



United Benefice

of

Padstow

St. Merryn

St. Issey

Trevone

Little Petherick



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GROWING THE CHURCH

A message from Archdeacon Bill...

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This post as Incumbent of Padstow (with Trevone), St Merryn and St Issey (with St Petroc Minor) offers a wonderful opportunity to lead the development of this newly established benefice on the beautiful north Cornish coast and Camel estuary.

The benefice was formed in 2017 and firm foundations have been laid, and good relationships established, on which the next phase of ministry may be confidently built.

The benefice forms the northernmost part of the Archdeaconry of Cornwall and the Deanery of Pydar which stretches down the coast to encompass the tourist destinations of Newquay and Perranporth, as well as other seaside and inland towns and villages. It is a wonderful place to live and work and, if the opportunity presented in this profile appeals, then I would be glad to hold an informal conversation with you.



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A Little Note From Us to You!...

The United Benefice is a group of five churches in three parishes:

St. Petroc's Padstow (with St. Saviour's Trevone), St. Merryn and St. Issey (with St. Petroc Minor).

Each has its own history and place in the surrounding area; from the farmland around St. Issey, to the estuary and harbour of Padstow, the ancient site of St. Merryn, to the creek placement of Little Petherick and the sea-side church of Trevone.

They form a group that puts arms around the area and brings together those who worship and work here.

The appointment is an exciting opportunity. It needs someone to take us forward and grow the Church with fresh ideas; to bring energy, vision and spirit into the newly formed Benefice.

It would be an ideal time for a priest to use his or her talents to grow the kingdom and reach out. It will take a sensitive leader to help us all to find the direction we need to expand our congregations.

The long and deep tradition from early Celtic saints links us all. Eucharistic worship is important to us, but our churches are not just about worship.



The churches are the centre of each community. The doors are always open to share our special place with those who need us. We would hope that the new priest would be flexible in understanding the different aspects of life and worship that each church has to offer.

To help the priest, the Benefice has appointed an administrative officer who presently works from home, but when the new Church Rooms in Padstow are completed will have an office there.

We have a pastoral care scheme and safeguarding officers. The Benefice also has the support of two retired clergy, worship leaders and an ordinand in training, who will complete in 2019 and be part of the team. In addition we have a collective of churches in the South Camel District known as 'South Camel Christians'.

The new priest would be invited to take on the role of chaplain to the RNLI station and crew at Padstow as part of their involvement in the wider community.

We would love to welcome a new incumbent to go with us on our spiritual journey to fulfil God's purpose.



Could you be that person?





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The Anglican Church in Padstow

St. Petroc's Church is a Grade 1 listed building with a seating capacity of 300 to 350 people.

The original Church was founded by St. Petroc in A.D. 518, but was destroyed by the Danes in A.D. 981.

A Norman Church, parts of which still exist, was erected in about A.D. 1100. The present Church was rebuilt in the 15th Century (1425-1450).

St. Petroc's remains a very attractive building with many historical features.

In 2011, the Anglican and Catholic Communities of Padstow entered a formal "*Church Sharing Agreement*", which has proved very successful.

St. Petroc's Church is closely integrated with the community of Padstow and the surrounding areas.

Over the past 15 years the whole Church and Tower have been extensively restored to a very high standard.

The final phase of the programme is the complete rebuilding of the Church Rooms incorporating a well-equipped Benefice Office with completion by January 2018.

The work has been funded by the locally raised Coracle Appeal (over £500,000) plus generous donations from the Heritage Lottery Fund (£200,000) and the Catholic Community (£50,000).



Padstow photos



The Anglican Church in St. Merryn

St. Merryn's Church is a Grade 2* listed building with a seating capacity of 250 people.

The first resident vicar, John de Withiel was installed on the 2nd July in 1259 when the church was of a cruciform layout comprising a chancel, nave and a tower. The latter was described as being of low and dumpy construction, remaining as such until into the 1400's.

Around 1422 the chancel was extended and the three stained glass windows constructed. Also around this time the local parishioners organised the building of the south aisle using reclaimed church stone. The seven pillared arched arcade. The south porch and two extra stages were added to the height of the tower.

Renovation of the foundations has occurred from 1975-79, with re-slating of the roof taking place in 1983. 1984 saw the floor re-laid and in 1997 the tower was restored.

St. Merryn lies close to the North Atlantic coast, offering favourable surfing conditions along with seven beautiful sandy beaches - one for each day of the week!

The church holds many functions during the year as a means of fundraising, not only for its' own upkeep but also to help the local community and donations to charities, e.g. RNLI, Poppy Appeal.

Our church is well attended during the holiday season, welcoming families into our congregation to worship along with us.



St. Merryn photos



The Anglican Church in St. Issey

St. Issey church is a Grade 1 listed building and its fine condition owes much to a massive restoration in the years 1980 – 1992 costing nearly £200,000. The work included a new heating system, bells re-hung and the chancel completely repainted. The church is dedicated to St. Issey (or Itha or Ida) Virgin and Abbess who was born in Ireland about A.D. 480. The Church of England School have very close links, using the church on a regular basis each Friday holding the school's final weekly assemblies. We have held 'Messy Church' at the school and we have a group fully trained for 'Open-the-Book' at school. Three interesting items of the church are carved from Catacleuse stone in the famous medieval quarry of Catacleuse of St. Merryn. They are the reredos behind the high altar, the pieta in the Lady Chapel and the holy water stoup by the south-west door. St. Issey's acreage is about 4,500 and a population of 600 now with the addition of the ecclesiastical parish of St. Petroc Minor (or Little Petherick). The two ecclesiastical benefices are a United Benefice under the Patrons, the Warden, Fellows and Scholars of Keble College Oxford.

