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Photo: Richard Dupré

Sea Sunday service

The Revd Dr David Prothero helping conduct the service on Bonne Nuit Harbour;
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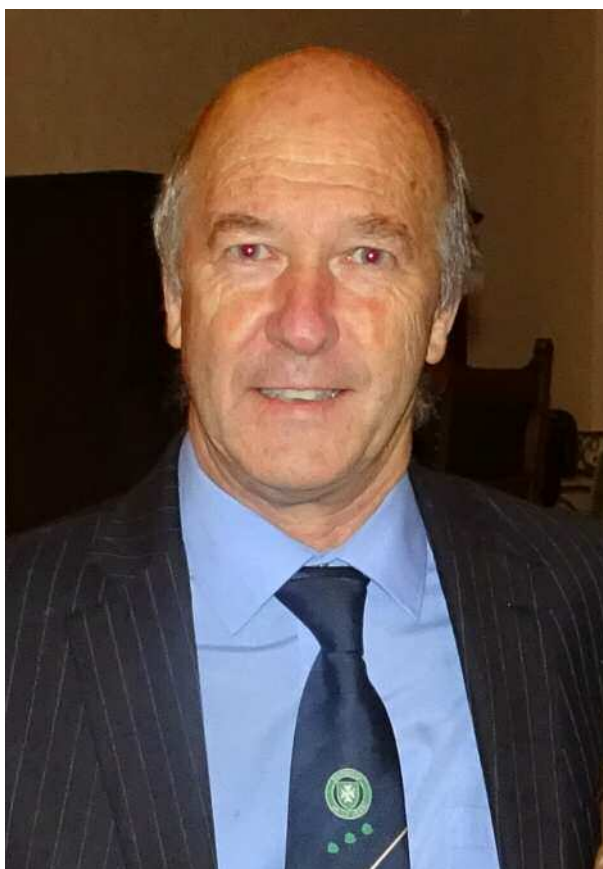
Summer has arrived and the pair of house martins that nest every year in the parish hall porch have just fledged four handsome chicks. It is always a delight to me watching the chicks, with their fluffy heads peering over the edge of the nest, waiting for their parents to feed them. Last year they managed to hatch nine chicks.

Preparations are well on the way for the Parish in Bloom competition. Judging will take place on Monday the 24th July at 5pm. The flower bed behind the precinct notice board was planted by the 25th St John's Brownies, the residents of Maison Le Vesconte have been busy planting all kinds of flowers, and the Church flower committee has flowers around the church. James Bonney our gardener has been busy watering and caring for the flowers which has brightened up the Parish. I hope this is appreciated and brings a little joy to parishioners.

Rates stay the same

By the time you receive this publication the Parish will have agreed the rate for 2017. I am proposing that it stays the same, so St John will not have had a rate rise for twelve years. This in real terms is equal to a saving of over 25% for parishioners. I have introduced a roads resurfacing fund so I can start a program of road resurfacing following all the disruption of mains drains and fibre optic connections. I offer thanks my parish staff who have worked tirelessly to keep spending to a minimum, and the two Procurers who check all parish expenses. This is a team effort and I am proud of my team.

Following the campaign by Our Island, Keeping Jersey Special about too many signs, I feel it is right to point out that we in St John have been removing unnecessary signs for the last two years. One sign in Rue des Landes was warning about cattle, but no dairy farm has been in the area for over 35 years! I did debate whether the sign should stay for historic reasons, but decided I better remove it or the Planning Department might list it, and then the Parish



Constable Chris Taylor

would have the cost of maintaining the sign.

Plans for the new car park and memorial garden are at last moving forward again. I now have plans in the parish hall and would welcome all parishioners to pop in and have a look. I have been amazed at the bureaucracy required for such a simple need. The car park will provide just over 55 parking spaces which will be an enormous help for the School. It will also provide much needed parking for the Church when we have weddings or funerals. But most important of all we hope it will create adequate parking for the shops.

The Parish NEEDS YOU!

Jersey is unique, and the parish of St John is special. However the traditions that make Jersey unique and the parish special are being

challenged. I have made appeals in the past for additional honorary police officers, but no one has come forward. It is simple, if you want what we have to continue, and you want your children to enjoy the parochial system that you and previous generations have enjoyed, then it is time for the current generation to step up to the mark and offer their services to the Parish. St John needs honorary police officers, and if policing is not your thing, I would be delighted to meet anyone who might be interested in other areas such as Roads Inspectors, Rates Assessors.

Finally, may I wish you all a very happy and sunny summer.

Chris Taylor, Connétable

Come and join us

The St John's Pétanque Club are always looking for people to join them to play pétanque.

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Mr Randles builds a sky-scraper

to connect with each other and create special memories, and moreover get our kids away from the digital realm for a while. Weary grown-ups have also said they found the sessions highly therapeutic! Of course we won't insist that you join in, and you are welcome to sit back and watch, or access other events such as the summer car-boot sale or enjoy a peaceful coffee and slice of cake at the St John's Recreation Centre Café, or even find time for a run around the lanes while Block-Headz is in session, so long as you're nearby and we can reach you by mobile.

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School holidays 0900 to 1700
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Jersey Archery Society: Liz Pomroy

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Welcome to this editions' update from the St John's Youth Project. We have had a busy summer with heaps of activities that have challenged, inspired and informed the members of our youth project. Here are just a few...



Big Thanks to Justine Taylor who came up to run a meditation session for us.

Well-being week

During mental health awareness week we ran sessions to highlight well-being



Making stress balls with balloons and flour

St Aubin's Fort Residential

In May we took 24 11-14 year olds over to St Aubin Fort for a weekend of watersports, cooking and fun! Here are a few of the best photos!

