convicted poisoner (graciously refusing an offer of a boiled sweet); visited the Congo where his passport was confiscated by Congolese Immigration Authorities; worked in communist countries such as Yugoslavia and PDR Yemen; was rescued off Aden by the Royal Yacht during a civil war; and worked for the Wali of Dhofar.

The book was enjoyed by our Queen who signed a personal letter of approval Camilla R, which included "I do hope you are proud of your achievements and of being such a brilliant wordsmith ...!"

Amazon Publications - £6.99 (Kindle) or £12.99 (paperback).

Review by Jessop Price.

If you'd like to write a review, do email us about what you're reading and what you think of it at ourparishnews@gmail.com and inspire someone else to read it too!

We prefer content to be man-made, but if you do use AI, please let us know so we can attribute appropriately. Thanks!

Parish Council Report - September 2026



It's just typical of things today, you ask if anyone wants this job and there's no way anybody will do it. Then you go away for three days (yes, three) and two people spring into action. Did they attend the same meeting, who knows? And now neither have offered to do it again!

So, to the Parish Council meeting of the first Wednesday in September. Apologies from Councillors Brown and Clews. Councillor Brown had been due to give a report on grants available from the proposed solar farm but was unable to attend, so the members of the public who were coming to ask specifically about this were informed and perhaps will come next time. (Unlike when England were playing football and attendees were made to hopefully stand outside the hall until they gave up and went home).

Andrew Long, our Cornwall Councillor, gave a very informative report on Cornwall Council meetings, policies and decisions. This was from the point of view of a Mebyn Kernow councillor, which is absolutely fine because that's what he is. I think he's becoming a rebel. He did say that the highways man, Will, was coming to look around St Dominick soon and please would everyone send in photos of any road markings that are faded.

No news on the planning for the proposed solar farm. As reported last time, the Parish Council will not be able to "call in" any planning. Previously, if something was to be decided by the planning officer alone, and they felt it was controversial, they could ask for it to be decided by a committee. But the Government have decided to scrap that.

After the salt and grit bin performance at Halton Quay, where the residents voted against having one, the motion to spend £300 on it had to be resolved, which was duly done without too much discussion. Not as easy was the proposed bench and life saving ring at Halton Quay, as it's not on Council land. There are ongoing discussions regarding insurance for one thing.

Nothing had happened with the footpath at Peppers Court and Councillor Wilkins said he had a good mind to just go and start the work and see if anyone stopped him. It would be a shame if they didn't and he had to continue the whole thing on his own, but they were told it would be done weeks ago and the footpath is dangerous. Andrew Long was told about this before he left and since then a problematical drain up the road has been unblocked by, I am informed, a gang of men and a gulleysucker but I don't know about the footpath work.

Cornwall council haven't managed the lorry sign by the pub yet either.

The clerk thinks the website needs attention, as do some councillors. If it was made more interesting the public would be more inclined to look at it and possibly even give some feedback, which some councillors would like. (Can't wait for that).

The proposed gym equipment for the field is ongoing. Possible grants could come from Sport England or the National Lottery Community fund. When I watch such programmes as "Escape to the Country", high on the list of "would likes" is a Church, a pub and a room big enough to have dinner parties. The only "would like" here seems to be an adult gym in the field and, if there's enough support, a basketball hoop. (The pub has now partly

reopened and it would be nice if residents would leave their houses and meet each other somewhere like this on occasion, instead of asking for info on Facebook. They could have a play on the gym equipment on the way home).

The toilet was discussed at length. Something is definitely needed but it proved too difficult to reach any decisions (for lots of reasons mostly reported in the last parish news) therefore it has been put in abeyance for six months. In the meantime, signs are to be put in place to the effect that it's not only *dog* poo you need to pick up. An extra bin is to be put nearer to the gap in the hedge by the shop, then they can monitor how much use it gets. Possibly not much in the winter. I suppose this will be the responsibility of the parish councillor whose turn it is to monitor the field that month. Not very nice.

Then we were on to accounts. The screen was very blurry, I don't know why, but all councillors had a printed copy and they had been displayed on the notice boards in case anyone was interested. Councillor Wilkins is always interested and requested a separate line for bin emptying as apparently they are already overspent on this.

Then, in case anyone is wondering what has happened to Councillor Fry's book shelves in the bus shelter, we were informed that all the bits and pieces he had put aside for this job had disintegrated through old age and were no longer of any use. It doesn't matter, because the shop is now hosting the books, which is probably better because they can be brought into the dry at night etc. (Incidentally, the shop want some volunteers).

The meeting closed and because the pub was shut we just had to go home, which for some made it difficult to sleep, being a bit wound up. But, not everyone had this problem. The chairman received a phone call from, guess who? Councillor Fry, who apologised; he had fallen asleep at home and missed the whole meeting!

See you in October.

The contact details for the Clerk to Parish Council are: Anne-Marie Clark, Clerk to St Dominic Parish Council, 7 Church Street, Landrake, Cornwall PL12 5ER clerk@stdominic-pc.gov.uk. Parish Council website: <https://www.stdominic-pc.org.uk>. If you prefer the official minutes of the meeting, you can view them on the website. The Clerk will be only too pleased to think that someone is actually reading them.



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