To the rear of the church is 'The Osborne Room', used regularly on a Sunday for coffee after church and frequently hired by the 'Knitters and Natters' group, the Community Association, the 'St. Issey in Bloom' Committee plus other regular meetings. The church holds Coffee Mornings regularly for itself, and for the W.I., the 'Over 60's Outing' Committee and Children's Hospice South West. A regular service on Tuesday morning in 'The Osborne Room' is known as 'The Three Cs' (Communion, Coffee and Cake)! But we adjourn to the 'Ring O'Bells' (our nearby local hostelry) for the Coffee and Cake!

St. Issey is a very small parish, but everyone supports any fund raising events and we are always very successful. Fund raising for the church, school, village hall and also for outside charities, e.g. Macmillan Cancer and Children's Hospice South West.

St. Issey photos



The Anglican Church in Trevone

St. Saviour's Trevone, named after a former medieval chapel in the Parish, was opened in 1959 as a replacement for the mission hut.

Seating 104 people, it serves as a community Church for both locals and visitors.

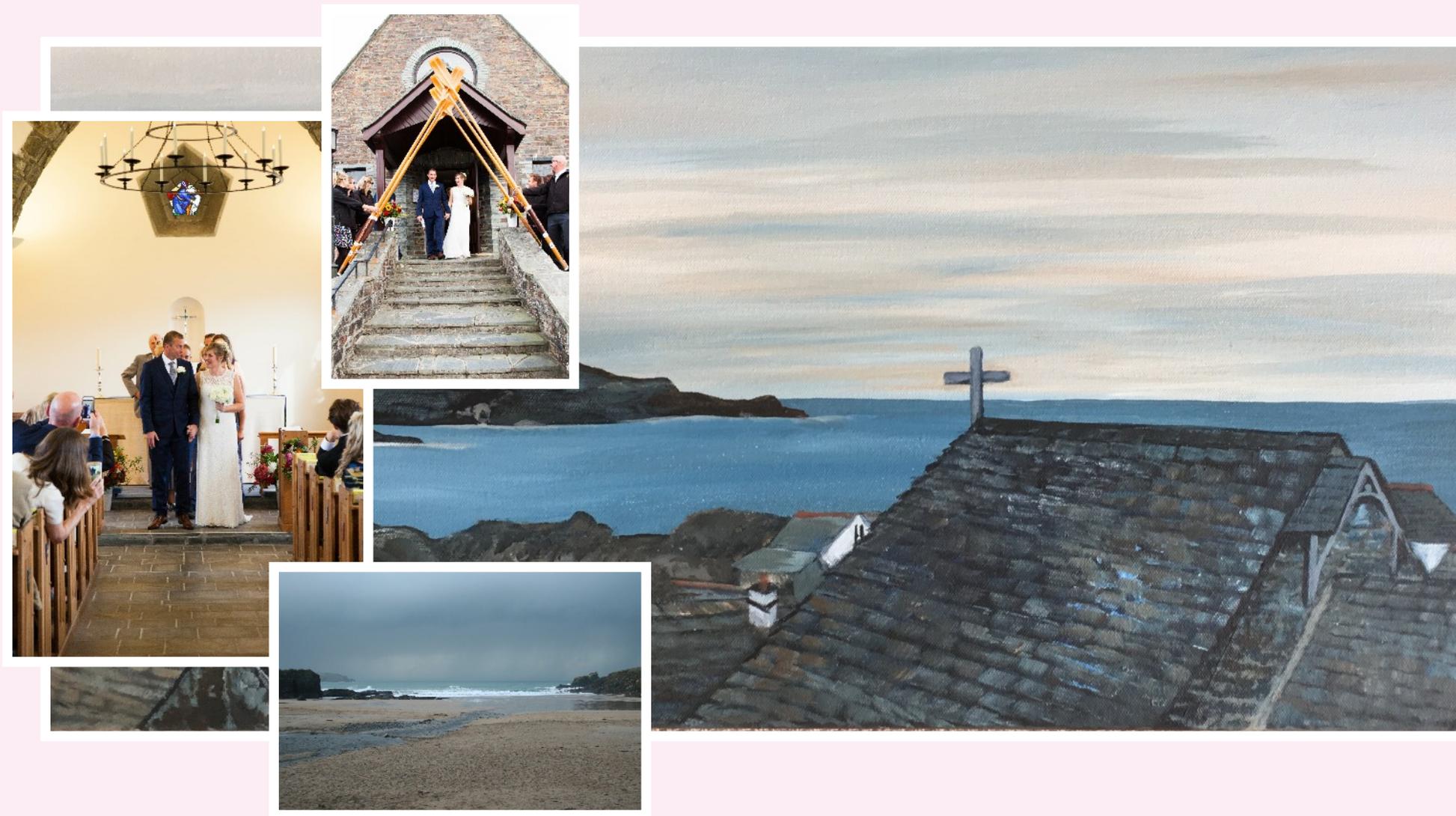
The recently opened Memorial Garden affords a place of peace and the Church itself is open for prayer every day.

The worship, both Eucharistic and Lay-led is well attended. As well as our weekly Sunday Worship and mid-week service, St. Saviour's has a monthly Children's Service on Sunday afternoons. It is a very lively affair and well attended. Sunday evenings also see bi-monthly Taize-style services.

The majority of people in the village have come to live here from other parts of the country and the Church is very much at the centre of village life.



Trevone photos



The Anglican Church in Little Petherick

St. Petroc Minor Church is in the heart of the picturesque village of Little Petherick situated on the River Camel.

It is on 'The Saints Way' and popular with visitors.

The church itself dates from the 14th Century and it is a Grade 1 listed building.