'I had a great time at St Aubin Fort I can't believe I jumped off the pier! It was scary but so much fun!' (Claire 12)

'My favourite bit was abseiling off the tower in the dark' (Jack, 13)



We need help! St John Youth Project relies on its committed volunteers to keep the project running. If you can help out on the sessions you will be provided with training and a DBS check not to mention a huge sense of reward! We also need people to sit on the project committee. If you would like to find out more please give me Bill Moore a call at the project on 07797 819958.



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?Last issue of the Star?

We need a new Editor and Advertising Manager

Do you like to know what is going on in the Parish? Have you always wanted to try your hand at writing? Are you a creative person who enjoys working as part of a team? – If the answer is 'yes' to any of these questions then please get in touch!

L'ÉTAILE DU NORD, our St John parish magazine is urgently seeking a new Editor. I am stepping down as Editor after four years and 12 issues.

During that time I have learnt a great deal from the Committee who are mostly founder members. We live in a rural parish with farming, fishing and its historic parish system. The traditional ways of life are intertwined with all aspects of modern living; increased traffic, new building, office work and a diverse population. There is plenty to celebrate. We need someone to show what contributions our parishioners bring to the island. What small deeds or interesting projects that need publicising. As an island we raise a phenomenal amount of money for charity; many of these charities rely on publications like ours for free pub-



licity to promote their cause. Through these pages I know how the St John football team are getting on, how the famous coin hoard was found, who to go to if I want an experienced freelance photographer etc., the Star is a wonderful way to network. Being Editor can and should be stimulating and talking to local businesses for advertising is a great way of being in touch with what is happening in the parish and the island. *We have now reached a crisis point with the magazine; if we cannot attract a new Editor and Advertising Manager the magazine will cease.*

STAR OF THE NORTH is published three times a year in April, August and December. There is only one Editorial Committee meeting for

each issue and everyone plays their part. Maybe you would be interested but would prefer to work with some friends? A group of new volunteers would be welcome – please contact the Parish Hall and leave your details.

Jo Falla

Youth Project Advisory Committee update

In the run up to completing our second year of the St John Youth Project, based at the Recreation Centre, we are pleased to report that it is going from strength to strength. Our Senior Youth Worker, Bill and his team have worked hard to ensure that we have a strong attendance and thanks to the support of some parishioners, we have one of the best equipped projects in the Island.

We are now trying to look at enhancing the programme of events that the young people attend and will be looking to organise a number of fundraising initiatives to fund a summer programme which we hope will include a trip to St Aubin's Fort, a trip to Sark, surfing and opening the club during the summer holidays.

We are also planning a joint spray-art workshop in conjunction with the neighbouring St Lawrence Youth Project on the **25th August 2017** and offer an invitation to all parishioners to attend the display of

artwork on the Friday evening **from 6.30 pm** at the Recreation Centre.

As with everything, all these activities cost money so if you see us fundraising, please support us as much as you can!

We have also set the date for the Advisory Committee AGM. If you are interested in what the Youth Project does, how the Advisory Committee works with the Youth Project, or would be interested in joining our team the **AGM is Thursday 21st September, 7.30 pm at the Recreation Centre**. Our AGM is a fairly relaxed evening where we will have some young people giving us an update of what they have done over the last year and we would love to have some fresh ideas on fundraising, activities and how we can improve so we hope to see some parents there.

Louise Minier

Youth Project Advisory Committee



Hospice Christmas card co-ordinator BETH LLOYD tells us about the work involved in this important charity tradition and talks to contributing artist LYNNE JENNER, a St John resident...



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas – Lynne Jenner

It's Beginning to look a lot like Christmas says the cheeky-looking robin wearing the green beret to the one in the blue. That's the title and the theme of this year's Jersey Hospice Care's Christmas card by St John artist Lynne Jenner. And green beret is surely right, as the holly berries and leaves surrounding him and his two friends are indeed sprinkled with seasonal snow. Robins are a perennial favourite when it comes to Christmas cards, so Lynne's 2017 contribution is sure to be a hit. 'I particularly enjoy painting birds and animals, mostly those with attitude, and I love to create an image that brings with it a smile, hence the 2017 whimsical robins' says Lynne, who is one of Hospice's regular Christmas card contributors. Lynne is passionate about the medium of watercolour and she loves the fact that art can indirectly benefit others. She says that she has usually decided on her idea for Hospice by early December, so that the following year's Christmas card is the first painting she does in January. And, of course, she is not the only one. This year there are ten completely new original cards, all by local artists or photographers, as well as one first used in 2010 and returning due to popular demand – *Star over La*

Rocco a stunning photograph by Markus Kubeck.

Whilst robins are always popular, so are local scenes and, as well as *La Rocco*, there are also paintings of Seymour and Le Hocq towers, by Shaun Du Val and Norma Priddis respectively. Joan Turpin is another Hospice regular and this year Hospice is featuring two of her watercolours: *Party Time*, another of her delightfully festive Jersey cow pictures, this time with her subjects paddling in the sea, and *Snowman at Gorey* – a seasonal scene with the ever-popular Mont Orgueil Castle in the background. Humour is important, too, and there is plenty of that as well as a couple of cards reflecting the true, religious, message of Christmas.

Christmas card co-ordinators Kath Richardson and Beth Lloyd start their quest for designs just as soon as they have cleared up after the year before. The cards are chosen in February or March and are at the printers by April. The order forms need to be circulated in late summer and the cards are put on sale almost before the harvest is gathered in. 'Many people go abroad for the winter', explains Beth, 'so they like to get their Christmas cards done and dusted before they leave. The cards are not in the shops that early, but we like to have them in stock, so they can be ordered from late August'.

Worldwide, Christmas card sales are decreasing year on year, but for Jersey Hospice Care, they are still an important fund-raiser, bringing in an annual five figure income. The sale of the cards also raises Hospice's profile, especially bearing in mind that States departments and commercial firms send Hospice cards all round the world, thereby promoting not only Hospice, but also the Island's beautiful cows and breath-taking scenery.