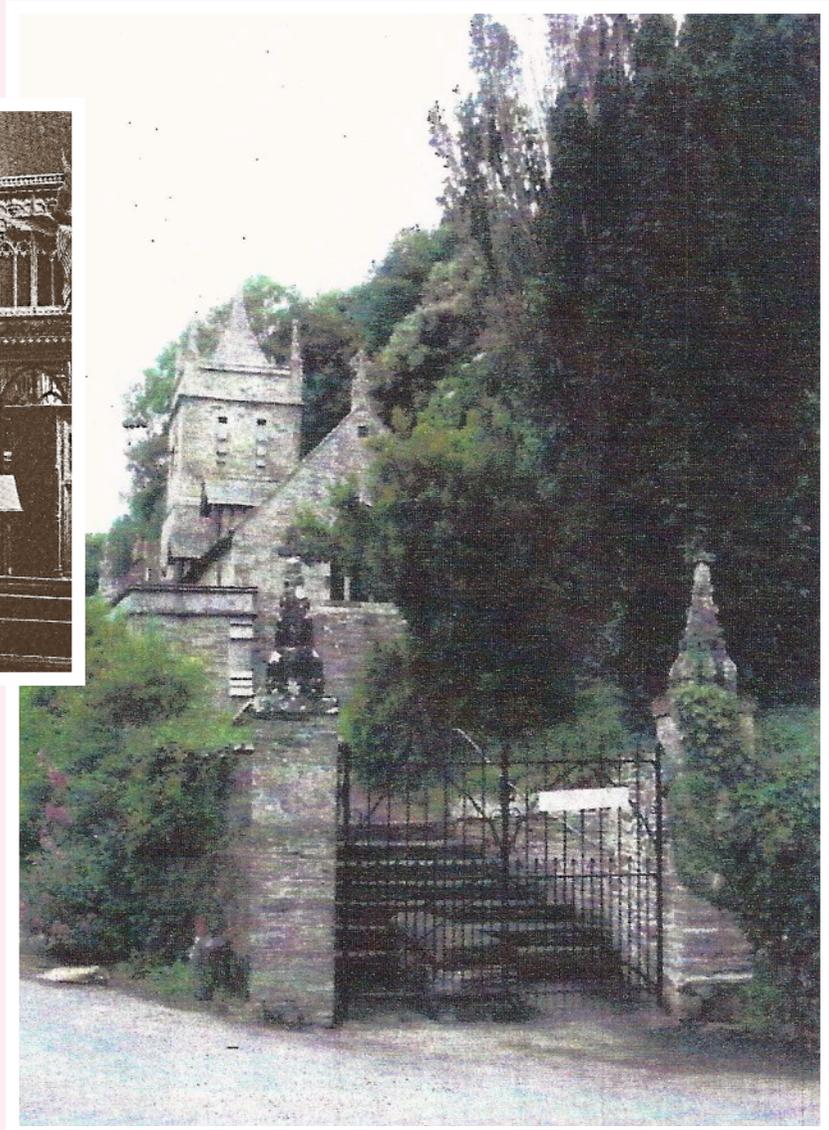
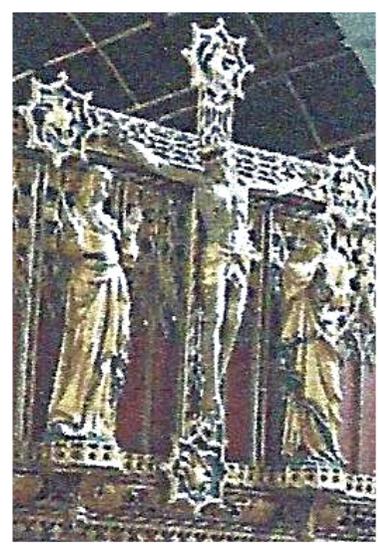
Within the last 150 years the church has seen two restorations under the remarkable patronage of Athelstan Riley.

He employed William White, the fashionable London architect, along with Sir J. Ninian Comper to restore the church.

The interior of the church is breathtaking with a superb screen.