Christmas cards from Jersey Hospice Care can be bought from Clarkson House and both Hospice shops, Woodside Farm Shop and Bonnie's Garden Centre, Rosedale Stores in Gorey Village and the Lido Medical Centre. Order forms can be obtained from any of the above, or from Parish Halls.

Crowned Miss St John - ALICE MITCHELL

Alice was crowned Miss St John at the Parish Hall on the 29th May. She lives with Mum, Dad, older brother Philip, who is going to China to teach English, and sister Kira, who is taking a nursing degree at Jersey General Hospital. Living alongside the family there is Molly the dog, Blizzard and Maya the two rabbits, and Scampi the cat, who at the time of this interview was fast asleep in the summer house.

Alice is in the first year of her A-level course at Beaulieu Convent School, her chosen subjects being Geography, Photography and Business Studies. After taking her final exams next year she hopes to go to Jersey International Business School to obtain a business degree, with a view to working in the finance industry. The JIBS course is for two years, with two days a week working at a placement in a finance organisation.

Her interests include yoga for relaxation purposes, attending classes taken by Manju Hegde at the Recreation Centre and Highlands College. Reading action books is another favourite pastime,

as is helping Adrian and Friends with their Battle of Flowers float.

She will not be taking a gap year as so many teenagers seem to do, but would eventually like to travel, especially to New Zealand to see her best friend Emma who left Jersey two years ago.

Alice says she is really looking forward to representing the parish and meeting new faces as Miss St John, especially at the Battle of Flowers. She has helped out on Adrian's float for the past couple of years and loves the community atmosphere that is created, while helping to transform the float into a work of art.

Mary Rouillé



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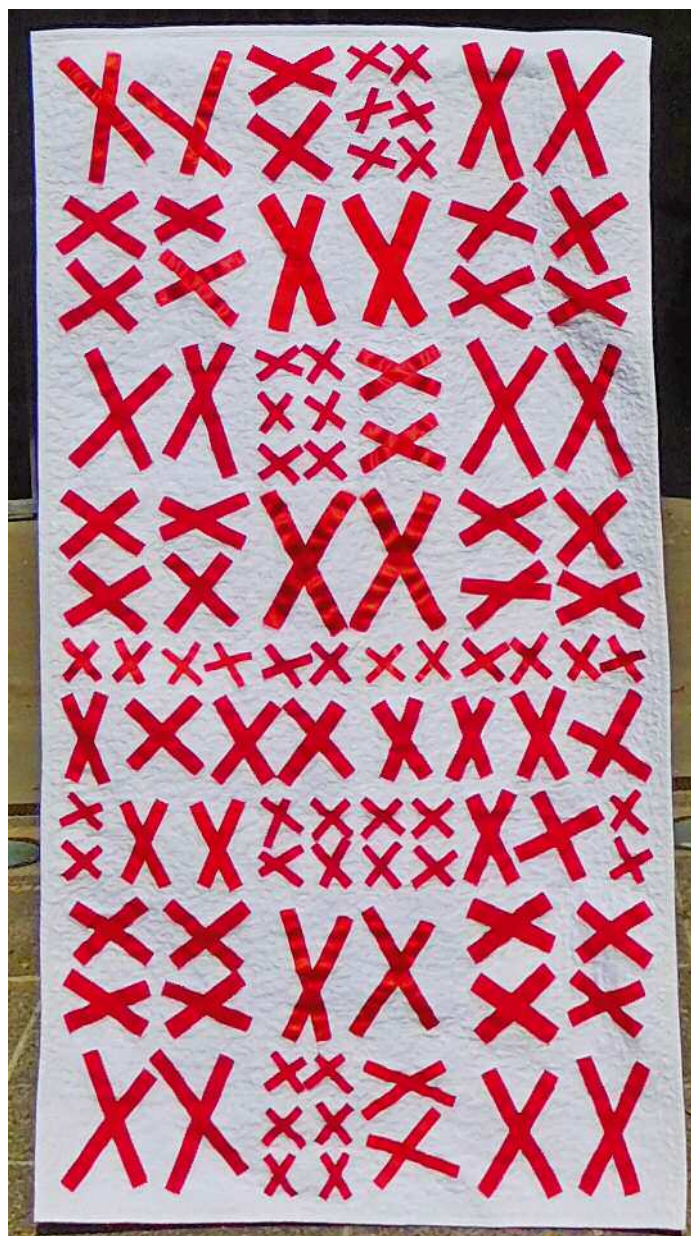




St John's Quilters

70273 Block Project

Between January 1940 and August 1941 (before the Holocaust began), 70,273 physically and mentally disabled people – men, women, teens, boys, and girls – were murdered by the Nazis. Though they never even laid eyes on the disabled person they were evaluating, the Nazi doctors read the medical



Above: Red crosses to represent each victim

Left: Quilt to commemorate the 70,273 disabled people who died



files and, if from the words on the page, the person was deemed 'unfit' or an 'economic burden on society', the doctor placed a red X at the bottom of the form. Three doctors were to read each medical file, and when two of them made a red X on the page, the disabled person's fate was sealed. Most were murdered within hours of arriving at gassing centres.

Jeanne Hewell-Chambers of Cashiers, North Carolina, USA is the founder of the 70273 project. She came up with the plan for this worldwide art collaboration to make 70,273 blocks, one block to commemorate each disabled person who lost their life.

The purpose of The 70273 Project is to exhibit the quilts all over the world to commemorate the 70,273 disabled people who died, celebrate the countless number of people with special needs who live among us today, and to educate all who will listen to prevent such an atrocity from happening again.

Quilters Kim Monins and Gisele Therezien have been encouraging the people of Jersey to make blocks, which will be used to create quilts from each



St John's Quilters at work

Parish. The quilts will be displayed locally before forming part of the travelling exhibit. Many men, women and children have participated in this community project since October 2016.

The 70273 Project's website <http://thebarefootheart.com/introducing-the-70273-project/>

Kim Monins, Quilter and project organiser



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Sea Sunday



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It has now become traditional for the Churches of the Parish to come together at Bonne Nuit Harbour for a Sea Sunday Service on a Sunday morning in June or July – as determined by the state of the tide. On all but one occasion we have been blessed with fine weather and Sunday 16th July 2017 was no exception as early morning cloud soon gave way to warm sunshine.

Since transferring from the afternoon to the morning a few years ago, congregations have steadily grown and all who attend rejoice in the camaraderie and the deep spiritual meaning of the occasion.

This year the Service was led by Reverend Robin Dupré with Anne Dupré (his wife), Methodist (Reverend Graeme Halls) and URC (Michael Ruskin) voices taking part – with thanks to Richard Dupré with the technology to ensure that they could be heard. The address was given by Reverend Dr David Prothero (a regular worship leader at the United Reformed Church) who provided some well-chosen anecdotes, personal, historical and biblical, to show how the sea has always played an important part in our lives, played out in an action song led by his wife Sarah.

The morning culminated in the blessing, by Robin, of the boats assembled in the harbour, including the St Catherine's inshore lifeboat and crew.

The collection of £228 was shared equally by RNLI, Channel Island Air Search and Mission to Seafarers.

Michael Ruskin



Above: Part of the congregation on the harbour at Bonne Nuit

Left: The Revd Robin Dupré, in the lifeboat in grey overalls, during the Sea Sunday Service

Photos by Richard Dupré

LES MATHIONNETTES – ‘Northern Lights’

The Reverend Robin Dupré, who has been ministering at St John's Church, talks to Angela Le Sueur

The Reverend Robin Dupré has been filling the gap at St John's Parish Church during the interregnum between the departure last October of the Revd Andy Thewlis and the arrival of the Revd Beverley Sproats later this summer.

Robin can be described as a 'travelling Pastor' because, although based at Grouville Parish Church, since his ordination in 2012 he has answered calls to fill gaps at various churches. In 2015 he spent six months as a full-time minister at St Luke's Church between the retirement of the Revd David Jones and the arrival of Father Nick Barry. Then he moved to St Saviour when the Revd Anthony Swindell retired, until the arrival of the Revd Peter Dyson. Robin has also helped out at St Andrew's Church.

Not only is travelling from his home in Grouville involved, but also travelling between various parts of the broad Anglican Church, from the 'Catholic Tradition' of St Luke's to more low church or evangelical congregations – and then to St John where the bells are significant!

Wherever he has been, Robin has always felt welcomed, 'for congregations are grateful for stand-ins' who keep things moving but don't introduce anything new.

How has he found St John's Church? 'People are very welcoming – they come and chat to strangers,' observed Robin, commenting on the friendliness shown to his wife, Anne, who was not known to the congregation on her first attendance at a service at St John's Church.

'Travelling', in various ways can sum up Robin's life. Born in Jersey, when he was nine the family moved to Guernsey which was home for the next 13 years. He attended Guernsey Grammar School, then on to Nottingham University to read Economics, after which he worked for three years in the Insurance industry, but 'it was not quite me', so he did teacher training at Worcester College of Further



Mrs Louise Macleod and her son Callum Patrick Macleod with Reverend Robin Dupré

Education where he met his wife, Anne. Fifteen years teaching economics and maths in Wargrave, Berkshire followed. Interestingly, Wargrave has a Jersey connection because the Dolmen de la Ville, which was once where Fort Regent now stands, was moved there by former Governor of Jersey, Henry Seymour Conway!

Meanwhile Robin's parents had moved back to Jersey and in 1988 Robin and Anne relocated here when Robin took up a teaching post at Hautlieu School where he remained until 2010.

From Teacher to Minister

Baptised a Methodist, whilst at university Robin attended the URC and Methodist student societies and was eventually confirmed in the Anglican Church – more travelling! He commented that the

Church is less divided now than in the past and people move more between denominations.

During his unhappy time in the insurance industry Robin 'had a sense of call – a feeling that God had put down a marker' and he felt that he might answer that call one day. His first response to this sense of vocation began in 1997 when he began the three year part-time course to become a Reader in the Church of England. Readers are trained to preach and lead worship at morning and evening prayer services but not Eucharistic services. The course involved one weekend each term at the diocesan centre at Old Alresford Place, near Winchester, as well as local tutorials. Robin was one of four local people who trained at the same time.

In 2004 Robin, then a churchwarden at Grouville Parish Church, became very involved in the life of that church for nearly a year during the interregnum before the Revd Mike Lange-Smith was installed as Rector. This experience convinced him that he 'could not go on ignoring God's call', so in 2008 he embarked on the South West Ministry Training Course based at Exeter University. This part-time course entailed some weekend tutorials as well as on-line study. Robin retired from teaching in 2010, was ordained Deacon in 2011 and Priest in 2012. He is a non-stipendiary minister. He then served as Curate at Grouville for three years while some weekend training with other curates continued in Winchester. By 2014 he was qualified to fill the gap at St Luke's when the Revd David Jones announced his retirement.

Where next?

After St John's, Robin will return to Grouville Church but intends to take some time visiting churches when Readers are taking the services as he is Warden of Readers. In the New Year he will cover for the Revd Gerry Baudains whilst she is on sabbatical.

One challenge of 'filling gaps' is to build a bond of trust between priest and congregation. Another is getting to know the procedures of each church. He asks, 'How do you do it here?' and when the answer is, 'The usual way,' he has to reply, 'What's that?'

He must respect the home tradition, but sometimes he wonders if he is being true to himself in doing things differently in different churches. He likens this to the 'supply-teacher syndrome' – trying to give what is expected and knowing you will be saying goodbye at the end of a short tenure.