Little Petherick photos

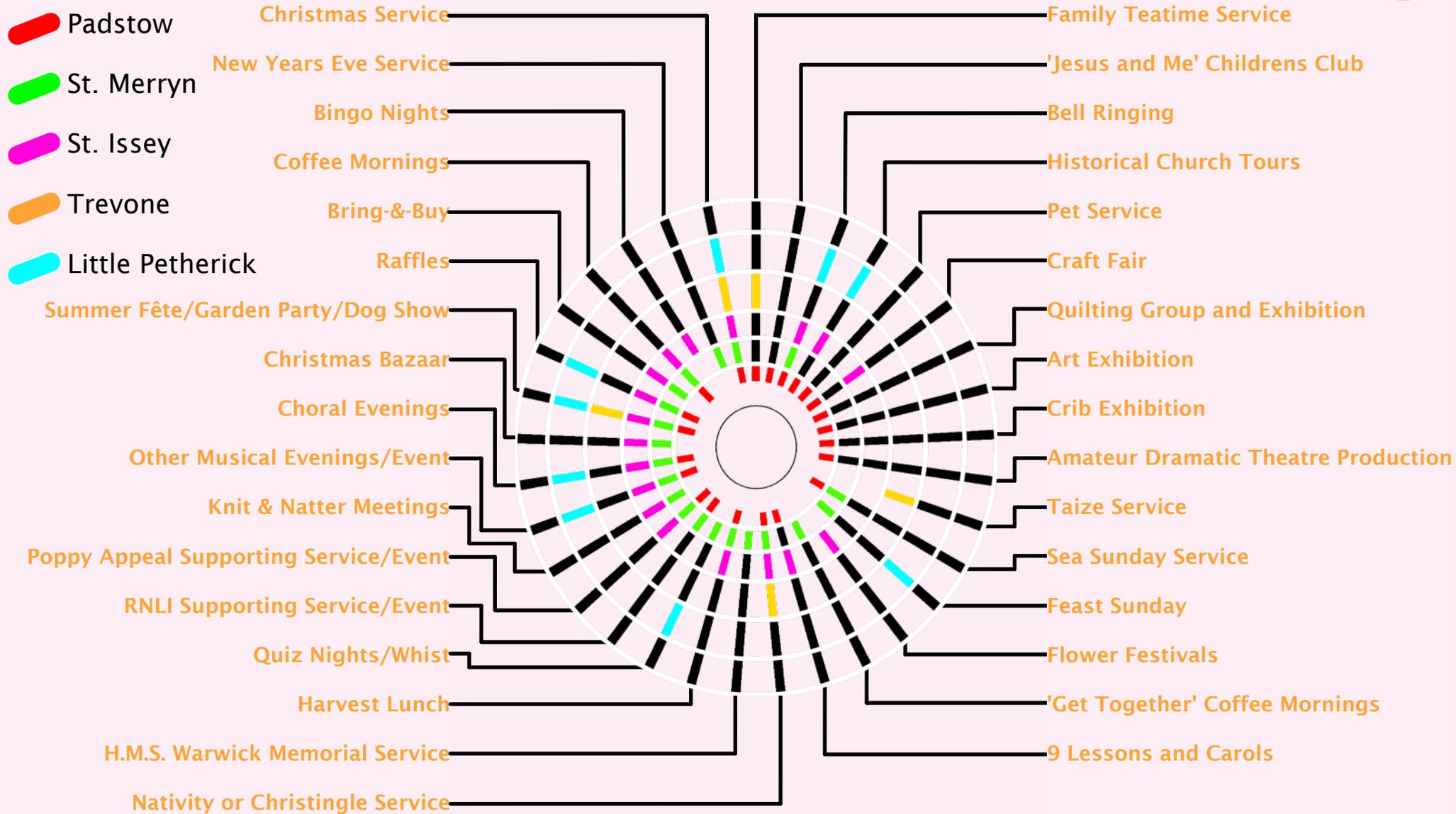




Schools

<i>School Name</i>	<i>Pupil Numbers on Role</i>	<i>Type of School</i>	<i>Head of School / Web Site</i> 
Padstow Primary	181	Aspire Academy Chain - [Part of]	<i>Head of School:</i> Mrs. Kate Whitford  padstowschool.co.uk
Padstow Pre-School	41	Charitable Group - [Not-for-Profit]	<i>Leader:</i> Mrs. Julie Nichols  padstowpreschool.co.uk
St. Issey [including Pre-School]	42	Church of England - [Voluntary Aided]	<i>Overall Head Teacher:</i> Sean Powers [Trevithick, Camborne] <i>Acting Head of School:</i> Mel Wilce  st-issey.cornwall.sch.uk
St. Merryn	131	Learning Academy Trust - [Part of]	<i>Executive Head Teacher:</i> Mrs. Kaye Pitcher <i>Head of School:</i> Mrs. Alison Brook Mrs. Ellie Mitchell  stmerrynschool.co.uk
St. Merryn Pre-School	30	[The Nursery is run as part of the School's Toddler Group]	 stmerrynschool.co.uk

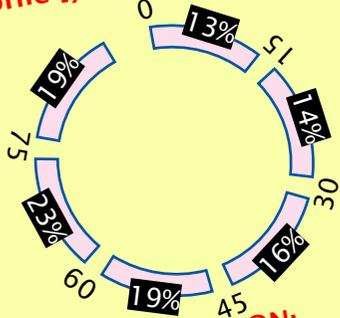
Events held during every year



PARISH OVERVIEW

Padstow

Churches:
 Padstow: St. Petroc.
 Trevone: St. Saviour.
Population: 2,800.
Age Profile [years]



RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:

Christian = 66%.
 Easter Day Attendance = 366.
 Christmas Attendance = 679.

HOUSEHOLDS:

Owner occupiers = 850.
 Private Rented = 200.
 Social rented = 250.

In this Parish Churches held:
 16 Weddings and no Blessings.

Finance Returns:

Parish Income = £121,616.
 Planned Giving = £21,305.

Household Mobility:

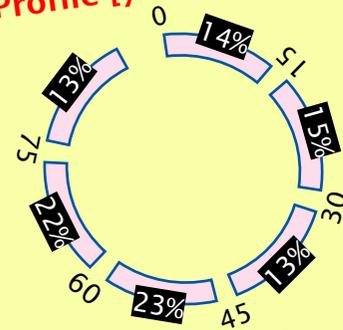
Access to at least 1 car or van = 78%.

Employment:

In receipt of key out-of-work benefits = 6%.

St Issey

Churches:
 St. Petroc Minor.
 St. Issey: St. Issey.
Population: 900.
Age Profile [years]



RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:

Christian = 66%.
 Easter Day Attendance = 51.
 Christmas Attendance = 152.

HOUSEHOLDS:

Owner occupiers = 250.
 Private Rented = 100.
 Social rented = less than 50.

In this Parish the Church held:
 1 Wedding and 1 Blessing.

Finance Returns:

Parish Income = £23,110.
 Planned Giving = £7,634.

Household Mobility:

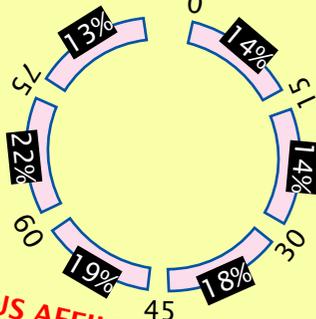
Access to at least 1 car or van = 90%.

Employment:

In receipt of key out-of-work benefits = 5%.

St Merryn

Church: St. Merryn.
Population: 1,600.
Age Profile [years]



RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:

Christian = 77%.
 Easter Day Attendance = 350.
 Christmas Attendance = 104.

HOUSEHOLDS:

Owner occupiers = 500.
 Private Rented = 100.
 Social rented = 100.

In this Parish the Church held:
 3 Weddings and 1 Blessing.

Finance Returns:

Parish Income = £51,169.
 Planned Giving = £10,665.

Household Mobility:

Access to at least 1 car or van = 89%.