Robin jokes that on leaving St John's Church he won't miss the early time of the 8 am service – especially in mid- February – but he recalls affectionately a lady saying, 'If Robin can come all the way from Grouville for 8 am, then I can walk just round the corner.'

Angela Le Sueur

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'Run4Justin' and for Your Loved One in This Year's Run4Men

The Jersey committee of Cancer Research UK has teamed up with Islander Emma Cotillard to open the registration of this year's Run4Men in memory of her husband Justin Cotillard.

Justin Cotillard tragically passed away when he was 30 years old due to an aggressive form of brain cancer just months after marrying Emma and becoming dad to their baby daughter Mia. Emma hopes that this year's Run4Men will be a poignant opportunity for Islanders to come together in memory of Justin and all those whose lives have been lost to cancer, as well as helping to raise vital funds for Cancer Research UK that will help beat the deadly disease.

Emma Cotillard recalls the moment when she first realised there was something seriously wrong with her husband:

'Justin woke up one morning on our honeymoon and started screaming at me to get out of his room. He thought I was a stranger and didn't remember that I was seven months pregnant with our first baby. We cut our holiday short and returned home where an MRI scan revealed that Justin was suffering from the deadliest form of brain tumour in adults, known as a glioblastoma.'

'Cancer is quite simply life-destroying and it is something that we should all be trying to fight. I am pleased to be working with Cancer Research UK Jersey and hope that Run4Men will help to raise money for life saving research. It's time for everyone to sign up and take part not just for Justin, but for their loved ones.'

Sponsored by Jersey-based alternative finance firm Sancus, Run4Men is being held on Sunday 10th September 2017 and invites male participants of all ages and abilities to walk, jog or run the 5 km or 10 km routes. All runners will be provided with a commemorative CRUK race number and bib. The event will be timed for more competitive runners; the bibs will have an RFID timing chip and the results will be published on the CRUK Jersey website and Facebook pages. Warm up starts at 10.30 am and the run starts at 11.00 am from Les Jardins de la Mer, with water and marshal stations along the way. 5 km: Les Jardins de la Mer to Bel Royal and back 10 km: Les Jardins de la Mer to St Aubin and back

A post-run celebration will also be held at La Frégate café. Refreshments and entertainment will be available with profits going towards Cancer Research UK Jersey. Whether you are a runner or a spectator, Islanders are invited to come along in celebration of Justin's life.

Participants can sign up via Race Nation: <https://race-nation.com/run4men-2017>. Registration costs

£25 for adults and £10 for children under 16 years old and is open until Friday 8th September 2017. Registration is also available on the day of the run for £30 (adults) and £10 (children). In order to raise as much money as possible for Cancer Research UK, participants are also encouraged to raise sponsorship for the event and place their donations on RaceNation.

Richard Hughes, Chairman of Cancer Research UK Jersey, says:

'We are honoured to be hosting Run4Men in memory of the loving husband, friend and father that Justin was. Justin was a very fit, amateur boxer when he began to experience symptoms that led to the discovery of his tumour. His story is a heart-breaking reminder of the destruction that cancer can have on so many people's lives.'

I am pleased to give a big thank you to Justin's wife, Emma, who has demonstrated such strength, bravery and generosity by transforming such a difficult time in her life, into a story that can help to support others and inspire people to raise money that will help to save lives.

This event would not be possible without the continued support from Sancus who have sponsored Run4Men every year. They truly recognise the importance of Cancer Research and innovative fundraising initiatives. Thanks to the generosity of the supporters and dramatic improvements in prevention, diagnosis and treatment, survival rates for people with cancer have doubled over the last 40 years. But cancers are still the main cause of death in Jersey. We have a long way to go before we can say that we have beaten cancer for good, which is why events like Run4Men are so important. I really hope that people feel encouraged to sign up and take part for their chance to really make a difference.'

About Cancer in Men:

Cancer Research UK has found that men are 14% more likely to get cancer than women, and by 2027, a man's lifetime risk of cancer is predicted to reach one in two. A women's lifetime risk is also increasing, just not as fast.

Where does the money go?

Money raised by Run4Men contributes to the Cancer Research UK center in Southampton. Many patients from Jersey are treated at Southampton, it is considered the local hospital for cancer patients, as well as the closest hospital for clinical trials as there is no research environment in Jersey.

Laura Syvret



THE CHOUGHS OF ST JOHN

an update provided by LIZ CORRY, Chough Reintroduction Project Manager

Much has happened to the Red-billed Choughs since they first featured in Star of the North. There have been 40 captive-bred choughs released at Sorel over the past three years – a mixture of hand-reared and parent-reared birds from Jersey Zoo and Paradise Park in Cornwall.

As one would expect there have been a few losses due to natural causes such as peregrines - their main predator. But thanks to early successes of released birds breeding in the wild, Jersey's chough population now stands at 34 and rising!

Dusty, christened by the staff at Ronez Quarry in whose buildings it hatched in 2015, was the first chough hatched wild in Jersey for around a century. Dusty has now paired up with a released female and attempted to rear young of his own.



As I write this, 2017's wild chicks are emerging from their nest sites to join Dusty and the rest of the flock. Local bird-ringer David Buxton helps ring the chicks for monitoring purposes. On the 27th of June the first fledged chick was led by its parents to the release aviary for supplemental food. The chick is easy to spot due to its unique colour rings, the paler bill all juveniles have, and the incessant begging noises!

While their breeding might still be confined to St John, their feeding sites have spread beyond the parish. They favour the grazed land between Sorel and Devil's Hole where insects in the soil and sheep dung abound. The coastline of Crabbé and Grève de Lecq are also favourable. One pair, Lee and Caûvette (Jèrriais for chough), are now regular visitors to Les Landes. Maybe next year they will attempt to nest in the crevices and caves around Grosnez. Whichever parish they chose to nest in they are still St John's at heart!