Employment:

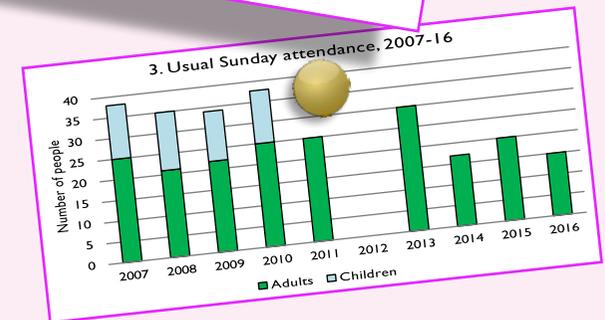
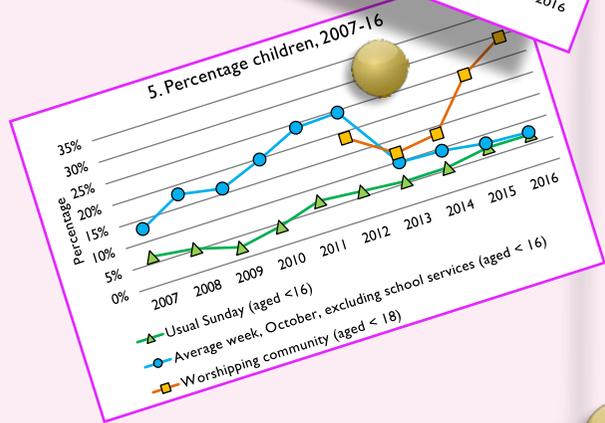
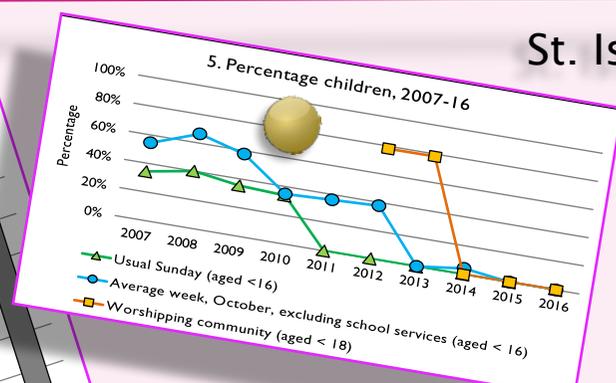
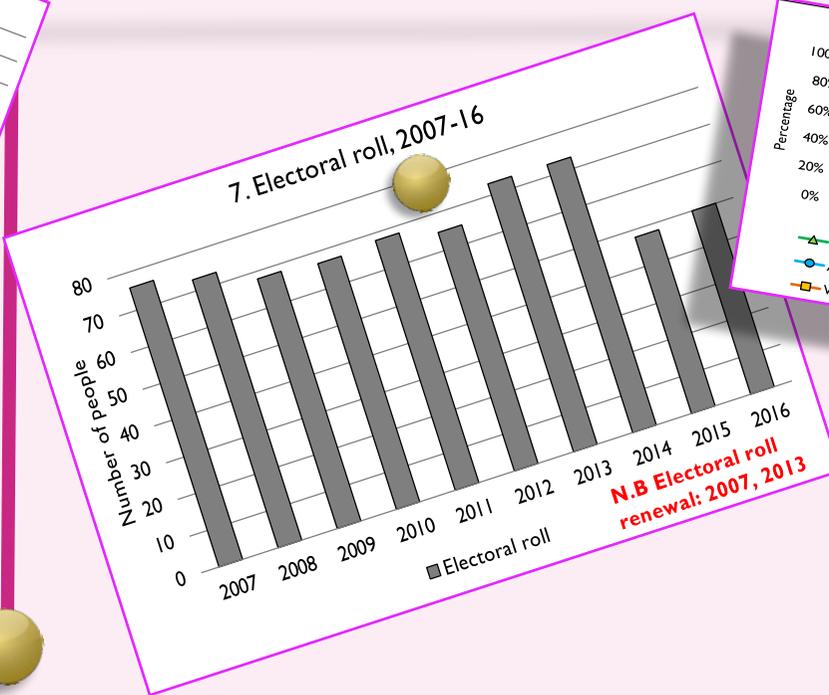
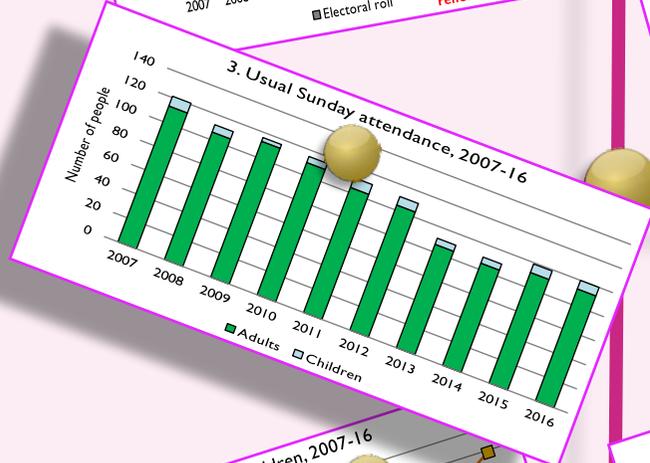
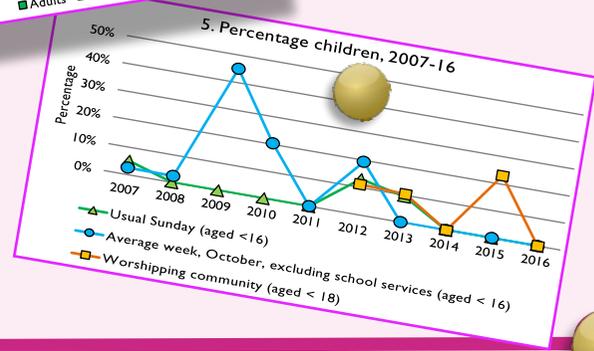
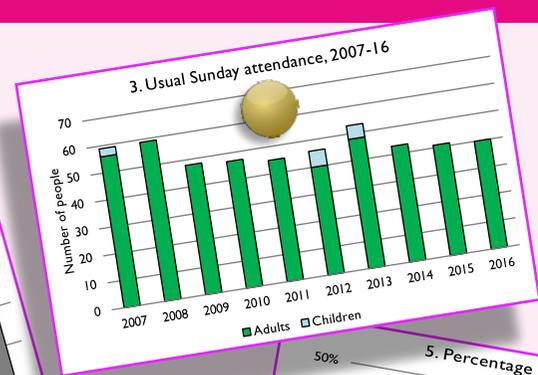
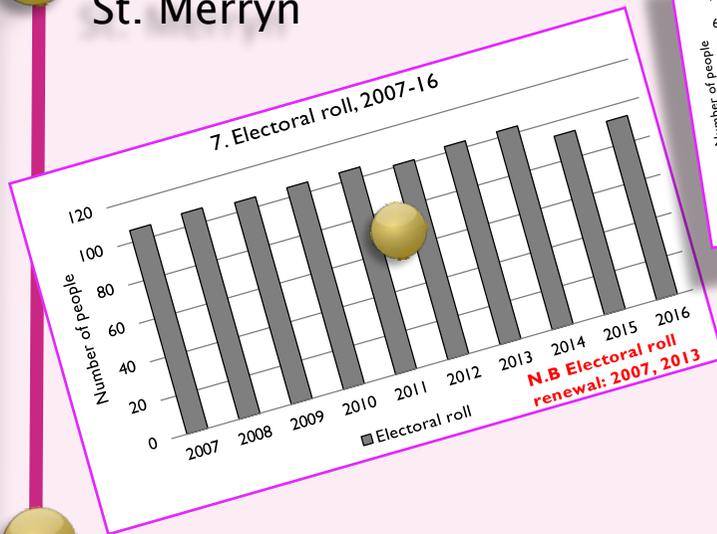
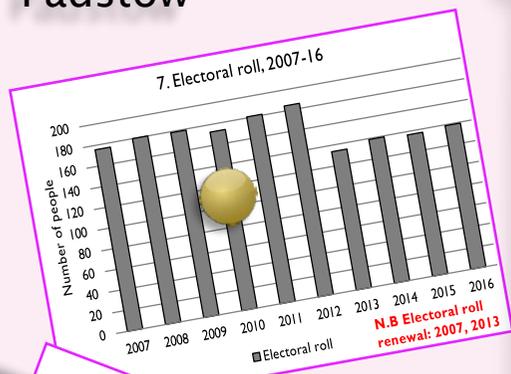
In receipt of key out-of-work benefits = 6%.