Top: In flight; showing radio-tag aerial

Centre: Feeding time

Left: Chough; ringed and monitored

Photos by Michael Dryden



ST JOHN'S TWINNING ASSOCIATION



Our Twinning week-end took place in Le Teilleul on the 9th, 10th and 11th of June 2017. On Friday evening 9th June, we left Jersey on the Condor Ferry for St Malo where we were met by some friends from Le Teilleul who had arranged a coach for our journey to the village of Le Teilleul. We were greeted at our arrival by all our hosts. Some of the St John members were already on site as they travelled by their own means during the day.



Casino de Bagnoles de l'Orne

We spent Friday night and all day Saturday with our host families. The Saturday was gorgeous and we had plenty of time to visit new places with our French friends.

On Saturday evening as we did not go over the week end of La Fête de la St George, our friends from Le Teilleul had surprised us with a 30-minute drive to the Casino of Bagnoles de l'Orne preceded by a nice dinner at the restaurant of the Casino "le 1927" overlooking the beautiful lake. The weather was still amazing on the evening and we had lots of pleasure enjoying the food, the casino and a last drink at the terrace overlooking the fantastic surroundings.



Top: Madame Le Maire Véronique Kunkel presenting her gift in the presence of the Connétable Chris Taylor

Below: The Chairman Stephen Masters explaining to Madame Le Maire the use of the bachin for the Jersey black butter.



We met altogether again the next morning at the Mairie where we had a Vin d'Honneur. A speech was given by our Constable Chris Taylor (which was translated by our young friend Tanguy Billet-Masters) and the chairman Stephen Masters presented a gift to the Maire Madame Véronique Kunkel; an antique bachin which was engraved 'St John – Le Teilleul 1985–2017'. He also explained the use of the bachin and how the black butter was made. Madame Le Maire in return gave the Constable Chris Taylor, on behalf of Le Teilleul Twinning Association, a hamper full of French goodies which was later drawn at the initiative of Chris Taylor by means of a raffle at St John's parish hall to enable each member of the Association to receive one product.

After this lovely moment together we all went with our host families for our last meal before our departure with the coach to St Malo in order to catch our boat in time.

During this weekend some of us had a chance to meet young inhabitants of Le Teilleul who seemed very keen to join the Twinning with St John and we are therefore very eager to welcome new members of the Twinning that could share with us these lovely memories. The association has been going on for 32 years and we would like this to continue. This is why it is important to encourage and persuade new families to support the Twinning and to keep hoping that our Twinning will be maintained.

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Last meal

So please feel free to contact us if you would like to be part of our community. We would love to welcome you! New young families from Le Teilleul will be happy to welcome you in their lovely village, so why not give it a go. New friendships can be beneficial for you and your children and French as you know is still part of our Jersey heritage.

The Chairman Stephen Masters and/or the Secretary Irène Billet-Masters will be happy to give you more information, so please do not hesitate to contact either of them on 862880 or send an email to billetmastersirene@gmail.com.

Stephen Masters, Chairman



News from the Pews

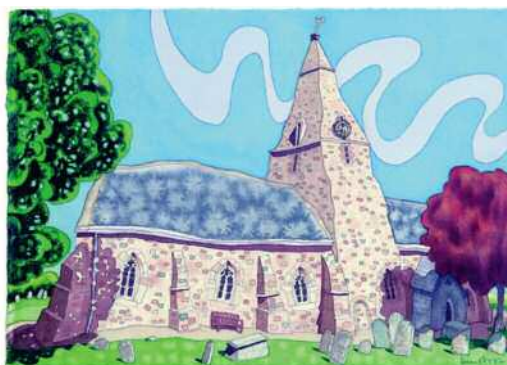
I am sure that the majority of St John's parishioners do not realise the amount of money that is needed to run the Parish Church and that we have to raise ourselves. We appreciate and sincerely thank the Municipality for the support received in respect of the maintenance of the fabric of the buildings. However, there are many others costs to do with running the church and ensuring that we have a Rector in place to serve us.

Each year we as a congregation have to pay £45,000 parish share to the Jersey Deanery. This payment is to resource the Anglican Church in the Island, from which the stipendiary clergy are paid, contributions are made towards the training of clergy, pension provisions and other costs associated with supporting ministry in Jersey. The church also has other running costs and expenses e.g. printing, postage, internet, telephone, etc and these all add up.

It costs a substantial amount to have the church there for weddings, christenings and funerals, money which we have to find year by year.

When Andy Thewlis left last year, the powers that be held discussions on whether our small parish would be permitted to appoint a new full time rector. Thankfully a very generous church member made a large donation so that we could meet the balance due on the parish share and it was agreed that we could have a full time rector. However, we still incurred a deficit at year end of £1,911.

I appeal to all you parishioners to consider making a regular contribution to St John's Church. There are a couple of ways you can do this. We have a Deed of Covenant scheme in which the giver commits to donating a set amount each year, payable by standing order as an annual lump sum or by monthly instalments. Also one-off lump sum donations can be made at any time! If you are a taxpayer the church is able to reclaim an additional 25% in tax, with absolutely no cost to you, on all gifts of £50 and over. Another way to help is to request donations in lieu of flowers in memory of a loved one or alternatively



tively you could make a bequest in your will.

Our church stands in the middle of the village and its presence can remind us what faith in Jesus Christ means. We are very fortunate to have a beautiful church and now a lovely redecorated and refurbished vestry. This was funded by donations and time freely given.

When the Revd Beverley Sproats becomes our new rector in September it would be really good if we could present her with a financially healthy church, so that she can concentrate her efforts on the spiritual needs of the Parish rather than monetary matters.

Whether you have never been to church or have not been for many years, I invite you to St John's Church where you will receive a warm welcome.

- 8am: Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion
- 9.30am: Holy Communion with hymns and songs followed by refreshments in the vestry
- 9.30am: On the 1st Sunday every month the Little Oaks Sunday Club for 3–11 year olds meets in church and then enjoys a Bible story with fun and crafts in the vestry.

There is also a quiet area at the back of the church for toddlers who may get restless during the service. All services are excellently led by the Revd Robin Dupré until the new rector arrives.

I earnestly hope and pray that you will agree to support your local church, and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on 863263. If you would like to make a donation, please send a cheque payable to St John's Parish Church to The Rectory, La Rue des Landes, St John, JE3 4AF.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I hope that you understand why there is a need for this appeal.

Beryl Vautier
Church Treasurer

A service for everyone

8.00am – Book of Common Prayer Communion

9.30am – Holy Communion with Traditional Hymns

9.30am – First Sunday every month the Little Oaks Sunday Club for 3–11 year olds.





At the start of 2017, the Brownies enjoyed various challenges from the Booms-a-Daisy badge. Some favourites were, a cricket match followed by Eton Mess, a racing night at St John's Flat Course and an Upside Down Back-to-front

Challenge. As part of their Booms-a-Daisy challenge the girls decided that they wanted to bring a smile to the faces of Maison Le Vescontes by delivering pot plants. One evening accompanied by the Constable and Deputy Vallois, each Brownie delivered her pot and good wishes to the residents.

This led onto bigger projects...

Anyone noticed a large flower bed in the village behind the notice-board?

And also the pots around the village church?

Well, St John's Brownies have been quite active in the community lately!

The Parish has entered the Village in Bloom competition and the Constable invited us to take part in various planting projects. The Brownies brought along their dads for the evening to lend a hand.

The Brownies have also enjoyed a pampering night with Jane Young for their mums and an Easter bonnet parade with Pauline O'Toole, Lillian King and Hilary Lambert from Western Trefoil Guild.



Pampering night

The Brownies then selected the Circus Performer Badge as their next adventure and this took us to Gandeys Circus. The girls had a workshop before the show and were introduced to the performers. It was a great experience and a fantastic show.



Upside-down night

We are finishing off the term with a campfire, saying goodbye to four Brownies that are moving up to Guides and also, to our Young Leader, Ellie who is off to university.

Take a look on our Girlguiding Jersey Facebook to see what else has been happening.

If you know of anyone who would like to join or to help, visit www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested.

Donna Tupper, Brownie Leader



Easter bonnet night



The birth of a nation. Immigration and power – relevant today, Independence Day, July 4th

It is 241 years since the 13 original colonies of America declared their independence from the British Crown. From being an overseas territory of Britain, the United States of America has grown to 50 states and a world super power.

Although the original quarrel was about the right of the colonial power to tax its new subjects without giving them the right of representation, the colonists themselves were not keen to share their new-found power with the indigenous peoples of North America. So began a long series of Indian Wars culminating in the Battle of Wounded Knee and the capitulation of the Indian tribes in 1890.

Almost all Americans today are descended from settlers who made dangerous journeys to the United States to escape religious or political persecution in Europe or elsewhere or arrived as economic migrants seeking a new and better life for their families or as a result of famine back home.

The waves of immigrants who settled and built America tell the story of wars and prejudice in Europe against certain groups of people or oppression for economic or political reasons. Black Americans were literally imported as slaves to work in high temperatures in the cotton and sugar industries and later Chinese workers were brought to build the railways from the West Coast.

The American dream has attracted and inspired many tens of millions over the last two centuries. For many that dream has become reality but as always, in a big project, there are winners and losers. Although slavery was abolished by the success of the North in the American Civil War in 1865, the discrimination against black Americans persists to this day and the treatment of First Nation people remains a national scandal.

On Independence Day every year, Americans celebrate the birth of their fledgling nation and marvel at what it has become. The same reasons that propelled the early settlers to make long and dangerous journeys both to and within America are still in evidence today in the numbers of migrants making hazardous journeys to new lands and hopefully, a more prosperous and safer life. America has become a great nation by harnessing the talents and work ethic of a huge mix of nationalities and welding them into a whole. American citizens remain fiercely independent, sometimes scarily so, as shown in their adherence to the 'right to bear arms' and their gun laws. American States have great autonomy over their laws and budgets and American Presidents, while



powerful, often fail to get their initiatives passed into Federal law.

President Trump, the 46th President, with a mix of nationalities in his own background, in many ways epitomises what can be achieved by immigrants in a new country starting with almost nothing, each succeeding generation has been able to build a life and in his case, a fortune, and see one of their family members become the American President.

The two major national holidays celebrated in America are Thanksgiving, on the fourth Thursday in November, a festival which dates back to the Pilgrim Fathers in 1621, and Independence Day on July the 4th. In a country, where by law, Church and State are kept strictly apart, these two secular festivals can be celebrated by everyone whatever their cultural or religious background and bring Americans together in celebration wherever they are to be found in the world.