...More Parish Information

Padstow

St. Merryn

St. Issey



Patterns of Worship - Sundays...

The United Benefice of Padstow, St. Merryn and St. Issey with St. Petroc Minor Pattern of Worship - SUNDAYS

	ST. PETROC'S PADSTOW	ST. SAVIOUR'S TREVONE	ST. MERRYN	ST. ISSEY	ST. PETROC MINOR
1st Sunday					
8.00 a.m.	Said Eucharist (1662)				
9.30 a.m.		Sung Eucharist(C.W.)		Service of The Word(C.W.)	
11.00 a.m.	Service of The Word(C.W.)		Eucharist (B.C.P.)		
4.00 p.m.					
2nd Sunday					
9.30 a.m.		Morning Prayer (B.C.P.)			Sung Eucharist (C.W.) (Trad.)
11.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist(C.W.)		Morning Prayer (B.C.P.)		
4.00 p.m.		Teatime Family Service			
3rd Sunday					
8.00 a.m.	Said Eucharist (1662)				
9.30 a.m.		Sung Eucharist(C.W.)			Morning Prayer (B.C.P.)
11.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (B.C.P.)		Eucharist (C.W.)		
4th Sunday					
9.30 a.m.		Service of The Word(C.W.)		Sung Eucharist (C.W.)	
11.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist(C.W.)		Morning Prayer (B.C.P.)		
4.00 p.m.	Teatime Family Service				
5th Sunday					
10.30a.m.	Benefice Eucharist (taken in turn)				
	OR				
9.30 a.m.		Sung Eucharist(C.W.)		Sung Eucharist(C.W.)	Sung Eucharist(C.W.)
11.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist(C.W.)		Sung Eucharist(C.W.)		

The United Benefice of
Padstow, St. Merryn and St. Issey with St. Petroc Minor
Pattern of Worship - WEEKDAYS

	ST. PETROC'S PADSTOW	ST. SAVIOUR'S TREVONE	ST. ISSEY
Every Tuesday			
10.30 a.m.			Said Eucharist (1662)
Every Wednesday			
10.30 a.m.		Said Eucharist (1662)	
Every Thursday			
10.30 a.m.	Said Eucharist (1662)		
	Eucharist of Wholeness and Healing		
Last Friday of each month	Eucharist of Wholeness and Healing		
In Summer	5.00 p.m.		
In Winter		3.00 p.m.	

From Padstow to...

High Season [HS] = start of Apr-end Oct

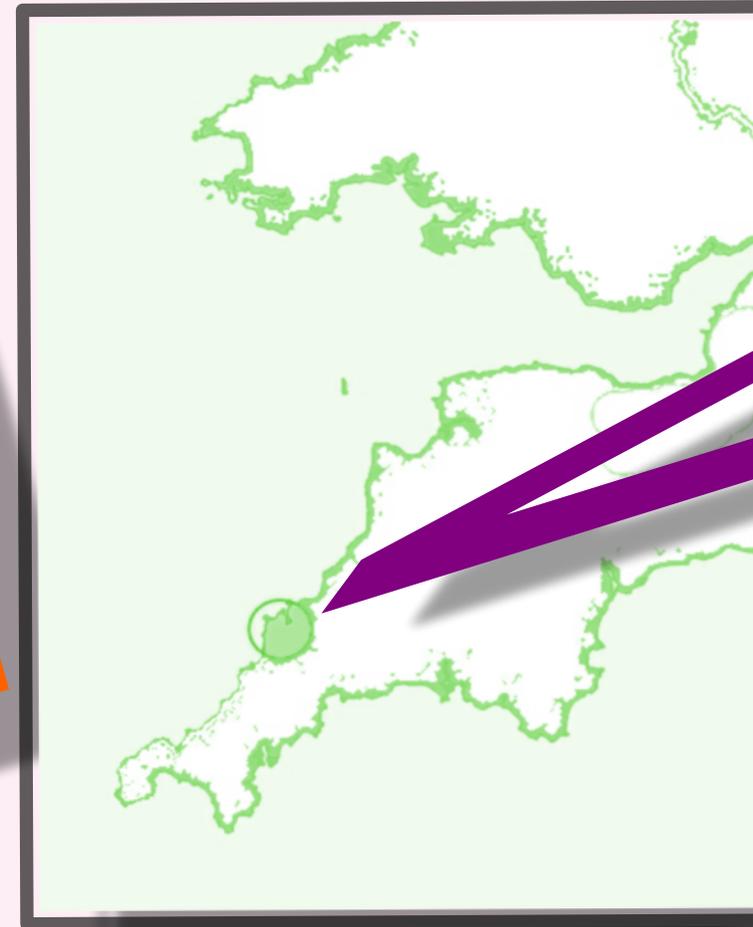
Low Season [LS] = start Nov-end of Mar

St. Merryn: 15 mins [HS]10 mins [LS]

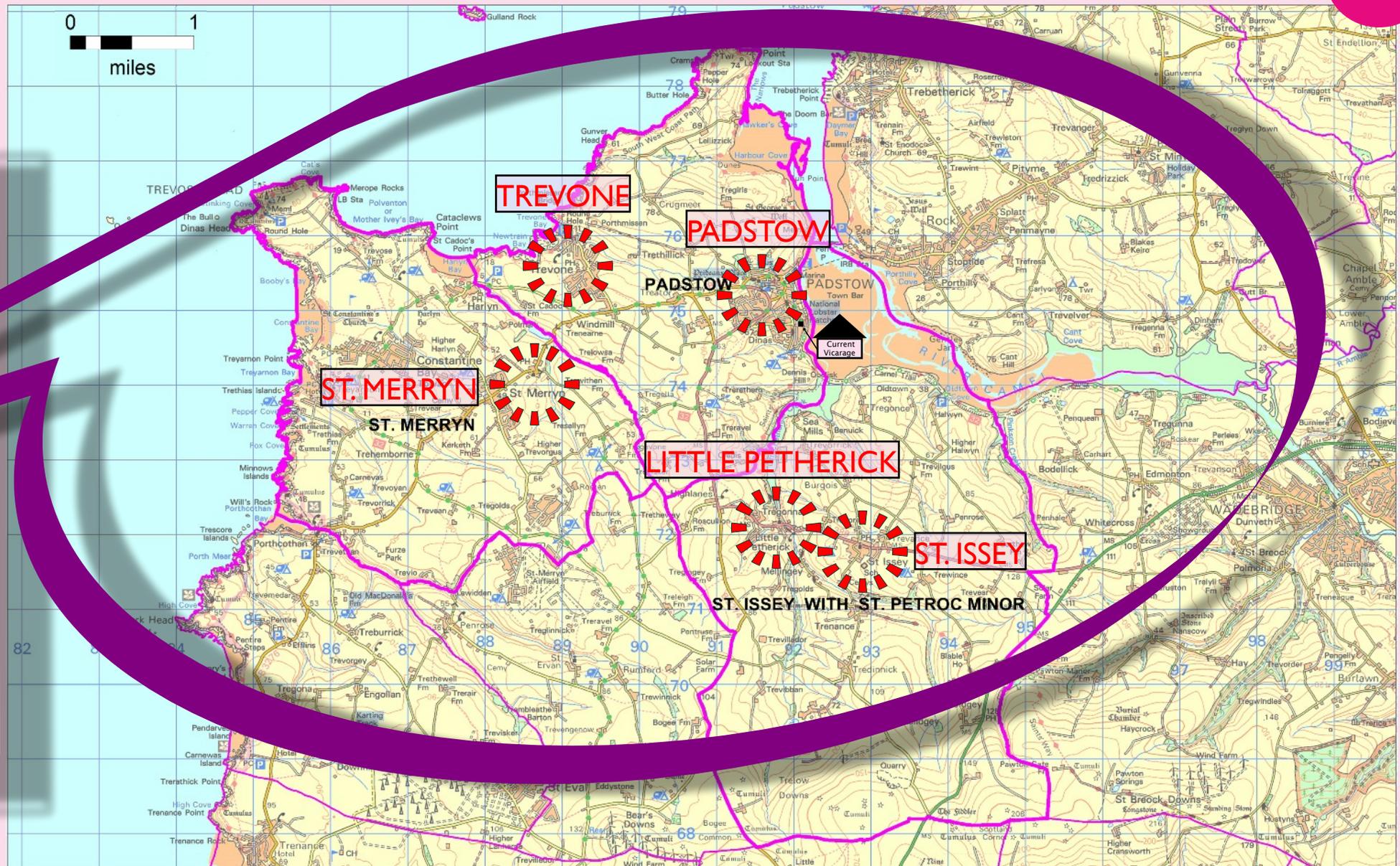
St. Issey: 20 mins [HS]15 mins [LS]

Trevone: 10 mins [HS]10 mins [LS]

Little Petherick: 15 mins [HS]15 mins [LS]



United Benefice Map



A message from Bishop Chris...