Rosie Bleasby, Historian



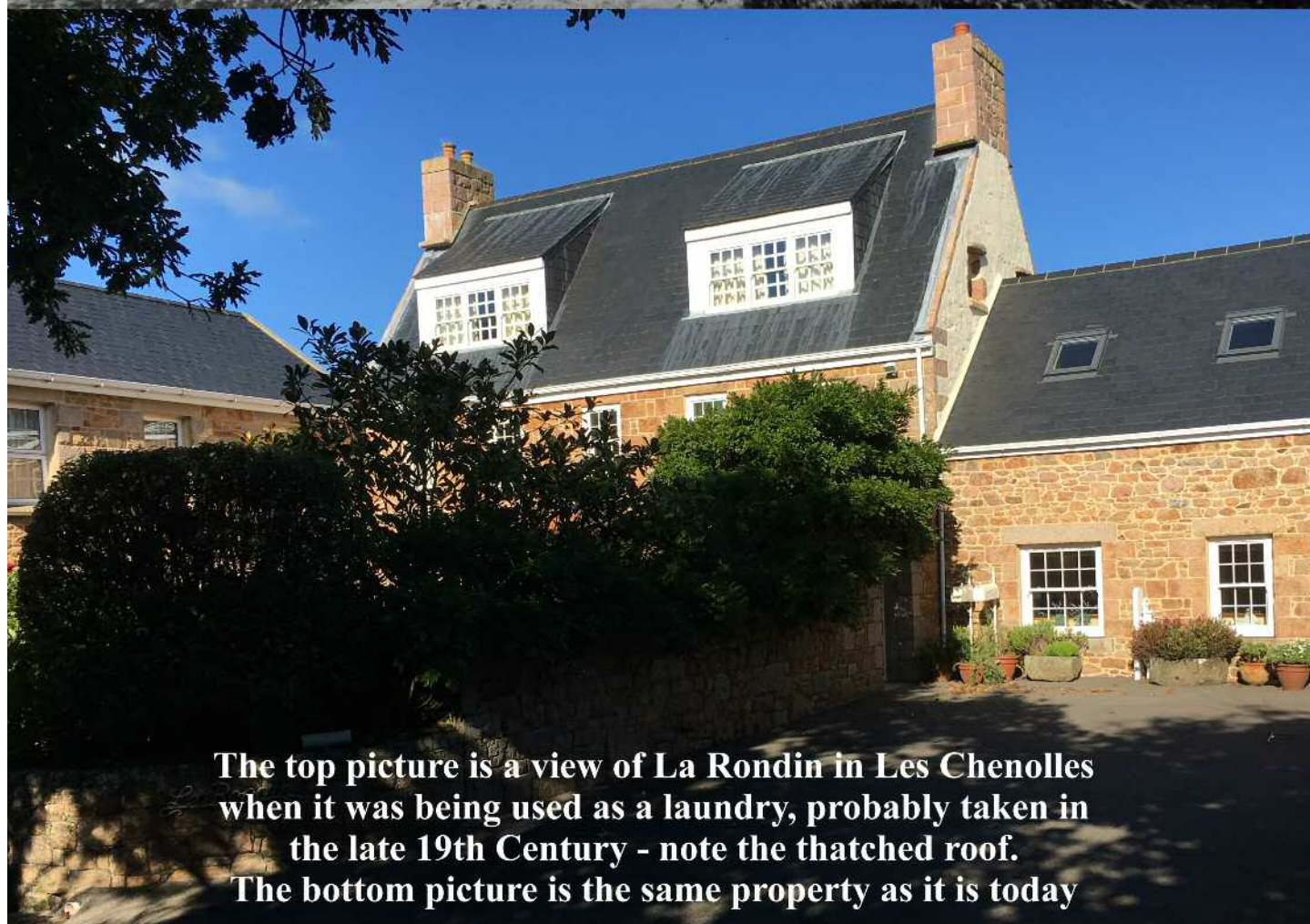
On Wednesday the 4th of October 2017 between 2 pm and 6 pm your Community Officer PC Dave Bisson along with the Crime Reduction officer PC Chris Ingham will be at St John's Parish Hall to security mark your pedal cycle. Security marking of pedal cycles has been shown to reduce the chances of your cycle being stolen and greatly increase the possibility of your cycle being recovered in the unfortunate event that your cycle is taken. The marking of your cycle will take no more than five minutes, and the officers will also be on hand to answer questions you may have in relation to any community policing issues.

The States of Jersey Police are able to offer this security marking service free of charge thanks to the assistance and partnership they have with the Channel Islands Cooperative society.





Picture by courtesy of Lucy Le Moignan



The top picture is a view of La Rondin in Les Chenolles when it was being used as a laundry, probably taken in the late 19th Century - note the thatched roof.
The bottom picture is the same property as it is today

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THE PARISH CHURCH *Every Sunday*

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 9.30am Holy Communion with traditional hymns
 9.30am First Sunday every month the Little Oaks
 Sunday Club for 3–11 year olds

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 Holy Communion, monthly, as advertised

PARISH DIARY August to December 2017

SEPTEMBER

Sun 3rd		The Reverend Robin Dupre's last service of the interregnum St John
Tues 5th	8.45am	St John's School new term
Wed 6th	7.30pm	Induction service for the Reverend Beverly Sproats as Rector of St John
Sun 10th		Reverend Sproats first Sunday service
Tues 12th	7.30pm	WI St John's Parish Hall Street Pastors
Fri 15th	2.00pm	Parish Visite du Branchage
Sun 24th	9.30am	Harvest Festival
Tues 26th		Muriel's Bingo
Wed 27th	12.00pm	Golden Age Club Lunch leave from the Parish Hall

OCTOBER

Tues 10th	7.30pm	WI St John's Parish Hall Craft
Fri 20th	3.00pm	St John's School half-term begins
Wed 25th	2.30pm	Golden Age Parish Hall
Mon 30th	8.45am	St John's School term begins
Tues 31st		Muriel's Bingo Parish Hall

NOVEMBER

Sat 11th		British Legion coffee morning Parish Hall
Sun 12th	10.30 am	Remembrance Service
Sun 12th		Vin D'Honneur – after Church service
Tues 14th	7.30pm	WI St John's Parish Hall – Hot Bananas
Tues 28th	7.30pm	Muriel's Bingo in the Parish Hall
Wed 29th	2.30pm	Golden Age Club meet at the Parish Hall

DECEMBER

Fri 9th	12.30pm	Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch
Sun 11th	6.00pm	St John's group of Churches Carols by Candle Light at the URC
Tues 13th	7.30pm	WI meeting in the Parish Hall
Thurs 15th		Last Day of term

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Bonne Nuit Summer – photo by Richard Dupré