In the Diocese of Truro we seek to 'Discover God's Kingdom' and 'Grow the Church'. Ordained ministers are crucial in this task so I sketch out here the sort of priests we would like to invite to work with us.

First and foremost, we are looking for joyful ambassadors of Christ, priests who share the Gospel they have come to know in word and deed. We seek individuals who see themselves as disciples of Christ and seek to grow and learn together with others. We seek people who, on this journey, are imaginative and realistic, creative and determined. But we also want to work with those who recognise that they are not perfect and will sometimes fail, who learn from their mistakes and will take the initiative in seeking reconciliation with others.

We are convinced that all ministers need the support and companionship of others and we help priests in a number of ways so that they never work alone. In this spirit, we encourage ministers who can forge good relations with others and actively collaborate with them for the sake of the kingdom to join us in Cornwall.

I pray that as you consider this position you might discern God's calling and purpose for you in this next chapter of your discipleship.

Bishop Chris

Bishop of St. Germans



Policy Questions

- Remarriage of divorced persons:

“While we would wish you a lifetime of love, we understand that sadly, some marriages do fail. The Church of England accepts that a divorced person may marry again and there may be a way forward for you to remarry in a church.

In the first instance contact the vicar. Most will want to talk about your past and hopes for the future.”

- Children receiving communion before confirmation:

“Our practice thus far has been of admitting baptised children to communion before confirmation, on application for permission from the Bishop of Truro.

Children can be admitted from baptism, but more usually from the age of about 5 onwards, with confirmation expected from the age of twelve and over.”

Person Specification



Last Year's Annual Reports

All
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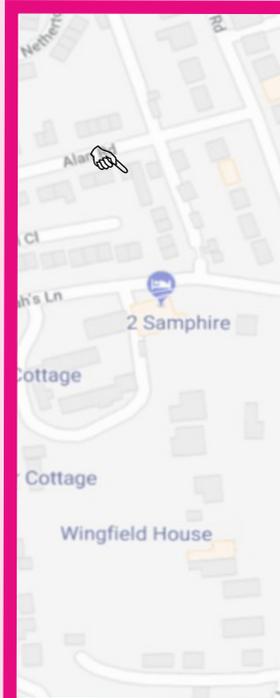
Padstow Rectory - Current Property - Photo



Property details

This is a four bedroom house with central heating and landscaped gardens.

It also has a split level driveway looking towards the sea.



Property Details and Floor Plans

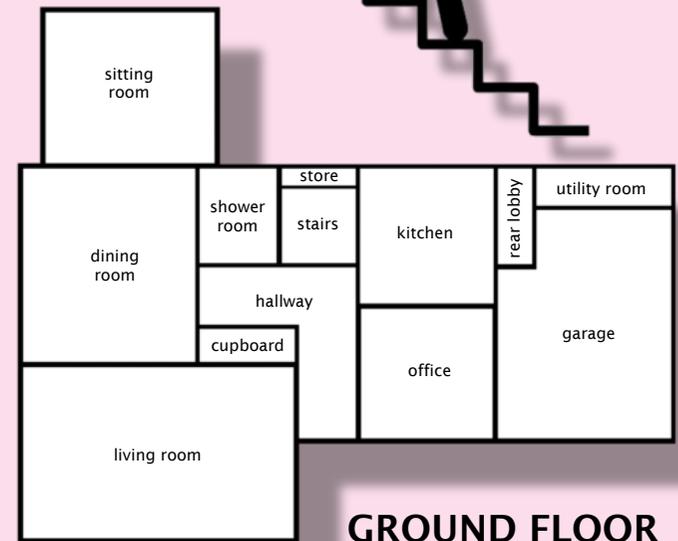
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bedroomed house with integral garage, g and pleasant front and rear lawned

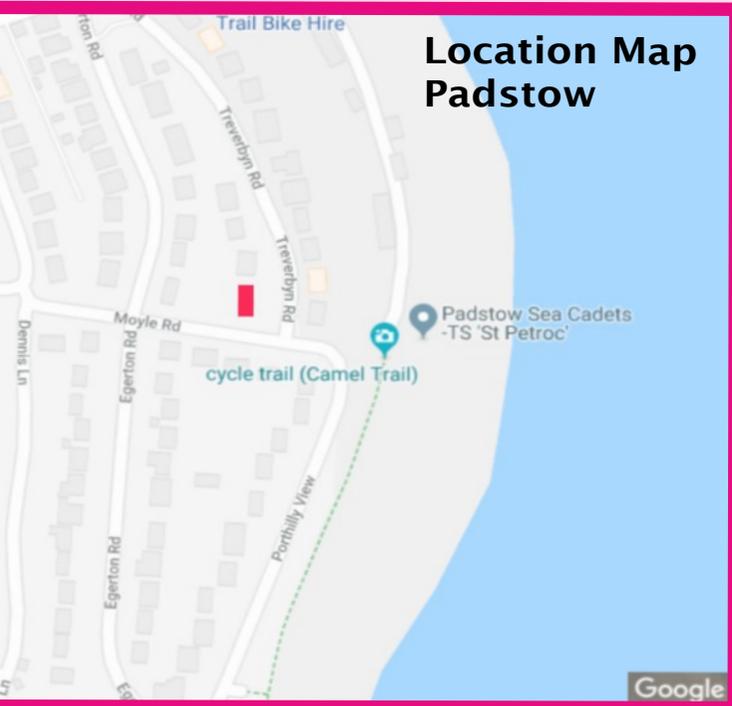
endid views across the Camel Estuary ds Rock.



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GROUND FLOOR



Its situation is close to the shore, the local supermarket, Padstow town centre and the Camel Trail.

The plan is that within the next 24 months for a new, purpose-designed rectory to be built about 0.75 miles from the existing property.



May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your
back.

May the sun shine warm upon your
face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of
His hand.

Traditional Celtic Blessing